

Johnson County Community College Board of Trustees Meeting

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Transcript of Meeting

- Good evening and welcome to the July 16th, 2026 Johnson County Community College Board of Trustees meeting. If you'll please join me by standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

- [All] I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. And to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

- All right. Looking across the dais, we have all seven board members in attendance and so therefore, we have a quorum. We're gonna move right along. Usually, we have awards, recognitions and highlights, but we are foregoing that this month and we are going to move to our open forum. I do not believe anyone has signed up for our open forum. Just for the public, if you do wish to sign up, we ask that you come and sign up right outside 15 minutes prior to a meeting and then we love to hear from you here at the podium. That's gonna take us to our board reports and our first board report of the evening is the delightful Kaitlin Krumsick with the shared governance report. Good evening. I'm echoing again up here. I don't know if our sound people can help me. Thank you.

- I'm shocked with the pace. This is gonna be -.

- [Laura] Yes! We're at that meeting.

- Awesome.

- [Laura] We're on it tonight.

- Kaitlin Krumsick, director of the Academic Achievement Center. As I've mentioned in previous updates, one of the goals that I have in my role as college council co-chair is to spend some time critically looking at our current shared governance structures, getting feedback from employees and considering if any changes to the model need to be considered. We do this kind of evaluation regularly with much of our work like program review, annual supervisor evaluations, etc. but we have not done that with our current shared governance structures which have been in place for several years now. And I think we're finally at a point where a more formal process of evaluation is possible. So we will begin that process next month in college council with a retreat. We will spend some time discussing our current shared governance model, our common understanding and experience of how the system works. And as time allows, I'd like our group to begin identifying common criteria that could be used as guidelines for when an item or topic could be sent through shared governance for feedback. We will of course partake in lunch because everybody needs some food and light icebreakers so we'll have some levity amongst the robust and thoughtful conversation. My hope is that from the retreat, there will be updates I can present to campus during our PLD week and I expect the retreat to be the beginning of at least a semester of evaluation of shared governance. In the meantime, our regular business continues as we all prepare for fall. But with that, I will wrap up my report and take any questions.

[Laura] -- Any questions for Ms. Krumsick? Seeing none. I wanted to just say I've heard a lot about how you are working through getting more conversation about shared governance and I applaud that. And I encourage you and the group to really look at higher ed examples from across like we have some great peer institutions. We, at the board, have used that when we're revising things we do. Just to get a broader perspective of how other places do it. I'm always struck when we go to conferences like ACCT that people talk about shared governance in very different ways. And I think with you all reviewing that, we have an opportunity for us to maybe revise, you know, it was put in place one way, doesn't mean that's the way it has to remain and how we can utilize that to best serve the college is a great opportunity. So I applaud you in leading that. And I didn't see any other questions so I think that's it for the evening. Thank you very much. Appreciate it. All right. Which is gonna take us to faculty association with Ms. Olivares. Good evening.

- Good evening. Irene Olivares, president of the Faculty Association. So as I was preparing to write these remarks, I remembered a comment one of you had last week. During last month's board meeting, one of you mentioned that teaching is very different since COVID and that's very true. Teaching is very different since COVID. In general, teaching has changed drastically since the time most of us completed our college degrees. As we gear up to start the Fall Semester, I wanted to give you an overview of what it's like to teach at JCCC today. So good teaching requires constant self-reflection of what works well and what does not work well in the classroom. To do this, instructors keep up with the pedagogy that is relevant for their field and keep up with new research in their disciplines. And I know you might say to yourself, "Irene, you're a historian. You don't have to keep up with new developments because the past does not change." And that's also true. The past does not change, but what we know about the past does change. And it's constantly changing. A historian might find new artifacts or they might use a new methodology to examine long known artifacts. Any medievalists will tell you that what we know about the medieval period today is very different from what we knew 10 years ago. Viewed in this light, history is indeed constantly changing and I must keep pace in order to serve my students well. And the same goes for my colleagues in other fields. So in addition to keeping up with our fields, faculty must constantly adapt to the different needs of our students. Any faculty member will tell you that what works well with one group of students at 9:00 AM inexplicably does not work well just one hour later at 10:00 AM. And we might just stand there and scratch our heads, right? But in the words of Ross Geller from "Friends," "We must pivot." We must pivot and pivot all the time. We must find what resonates with each groups of students we teach. And again, that might change from hour to hour. We find what resonates and works for our students by collaborating with our colleagues both on campus and across the country, serving on peer review committees and learning from each other, by attending conferences in our discipline and attending workshops offered through faculty development and other local and national opportunities. For example, during the spring semester, you heard from Jhonatan Vallejo and Mike Steinmetz, associate professors of HVAC technology who talked about their participation and professional learning at a conference in Nevada. Or for example, nearly all of the science department attended the National Cures Conference held here at JCCC in May. So faculty are constantly seeking out opportunities that improve teaching in their specific fields. Developing meaningful assessments is also part of finding what works well for our students. When I was in college, and perhaps you have a similar memory of this being the case for you. Most faculty members had high stakes assessments, right? We had a midterm, a paper, and a final. And so these high stakes assessments, so if you were a student and a faculty member, you might not know that the student is struggling until that midterm and that's pretty long to wait to know that a student is struggling. So most faculty members today will avoid high

