

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF  
JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Johnson County Community College was called to order by the Chair on May 14, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Hugh W. Speer Room, GEB 137, on the JCCC campus, 12345 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas. Six Trustees were present in person, and Trustee Cross joined via telephone.

Trustees      Laura Smith-Everett  
                    Dawn Rattan  
                    Greg Mitchell  
                    Valerie Jennings  
                    Lee Cross, via telephone  
                    Chad Carroll  
                    Geoff Holton

Staff            Tony Miksa, President

Kate Allen, VP College Advancement & Government Affairs  
Shelli Allen, VP Student Success & Engagement  
Pete Belk, Director, Recruitment & Enrollment Strategy  
Rob Caffey, VP Information Services, CIO  
Megan Casey, VP Financial Services, CFO  
John Clayton, Executive Director, Institutional Effectiveness  
Anthony Funari, Executive Director, Grants Development  
Krista Grace, Manager, Student Recruitment  
Tom Hall, Associate Vice President, Campus Services/Facility Planning  
Tim Hamilton, Associate Professor Economics  
Jeff Hoyer, Executive Director, Support Services & Spaces  
Rachel Hoyer, Manager, Box Office  
Rachel Lierz, EVP Finance and Administrative Services  
Liz Loomis, Sr. Executive Assistant, President's Office  
Mickey McCloud, EVP/Provost  
Christina McGee, VP Human Resources  
Misty Miller, Manager, Benefits and Wellness  
Caitlin Murphy, Special Assistant to the President  
Kelsey Nazar, Vice President & General Counsel  
Irene Olivares, Associate Professor History  
Alisa Pacer, Director, Emergency Management  
Leslie Quinn, Dean of Enrollment and Student Services

Lisa Turner-Hernandez, Program Director, Admissions  
Anne Turney, Director Student Life & Leadership  
Cindy Wickstrom, Director, Mission Continuity & Risk Management

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Trustee Smith-Everett led the Board of Trustees and other meeting participants in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
QUORUM	Trustee Smith-Everett announced a quorum, with six trustees present in-person and Trustees Cross via telephone.
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS	Trustee Smith-Everett introduced: Student Spotlight: Isreal Montantes Campus Spotlight: Recruitment & Enrollment Strategy Team
OPEN FORUM	Trustee Smith-Everett announced Tim Hamilton, Lawrence KS, would be speaking about inflation expenses.
BOARD REPORTS	
Student Senate	Oliver Gonzales, Student Senate President, did not have a report.
College Lobbyist	Mr. Dick Carter shared information from the monthly legislative update report with the Board of Trustees.
Shared Governance	Anne Turney, Chair of Staff Council, shared updates on shared governance. She said College Council is reviewing its bylaws, how to better incorporate student voice, and increase participation in shared governance across campus. Anne announced that ABC does not meet in the summer and when meeting resumes in the fall Jim Leiker will be the new Chair. Anne said ABC survey results from the 800 employees in the branch showed many employees lack understanding of shared governance, feel it works best closest to their daily work, and see limited adjunct inclusion as a concern. Anne announced Staff Council is creating new standing committees focused on outreach, communications, and topic requests. She proudly said Staff Council made progress resolving employee concerns, with 54 topics closed this year. She also said feedback from staff emphasized the need for improved work-life balance, stronger communication, supportive

workplace culture, psychological safety, and clearer opportunities for engagement in shared governance groups. Anne mentioned that many employees are concerned about the K10 Connector bus service being suspended for the summer.