stakes assignments. We seek to give our students constant feedback on their progress. We want to support their learning every step of the way. We do this with what is called scaffolded assignments, meaning we take a project and we break them up into multiple assignments. We also want to make sure students know about every opportunity that the college has available for them. We help them learn about the academic resource center, events offered by departments and student life, and we connect them with scholarships, internships, and career paths. This spring semester I had a student who was actually in my online class living on the East Coast, was in town to visit their parents and stopped by just to visit me, right? So we connect with our students even if they're not even in town. The start of the fall semester is exciting because so many students are starting their college journey with us. It is great privilege that we get to introduce these students to our disciplines that we completely love and that we nerd over all the time. So I hope that that gives you an idea of what it's like to be a faculty member at JCCC today.

- [Laura] Thank you. Very good. Does that conclude your report?

- Yes, that does.

- Any questions from... Yeah, Trustee Cross.

- For your report, professor. I made an uncle cry. I was a Vietnam veteran because I'd read a revisionist history. My father has a disdain for revisionist history and I love it because we always learn new stuff and then you can learn like Vietnam makes more sense in context, right? Like when the US and the Soviet Union have their falling out post-war and you can just see the systematic disputes that happened in Iran, China, etc. And I told my uncle that I had read this professor that thought the USF in Vietnam was actually critical to the bankruptcy of the Soviet Union. And because we had put so much time and blood in there, that that was critical for what we later did in Afghanistan and for the fall of the wall. And he cried on this phone call. And I've got some other things to say, but I appreciate your report. And I just wanted to offer that anecdote because I know history means a lot to you. Oh, there's a new book a friend just referred to me, "Boss Lincoln," about the partisan activities of Abraham Lincoln. He's always held out as this, you know, near to martyr. And he wasn't-

- I will have to admit, as someone who teaches world history, my weakest subject is US history. So I perhaps-

- I know that.

- Find that. Back that, go down.

- [Lee] But I'm not really talking to you.

- [Laura] Anyone else? Yes. Trustee Rattan.

- I would like to thank you and all the faculty for your dedication to continuous improvement because I know you're passing all that on to your students. There have been numerous times where I have been out in the community and I've heard comments that all paraphrasing. I had the best instructors I've ever had at JCCC. An instructor at JCCC changed my life. An instructor at JCC, JCCC helped me, you know, just find clarity or find direction. And so even what you're saying doesn't really encompass the true impact that the faculty is having on our students. And so I just wanna say thank you for everything that you and the faculty do.

- I will convey that to the rest. Thank you.

- [Laura] Thank you very much for your time.

- [Lee] One other thing I need to do.

- [Laura] No, no. Okay. You said you're done. We're done. No, I'm just kidding. Please proceed.

- I guess Mickey McLeod stepped out when you were here last month and I think he went to a naturalization ceremony?

- [Board Member] No, we had American Public Square was being hosted on campus.

- Some of my comments may have been unfair and I'm sorry to you. And I told you I'd do this publicly, so. Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair.

- Professor, thank you very much for always illuminating a little more from your end on how important, what you do and your colleagues do and how it enriches our students' experiences. So thank you for your report tonight. Have a good evening. All right. Moving on, we're gonna go to the JCERT report. Trustee Rattan.

- Oh, it's me.

- That's you. And we're moving quick tonight. Everybody, be ready.

- Can't sleep in. I had it up. Then I put it down. All right. For July. JCERT received \$2,238,923.46 in sales tax in June 2026. We continue to see over \$100,000 increase from last year and \$746,000 was distributed to each of the three university entities and transfers were made on July 2nd of 2026. And this is from the chair of this group, Senator Dinah Sykes

- All right. Very good. Any questions for Trustee Rattan? Seeing none, thank you for your report, Trustee. We're gonna move on to the Kansas Association of Community Colleges with Trustee Cross.

- Madam Chair, I have no report tonight. Our next meeting is in August.

- [Laura] Very good. Where are you guys gonna be for that? You remember?

- Norton County, Kansas.

- [Laura] Norton County.

- Got that from the cobweb.

- All right. Very good. We will look forward to that report in August. All right, that takes us to the foundation report, which I am sure is gonna be thorough. Trustee Mitchell, what do you have for us tonight?

- As always, the foundation report, Madam Chair, starts with the following two words, exciting news. So the exciting news is for harvest dinner, we have a new sponsor and it's WaterOne. We have a crop. Plus Hotomke and Every are coming back. The event will be Friday, August 21st with visiting chefs from the Leawood Restaurant Rye. Chef Colby Garrelts won the 2013 James Beard Award for Best Chef in the Midwest and was 2005 Food & Wine to 10 Best New Chef. If you are interested, get your tickets before they are sold out. Only 17 seats left and this is a couple days old so that's probably changed since then. Summer Sips and Scholarships was Wednesday, June 17th at Wylie Hospitality and Culinary Academy. Co-chair is Christy Stewart and Christy Heller. Seems like I reported on this last month. We reached our income goal and we're able to fund 30 student scholarships. Since this event started, we have funded nearly 100 students. Some Enchanted Evening for 2026 is November 14. Co-chairs are Dr. Tony and Deb Miksa. It's the 40th anniversary of the event. We are already 95% of our income goal and more than 55 plus tables have been sold. Please reach out to Joy Ginsburg or Jamie Cochran if you or anyone you know is interested in being an event sponsor. And again, I suspect that number has changed. It's probably greater than 55 tables sold at this point. Moving on, the foundation is excited to report that we have funded 2.4 million in student scholarships this past school year. This is up 30% from last year. In the calendar year, we have set up four new endowed scholarship funds. We will host a back to school community social on Wednesday, August 12th at 4:00 PM at the Wylie Hospitality Center and the barbecue pavilion. All are welcome to attend and please feel free to invite others you would like to

bring along to campus. The invitation's coming soon. Actually, it's already gone out. And that concludes my report.

- All right. Thank you. Do we have any questions about the foundation report from anyone? All right. Hearing none, thank you very much, Trustee Mitchell, for that report. That's gonna take us to our committee reports and recommendations and you'll never believe who it is. We have Trustee Mitchell with a Management Finance Committee up first.

- Thank you, Madam Chair. The Management Finance Committee held their meeting at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, July 1st in this room. The information related to this meeting can be found on pages four through 15 of the board packet. Management Finance Committee received the following reports from staff. We began with a quarterly information services report. Rob Caffey, vice president of Information Services and chief information officer presented the quarterly information services report. Mr. Caffey announced the hiring of a new executive director of IT security chief information security officer. He reviewed the college's response to the recent nationwide Instructure Canvas Learning management system security incident and key takeaways. He also provided a status update on significant projects including access control system upgrades, the new constituent relationship management system, and the new identity management system. Then the committee received the semi-annual mission continuity and risk management report. Cindy Wickstrom, Director of Mission Continuity and Risk Management provided the semi-annual report on the activities of mission continuity and risk management. She provided an update on the college workers' compensation program, reviewed the annual property insurance renewal, or excuse me, and described recent risk analysis and mitigation planning activities. The next agenda item was related to the academic calendar. Jim Lane, dean of Arts and Design Humanities and Social Sciences and chair of the Academic Calendar Committee presented modifications to the academic calendars for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 academic years. The recommended modifications, correct the Thanksgiving holiday dates and pilot the closure of college offices on Monday through Friday during spring break on March 15th through 19th of 2027. Details can be found in the consent agenda portion of the July 16th board packet. Next on the agenda were other agreements. Rachel Lerch, executive vice president for Finance and Administrative Services presented two agreements, one with Motorcycle Safety Foundation, MSF, and one with Cole McGee. Details can be found in the consent agenda portion of the July 16th, 2026 board packet. We then moved on to the Capital Acquisitions and Improvement Progress Report. Tom Hall, associate vice president, Campus Services and Facility Planning provided the committee

with information on facilities projects from Capital Acquisitions and Improvements Matrix. The matrix summarizes and monitors budget and actual expenses for campus services projects and includes payments through June 30th of 2026. Finally were the procurement reports and recommendations. Jim Feikert, executive director of Procurement Services presented the monthly procurement report and recommendations. The committee reviewed proposals for compensation studies for faculty and staff and requested additional information on the compensation study for staff. This proposal will not be coming forward to the board this evening. The management and finance committee has nine recommendations to present this evening. The first seven of these are various on-call services intended to fund smaller projects through pooling of funds available to meet fairly urgent and/or routine maintenance or minor renovations. And there are two other recommendations being brought forth from the committee. Before I present the on-call recommendations, I would note that the funding for each maintenance or small renovation project accessing these funds will vary based on the nature of the project. The first of these is on-call architectural services. It is the recommendation of the management and finance committee that the board of trustees accepts the recommendation of the college administration to approve the proposals from BBN Architects, PGAV Architects, and Multi-Studio for on-call architectural services for an estimated base year of \$300,000 split among all firms and I so move.

- [Valerie] Second.