- Faculty Association Irene Olivares, chair of the Faculty Association, provided an update on the association. She said she is returning as the FA president for 2026-2027 and the other officers are Vice-President Jim McWard, Secretary Erin Gould, Treasurer Lisa Parrott, UniServe representative Amanda Glass and Andrea Vieux as immediate past president. Irene recognized faculty in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies for their contributions to the department during National Deaf History Month. She reviewed the success of the STEM Poster Symposium which featured 333 posters, more than 500 students and over \$16,000 in scholarships. Irene highlighted the premiere of Associate Professor Micheal Price's documentary, *The Politics of Trees*; the upcoming renaming ceremony for the Open Petal Farm in honor of former Faculty Association president Stu Shafer; and expressed appreciation for faculty and staff preparing for graduation ceremonies.
- Johnson County Education Research Triangle Trustee Rattan provided an update on JCERT. She noted the sales taxes distributed to the three university entities. Trustee Rattan also shared information about the April meeting.
- Kansas Association of Community Colleges Trustee Cross did not have a monthly update on KACC.
- Foundation Trustee Mitchell provided an update on the Foundation. He also highlighted the success of the STEM Poster Symposium with the title sponsor Ash Grove Foundation contributing \$10,000 towards student scholarships. Trustee Mitchell thanked everyone for attending the April scholarship luncheon celebrating students and donors. He announced the upcoming Summer Sips and Scholarships event on June 17, is underwritten by Hawthorn Bank so that all proceeds support student scholarships, with a goal of raising \$30,000 for 30 students. Trustee Mitchell shared that the Foundation awarded a record-breaking \$2.38 million in scholarships for the 2025–2026 academic year, an increase from \$1.8 million the previous year.



**Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Mitchell, and seconded by Trustee Cross, which motion carried unanimously, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the college administration to approve the proposal from BBN Architects in the estimated amount of \$568,000 (7.10% design fee).**

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**Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Mitchell, and seconded by Trustee Rattan, which motion carried unanimously, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the college administration to approve the cooperative purchase from AVI-SPL LLC for a total expenditure of \$230,435.**

Student Success

Trustee Jennings reviewed items from the May 6, 2026 Student Success Committee.

**PRESIDENT'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR ACTION**

Treasurer's Report

**Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Cross, which motion carried unanimously the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the college administration to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month**

**ending March 2026, subject to audit.**

President's Monthly  
Report to the Board

Dr. Miksa provided his monthly update to the Board. Dr. Miksa reported several recent accomplishments and campus activities. He highlighted the following:

- Summer and Fall credit enrollment trending positively.
- Continuing Education has reached 85% of its annual enrollment goal, serving nearly 14,900 non-credit students so far this fiscal year.
- The new Element451 AI-powered CRM system is in the final stages of rollout and is already improving student application communication and enrollment processes.
- The newly renovated Veterans and Military Student Resource Center is now fully operational, with trustees invited to tour the space before the June board meeting.
- Hospitality Management student Alyssa Opfer represented the United States at the Culinary Olympics in Singapore, earning two second-place finishes, while the U.S. culinary team earned first place for best menu.
- JCCC athletic teams continue to excel, with softball advancing to the World Series and baseball maintaining a top national ranking heading into postseason play.
- Numerous campus events highlighted student and faculty achievements, including the fashion show, theater production of *Urinetown*, CLEAR certificate ceremony, graphic design networking event, Ice Cream Sundae Battle, Outstanding Student Awards, Corporate Challenge events, and Seven Days of Kindness activities.
- Graduation ceremonies will celebrate approximately 4,800 students earning degrees and certificates, recognizing the collective efforts of students, faculty, staff, and trustees.

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CONSENT AGENDA	<b>Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Smith-Everett, seconded by Trustee Jennings, which motion carried unanimously, the Board of Trustees approved the consent agenda, as shown in the Board Packet. The consent agenda items included the following:</b>
Minutes of Previous Meetings	Minutes from the April 16, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting.
Affiliation, Articulation and Reverse Transfer, Cooperative and Other Agreements	Authorized the college to enter into agreements with the agencies/institutions, as shown in the Board packet.
Cash Disbursement Report	Ratified the total cash disbursements, as shown in the Board packet, for the total amount of \$12,371,063.37.
Curriculum	Changes to the curriculum, as shown in the Board packet.
FY27 Board and Committee Meeting Dates	The acceptance of FY27 Board and Committee Meeting dates, as shown in the Board packet.
Grants, Contracts and Awards	The acceptance of grants, as shown in the Board Packet, and the authorization to expend funds in accordance with the terms of the grants.
Retirement Tribute Fund	Authorize the transfer of \$150 from the general fund to the JCCC Foundation student scholarship fund in honor of Adrian Swan.
Human Resources	The acceptance of employee separations and retirements, as shown in the Board Packet.
ADJOURNMENT	<b>Upon motion by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Holton, which motion carried unanimously, the Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.</b>

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Laura Smith-Everett  
Chair

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Dawn Rattan  
Vice Chair