- Motion made by Trustee Mitchell. Seconded by Trustee Jennings. Any discussion? Okay, all in favor say yes.

- Aye.

- Yes.

- Any opposed? No. I believe that carries seven-zero. Please proceed.

- The second is on-call engineering services. It is the recommendation of the Management and Finance Committee that the board of trustees accept the recommendation of the college administration to approve the proposals from SK Design Group and Kaw Valley Engineering for on-call civil engineering services for estimated base year of 300,000 split among both firms and I so move.

- Second.

- Okay. Trustee Mitchell with the motion, seconded by Trustee Carroll. Any discussion on the on-call engineering services? Seeing none, we'll proceed with a yes for... All in favor, say yes.

- Yes.

- Yes.

- Any opposed? Hearing none, motion carries seven-zero. Please proceed.

- On-call number three is for MEP Engineering Services. It is the recommendation of the Management and Finance Committee that the board of trustees accept the recommendation of the college administration to approve the proposals from Smith & Boucher, Lankwood, Fender & Associates and Henderson Engineers for on-call MEP Engineering Services for an estimated base year of \$250,000 split amongst all firms. And I so move.

- Second.

- Motion made by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Jennings. Any discussion?

- I have a question.

- Yes, Trustee Rattan.

- It looks like we choose two or three sometimes in the on-call services. What's the philosophy behind choosing more than two?

- I'd have to phone a friend on that. Is Tom still here?

- I would just say that it's based on the number of projects that are budgeted throughout the year. Yeah, so if you have three instead of two, it gives you more vendors to select from, you know, in case they're not available or don't have expertise on the particular thing that you're looking for.

- Thank you.

- Okay. I had a question about what the difference between on-call MEP engineering and civil engineering. What's MEP?

- [Speaker] Mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems.

- Okay. I was using the wrong, all right. Very good. That was my question. Any other discussion on the motion? Hearing none, we'll proceed to all in favor with an aye.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Any opposed? Hearing none, motion carries seven-zero. Please proceed.

- The fourth one is on-call painting and wall covering services. It is the recommendation of the Management and Finance Committee that the board of trustees accepts the recommendation of the college administration to approve the proposals from Blue Bear Painting, CertaPro Painters and Haren Companies for on-call painting and wall covering services for an estimated base year of \$250,000 split amongst the firms. And I so move.

- [Laura] Motion made by Trustee Mitchell.

- Second.

- Second.

- Second by Trustee Carroll. Any discussion on the on-call painting and wall covering services? Okay, seeing none, all in favor, say yes.

- Yes.

- Aye.

- Any opposed? Hearing none, motion carries seven-zero. All right, moving right along, Trustee Mitchell.

- Number five is for on-call plumbing services. It is the recommendation of the Management and Finance Committee that the board of trustees accept the recommendation of the college administration to approve the proposals from Rand Construction Company, Vasquez Commercial Contracting and Stanger Industries for on-

call plumbing services for an estimated base year of \$150,000 split amongst the firms and I so move.

- Motion made by Trustee Mitchell. Do I have a second? Trustee Cross with a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, say yes.

- [Speaker] Yes.

- And Trustee Holton? Was that a yes?

- Yes.

- Okay. Any opposed? Seeing none, the motion carries seven-zero. Moving right along Trustee Mitchell, we're almost there.

- Number six is on-call roof consulting services. It is the recommendation of the Management and Finance Committee that the board of trustees accept the recommendation of the college administration to approve the proposals from Roof Asset Management Services, Hollis + Miller Architects, and Walter P Moore and Associates for on-call roof consulting services for an estimated base year of \$75,000 split amongst the firms. And I so move.

- Mitchell with the motion again. Any second?

- [Valerie] Second.

- Second from Trustee Jennings. Any discussion on the on-call roofing consulting services? Seeing none, we'll move to aye for yes.

- Aye.

- Aye.

- Any opposed? I'm just keeping you on your toes. I'm trying to word it different every time. Hearing none, the motion carries seven-zero. And finally, Trustee Mitchell. Close us out.

- No, there's still a couple.

- Oh no, you're right, sorry. Seventh is for on-call mechanical contractor services. It is the recommendation of the Management and Finance Committee that the board of trustees accept the recommendation of the college administration to approve the proposals from Rand Construction Services, Stanger Industries, and EMCOR for on-call mechanical contracting services for an estimated base year of \$150,000 split amongst the firms. And I so move.

- Trustee Mitchell with the motion. Do I have a second? Trustee Carroll with a second. Any discussion? Hearing none. All in favor, say yes.

- Yes.

- Yes.

- Any opposed? No? All right. Trustee Mitchell, please proceed with your report.

- I think we're done with all the on-call stuff now.

- [Laura] Yep.

- Now I'm moving on to search engine marketing, search engine optimization, digital display, audio and video advertising. It is the recommendation of the Management Finance Committee that the board of trustees accept the recommendation of college administration to approve the year two renewal option for Rank Fuse for a total estimated amount of \$424,200. And I so move.

- Okay, motion made by Trustee Mitchell. Do I have a second?

- [Lee] Second.

- Seconded by Trustee Cross. Discussion. Yes, Trustee Holton.

- I just wanted to say one thing when we were in the management and finance committee meeting. I did ask the team that vets these people if we have some sort of an evaluation system when we're looking at these people to know that these vendors do have the same standards that we do, that they have a similar mission that we do, that they're coming on our campus. Hopefully, that they're representing things the way that we would represent them. So I wanted to make sure that I mentioned that to you guys. I don't know that we have something formal that requires that or like some master services agreement when we sign these people up, but it was something that was brought up at the meeting.

- We've had that discussion on this board at various times and I don't think we've ever landed on a way to do it because we work with so many vendors in so many capacities, but it's certainly worth the discussion. So appreciate it.

- I think when my situation was if something happened, whatever it may be, and that was a somebody that we should have known was not a respectable vendor or something like that, but we let them on our campus. Are we doing a good enough job when we let somebody like that on our campus to do something for us and something happens? I don't, whatever it may be.

[Trustee Cross Like in the reflecting pool? (Laughs)]

- No comment on that. Okay. Well, thank you for that and I think keep asking it because it's a very good, fair point and it's the best interest of the college. So thank you for that. All right, I believe we are on the motion for the... Let me find my notes here, sorry, for the BBN architects. Is that right? The visual. Yeah. Audio visual, right?

- Yes.

- Okay. Any other discussion? Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor say yes.

- Yes.

- Yes.

- Now what do I do?

- [Board Member] Yes.

- Now he wants to discuss, but we've already-

- I just had a question.

- Do whatever you want.

- Okay, Trustee Carroll. What's your question?

- I see that this contract period is through the 29th. It originally was in 2024. Are we receiving what we want to receive from Rank Fuse in terms of that's why we're going with the renewal? I just wanna make sure that the standards and everything are there and what you need. Okay, thank you. Sorry about that, Chair.

- No, that's okay. Any opposed? Hearing none, motion carries seven-zero. All right, Trustee Mitchell.

- The next one is for the marketing agency of record. It is the recommendation of the Management and Finance Committee that the board of trustees accept the recommendation of the college administration to approve the year two renewal option for MBB for a total amount of \$200,000 and I so move.

- Motion made by Trustee Mitchell.

- Second.

- Made by Trustee Cross. Any discussion on this one? Yes, Trustee Holton.

- So, and I wanted to just mention that we had some good discussion. I know Chris wasn't here. I can't remember who the representative was from the marketing team at that time, but I was asking, what do we expect as a return on this spend? Like is it number of impressions? Is it we're filling the funnel at a certain level and all those different types of things. So I know that they don't necessarily have everything they need in order to do those types of things right now, but that was part of the discussion that I was trying to understand.

- That's it. Thank you for that insight. I had a follow up question, which is what is it? I mean, obviously, we have a marketing department here and we do a lot of things internally. So if you could shed light on what it is we get from this vendor, I would appreciate it.

- Yeah, MBB, they allow us in any agency, I think it's smart to have a partner on the outside. So it's benchmarking. There's a lot of overflow. We're a department of 32. And many times, we get rushed projects, whether it be on digital, creative branding or just oversight. They're a good litmus test for a bounce or for basically to bounce stuff off of. They allow us also too to do some more complex things a little more efficiently that we don't have in-house and it's actually more efficient to provide those services out of house. So those are high level, probably the four main areas that we use them for. They've been a partner with us off and on. They've helped brand Midwest Trust Center. They used to be Carlseng Center back in the day and they also helped us as we went through a rebrand about seven, eight years ago as well. So they have good insight on the college.

- Yeah. Yeah, that's what I was gonna say is we've had a long partnership with them, have we? I kind of remember this one. Okay, any further discussion? Thank you for that. Appreciate it. Hearing none, we'll take up the motion. All in favor say, yes.

- Yes.

- Aye.

- Any opposed? Hearing none, the motion passes seven-zero. Trustee Mitchell.

- Thank you, Madam Chair. And mercifully, that concludes my report.

- Say, I think it's the end, but I didn't wanna jinx myself because I hadn't turned the page yet. Thank you very much for that. Appreciate it. We are gonna move on to the treasurer's report and you'll never believe who's providing the treasurer's report tonight, but the outstanding Trustee Mitchell with the treasurer's report.

- The board packet includes the treasurer's report for the month ended May 31st, 2026. Some items of note page one includes the general post-secondary technical education funds. May was the 11th month of the college's 25-26 fiscal year. The college

unencumbered cash balance as of May 31st, 2026 in all funds was 144.9 million. Sorry. An ad valorem tax distribution of 51.8 million was received from Johnson County in June and that will be included on next month's report. Expenditures of the primary operating funds are within budgetary limits. And with that, it is the recommendation of the college administration that the board of trustees approve the treasurer's report for the month ended May 2026 subject to audit. And I so move.

- [Valerie] Second.

- Mitchell with the motion. Trustee Jennings with the second. Any discussion on the treasurer's report? Hearing none, all in favor say yes.

- Yes.

- Yes.

- Any opposed?

- No.

- Motion carries. Seven-zero. Thank you. Trustee Mitchell for the treasurer's report. Dr. Miksa, that takes us right to you and I think we're running on time

- [Tony] We're Cooking here, yes.

- We're gonna keep going following this very timely meeting tonight with your monthly report to the board.

- All right, so I'll start out with enrollment. First, as we start to close down summer, I mean, I know we say this, but it's sad that summer's coming to an end, but our enrollment's flat from last year to this year in general. Some slight changes, but we're happy with our summer enrollment. As we move towards the Fall Semester, we've got some great things going. We're up about 3%, between 2 1/2 and 3% in head count and FTE. There are some challenges that we're wrestling with out there a little bit around the idea of there's been some changes in dual enrollment that we're wrestling with a little bit. We do have one district that decided that made some changes to the way they pay for dual courses or dual degrees where they're not gonna be paying for dual degrees anymore. For our students that are doing that. Is there anything more on that? I know I'm kind of.

- There's nothing more right now to know. They noted some financial issues of their own, which pulled them back. They will still be offering that tuition payment to students in family financial need, but they will no longer be doing a blanket approach which they have done now for five years.

- So it stinks, but that's the way it works and we'll continue to recruit and do the best we can and maybe we can look at some scholarship opportunities that we have here and just go down that path. In terms of workforce development and community education, so we're looking at how we wrapped up last year now and then we're also thinking about moving forward into the next year. We hit 102% of our enrollment goal there, right? So great job, Elisa and your team. That's right. I love it. We got 17,850 students in those areas on that side of the house. As we start going into FY27, right now, we've got a little over 2,000 students, which represents about 12% of our goals. So we're seems like we're on track and we're rolling down the path on that side of the house. And I know they're working on some new and exciting things like the dirt bike class. I can't wait to get out there and see what I can do on a dirt bike. It's gonna be a lot of fun.

- [Laura] Wait a minute, what's our insurance policy on this thing?

- Anyway, I was gonna say something else. I won't go there. All right. Some student highlights that we have. Last month, I reported that our 2026 dental hygiene students received or achieved a 100% pass rate on their national exam. Well, now it's even better so not only do they have the 100% pass rate on their national exam, they also have a 100%

pass rate on their clinical licensing exam. So they have done wonderful work, so congratulations to those students and the faculty there as well too, which is I think great right now that we're talking about health professions. And I'll continue on our health professions as well too. Let's continue with that and talk about our respiratory care program. Our graduates in that program also passed 100% the respiratory care therapist multiple choice exam that helps them get their license as well too. So another 100% pass rate. Again, congratulations to the students and the faculty for the great work they're doing there as well too. Jordan Chris, one of our art students won Best in Show for their piece Passing Through in the League of Innovation Student Art Award Competition. Not to be outdone. Nelly Scholl, one of our writing students, won third place in the personal essay category for their piece, "God, if you're real, don't read this." And also in the League of Innovation Student Literacy Award. So I love the title of that one as well too. JCC continues to be innovative in delivering dual enrollment opportunities through our Quick Step Math program. This is a program where our faculty and high school faculty partner together to deliver college algebra to high school students. We had 1,671 high school students complete college algebra. The success rate for those students was 88%, which is significantly higher than the success rate of our traditional students taking college algebra. So that's a wonderful thing reaching out there. And most importantly, that is 1,671 students that will not need to take college algebra when they graduate from high school and transition to college. So they've really got a leg up on what they're doing. A couple of events and meetings that I was at. On June 24th, I served as a keynote speaker at a luncheon to the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce Tomorrow leadership class. I got to discuss leadership, which is always fun. You know you're doing it kind of every day. You get to step back and talk about it a little bit. I just incorporated the idea of core values, listening and being present, leading for everyone and leading from the positive were some of the things that I hit on. JCC was well represented. Liz Alberts from the WCDE area was there helping out. And Louise Fitzgerald from our legal department was a past graduate of the program, was there as well too. We had a current graduate from the Nerman, Adriana Brown. And then Trustee Rattan was there as well too. Made me nervous as I was talking about leadership. But we got a good picture afterwards, so-

- [Dawn] It's my hood.

- Yeah, right.

- [Dawn] Keep him on his toes. Always showing up wherever he is.

- All right. On Tuesday, we hosted April White, Elaine Frisbee, and Samantha Christie of Kaybor on campus for lunch on a campus tour. Dr. Singh, Dr. Moppin, Natalie Allman Byers and myself spent some time talking to them, letting them know that we're here. We want to rely on a partner with Kabor to help the community colleges across the state and JCC be good partners. Yesterday, I also got to host a cohort of high school students that were on campus with Trustee Rattan and your sister. What group? I forgot what group your sister represents.

- Oh it's interns provided through a grant from BPU, the Board of Public Utilities. And so it's through my role with Downtown Revitalization, but basically giving them leadership skills.

- So it was great. I gotta talk to them a little about being a college president. I talked a little bit about their college journey, some of the things I went on my college journey. And then after that, we went into the student center and we played Just Dance on the Wii. I lost for sure. The kids did really well. The most disappointing part was that, Trustee Rattan left before she could do it, right? So she snuck out.

- [Dawn] I have no idea. I didn't like it.

- All right. And last, just a couple things. Eric Horner, we're still celebrating baseball. Eric Horner, our head baseball coach was named, this is a lot of letters here, so be easy on me. The ABCA/ATEC NJCAA Division I Coach of the Year.

- Oh, wow.

- I practice that. I really practice that. So that was awesome. Also, and give me a little leeway on this one. UMKC was recently awarded a record-breaking grant on critical materials in technology. The JCC grant team, I'm gonna look out at Anthony and correct me if I go wrong here, provided a letter of support for their proposal. And also the great part

about that is that we're gonna be part of that grant. And so within the workforce community development area, we're gonna be doing some training for the people within that grant. And so I think it was important to kind of put out there showing how we kind of have a regional approach. We're trying to connect with other institutions and do some great work to help this area be successful. I don't know if there's anything really quickly you'd wanna say about that at all.

- [Anthony] No, I think you covered it all really well.

- Perfect. That's awesome. All right. And then last little bit of celebration I'd like to throw out. The Kansas City Star published its 2026 Kansas City Year Favorites. JCCC was listed won the Silver Award for the best place to work in the area. So that is wonderful.

- Yay.

- That is awesome.

- But even better, we won the gold for the best college or university in the area.

- Yay.

- All right, so. That's not possible without the great work of our faculty, without our staff, without you as a board providing leadership. And then also most importantly, we have some awesome students that do some great work and obviously feel good about the stuff that they get or the experience they get when they leave here. So it was wonderful. And that is my report.

- All right. Very good. Any questions for Dr. Miksa? Yeah, Trustee Cross.

- UMKC thing, I think it was a headline in the paper I get. I don't know why, but I do, skimmed it. What exactly does it mean, critical materials?

- So what my understanding is, is that it's the critical materials that are used. I will go back to this exactly that are within our phones, batteries turbines, like all this, new age technology and the materials that are used within that and the training around those materials and the testing, experimenting, those sort of things.

- [Lee] Disposal?

- I would assume, yes.

- [Speaker] Disposal and recycling.

- It's a big problem in California, particularly post wildfire. Like you have the debris and then you put it in a landfill and you've got like-

- Then yeah, probably.

- The runoff issue. With respect to the place to work, that means people that work here generally happy with how much they're making and how they got paid?

- I'm gonna say we were a, what was it? A silver on great place to work. I assume that would be part of it as well too, yes.

- Great job on that.

- Thank you.

- Any other questions for Dr. Miksa on his report? No? Well, we're keeping this meeting running. That was a great report. Thank you for giving us a nice variety of things to discuss. We are gonna move on and I just realized that I didn't talk to you about this, what we had originally planned, that we don't need to. Should we do the consent agenda?

- Yeah.

- Now? And okay. So we're gonna move on to the new business. I am not aware of any new business which will take us to old business and I'm also not aware of any old business. Which will take us to the consent agenda. The consent agenda is a regular part of our agenda where we bundle items that are routine business for the college altogether in one motion. Do I have a motion to take up the consent agenda tonight?

- So moved.

- Second.

- Trustee Mitchell with the motion. Trustee Cross with the second. Any discussion on the consent agenda or any items that-

- [Lee] Yes, Madam Chair. I'd just like to thank you for your leadership tonight. Sure appreciate you.

- Thank you very much, Trustee Cross. Any further discussion on the consent agenda? I will mention that I always take a glance at the HR report. I think it's important to know who our people are, coming and going. And I was terribly sad to see that we are gonna be losing our photographer who has been incredibly wonderful for this board and done many fun out of the box things for us. So we wish her well in her next adventure. With that, I think we'll move on to a vote. All in favor to take up for the consent agenda, please say yes.

- Yes.

- Yes.

- Any opposed?

- Yes.

- Here. One opposition from Trustee Cross. The motion-

- Opposed.

- The motion carries six to one. And that will take us to our executive session. So tonight, I would like to entertain a motion to go into executive session for an employee evaluation under the personnel matter of non-elected personnel, except the exception listed in the Kansas Open Meetings Act. No action will be taken during this session. The executive session will last for 90 minutes and we'll begin at are we okay to roll in right now or do we need a break? Five minutes? Okay. We will.

- [Board Member] Wait, no.

- We will begin at 5:50. Somebody's gonna have to do that math because while I'm talking, I can't also do the math. Which will take us to six-

- 6:20.

- 20?

- Right.

- 6:20.

- Okay. Which will take us to-

- 7:20.

- 7:00.

- Yeah, 7:20. I was like, hmm.

- Yeah, 7:20.

- No?

- Come back at 7:20?

- It's 5:45.

- [Board Member] It's 5:45, so it'd be 6:50.

- Yeah.

- 7:20.

- No, 5:50.

- Oh, because it's an hour and a half. Yes.

- An hour.

- We're both doing an hour. This is why we can't talk and do math at the same time. I lean on you, Dr. Miksa, for the math.

- [Tony] I always say don't do math on the fly.

- Ugh, all right. So we're gonna begin this executive session at 5:50. It will end when it ends. And we would like to invite all trustees present as well as Dr. Miksa and Kelsey Nazar to join us in this executive session. Do I have a motion for executive session?

- [Gregory] I move that we go into executive session.

- [Lee] Chair, I second we go into executive session.

- We have motion made by trustee Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Cross. Any discussion? All in favor say yes.

- Yes.

- Yes.

- Any opposed? Hearing none, the motion carries and we will be in executive session in about four minutes. Thank you very much. Good evening and welcome back to the open session of the July 16th Board of Trustees meeting for Johnson County Community College. We have just recessed from the executive session we had where no business was taken. It is 7:21 by my measure. And we are going to go into a second executive session. I would like to entertain a motion to go into a second executive session for an employee evaluation under the personnel matters of non-elected personnel, the exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act. No action will be taken during this session and this session will last for 30 minutes. So we're gonna say, let's say 25. Is that okay with everybody? We're gonna go from 7:25 until 7:50. Is that right? Am I doing my math? 7:55? 7:55, right?

- [Tony] I'm not gonna say it.

- And we would like to invite all trustees present as well as Dr. Tony Miksa to join us in this executive session. Do I have a motion for the second executive session?

- [Gregory] So moved.

- Trustee Mitchell, going for a record tonight.

- [Valerie] Second.

- Seconded by Trustee Jennings. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor?

- Aye.

- Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. Back into executive session. Thank you. It is 7:25 on July 16th, 2026 for the Johnson County Board of Trustees meeting and we are back in open session. We are just out of executive session where no business was... I remember it every time and then I go to see it and then I-

- [Speaker] It's actually 7:55.

- Thank you. And it was right here on my clock. I can't multitask it

- [Speaker] It's okay. I'm not-

- I'm gonna get there. It is 7:55 on July 16th we have just returned from executive session where no business was conducted, but we are going to move to approve an amendment to the president's employment agreement to change the president's compensation as follows. We would like to amend the contract to move the communication and technology devices separate allowance to combine it with the supplemental expenses allowance. And we would also like to increase the base compensation and all monetary benefits by 5%. And with that, I would take any motion for that.

- [Gregory] Chair, I will make that motion.

- Trustee Mitchell with-

- Second.

- Full docket tonight. And a second from Trustee Carroll. Any discussion? I would just like to say we've spent the last hour and a half talking about how great Tony is and we appreciate your time here and we look forward to the future we have in this next year with you. So thank you so much for all you've done and we're looking forward to the following year. With that, all in favor of this motion, please say yes.

- Yes.

- Yes.

- Any opposed? Hearing none, the motion carries seven to zero. We authorize the board chair to execute. Do I need to say that before? Was that supposed to be before?

- You make another motion that the board chair is authorized too.

- So the second thing we need to do is authorize the board chair to execute an amended contract incorporating these changes following review by the college council that such changes would be in effect on July 1. So retroactive for July 1, 2026. Do I have a motion for that?

- [Gregory] So moved.

- Trustee Mitchell with a motion. Do I have a second?

- Second.

- Trustee Holton. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, yes?

- Yes.

- Yes.

- And any opposed? No? Hearing none, the motion carries seven to zero. Thank you very much.

- [Gregory] Move to adjourn.

- Let's make a motion to adjourn. I take that motion from Trustee Mitchell and a second from Trustee Rattan. All in favor say yes.

- Yes.

- Aye.

- Any opposed? Meeting adjourned. Thank you all.