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 October 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Hugh W. Speer Room, GEB 137, on the JCCC campus, 12345 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas. Five Trustees were present in person, one via the telephone and one absent.

Trustees Laura Smith-Everett
Dawn Rattan arrived at 7:05 p.m.
Greg Mitchell
Valerie Jennings, absent
Lee Cross, 6:07 p.m. joined by telephone, at 6:24 p.m. joined in-person
Chad Carroll
Geoff Holton

Staff Tony Miksa, President

Shelli Allen, VP Student Success & Engagement
Rob Caffey, VP Information Services, CIO
Megan Casey, VP Financial Services, CFO
Sandra Chacey, Associate Professor, Dental Hygiene
John Clayton, Executive Director, Institutional Effectiveness
D.K. Evenson, Administrative Assistant, Dental Hygiene
Anthony Funari, Executive Director, Grants Development
Chris Gray, VP Strategic Communications and Marketing
Tom Hall, Associate Vice President, Campus Services/Facility Planning
Christa Haas, Associate Professor, Dental Hygiene
Natalie Hernandez, Simulation Ed Specialist, Practical Nursing
Jeff Hoyer, Executive Director, Campus Services & Facilities Planning
Tonia Hughes, Professor, Film and Photography
Jim Leiker, Professor, History
Jeff Lewis, Professor, Mathematics
Rachel Lierz, EVP Finance and Administrative Services
Liz Loomis, Sr. Executive Assistant, President's Office
Shelia Mauppin, AVP Instruction
Christina McGee, VP Human Resources
Jim McWard, Professor, English
Caitlin Murphy, Special Assistant to the President
Kelsey Nazar, Vice President, General Counsel

Irene Olivares, Associate Professor History
Lisa Parrott, Associate Professor, Business Administration
Molly Salisbury, Director of Programming WDCE
Chad Sanner, Dean, Healthcare, Public Safety and Wellness
Gurbhushan Singh, VP Academic Affairs
Hondo Tamez, Associate Professor, Information Technology
Debra Trybom, Director, Dental Hygiene
Andrea Vieux, Associate Professor, Political Science
Larry Weaver, Professor, Physics
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 stated that the meeting would start without a quorum, with two trustees present in person. Trustee Holton joined in person at 5:03pm and Trustee Carroll joined in person at 5:06 pm. Trustee Cross joined via telephone at 6:07pm and in person at 6:24pm. Trustee Rattan joined in person at 7:05pm.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS — Dr. Miksa introduced:
Student Ambassador: Sammie Magee
Campus Spotlight: Debra Trybom, Director, Dental Hygiene

BOARD REPORTS

Student Senate — Ashley Calibo provided an update on Student Senate. Ashely said the interim executive board worked hard on establishing clear goals to increase student engagement and was happy to report there was a 254% increase in voter participation this semester. She said a permanent executive leadership team will be in place for the Spring semester. Ashley highlighted upcoming Senate activities which include Trick or Treat for Kinds on October 22 and the JCCC Gives Market on November 18. She explained that JCCC Gives is a holiday adoption event to support students, faculty and staff that need extra assistance. Ashely shared that she is in her final semester at JCCC and will be transferring to the University of Kansas School of Business.

College Lobbyist	Mr. Dick Carter shared information from the monthly legislative update report with the Board of Trustees.
Shared Governance	Dr. Jim Leiker, chair of the Academic Branch Council (ABC), presented the Shared Governance report. He said College Council is continuing to refine the shared governance definition and mission statement. Dr. Leiker mentioned there has been meager feedback to the current definitions that were established following the HLC visit in 2018. He said many suffer from an institutional memory problem where leadership changes lead to repeatedly reopening once settled matters. He highlighted the approval of a new department chair release time formula by Deans and CAO. He ended by acknowledging the use of shared governance during this transparent process of discussion and acceptance of the new formula.
Faculty Association	Lisa Parrott, associate professor, presented the Faculty Association report. Dr. Parrott shared her background in the Marine Corps, corporate sector, and higher education to emphasize the time and mental health stressors faculty experience during the semester. She described the semester as a “marathons sprint’ to achieve teaching goals in 15 weeks. Dr. Parrott noted that last spring, probationary faculty expressed concerns about the new certification program. She mentioned some stressors for faculty include maintaining classroom standards, completing training and development activities and dealing with AI in the classroom. She added that this is done while dealing with unexpected crises and the mental health burdens many students share. Dr. Parrott is thankful for the JCCC mental health resources and support from Dean Cox and other administrators.
Johnson County Education Research Triangle	Trustee Rattan was not present to provide an update.
Kansas Association of Community Colleges	Trustee Cross was not present to provide an update.

Foundation

Trustee Mitchell provided the "Exciting News" report from the Foundation. He said the Foundation staff were grateful to the Employee Engagement department for the office retreat lead by an Enneagram facilitator. Trustee Mitchell announced Some Enchanted Evening has raised over $2.1 million or 152% of the fundraising goal. He highlighted other Foundation events including sponsoring tables at the BV and SMSD breakfasts, golf tournament for Eudora school district, Johnson County Library's "Let Loose" event and Tour De Fork that supports Boys and Girls clubs. He noted that the Foundation will fund children of students enrolled at the Hiersteiners Child Development Center after the federal government's decision not to renew the CCAMPIS grant. Trustee Mitchell said the Foundation is partnering with #GiveMe20 to offer suicide prevention sessions for Student Ambassadors, faculty and staff on October 22.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Management and Finance

Trustee Mitchell reviewed items from the October 7, 2026 Management and Finance Committee meeting.

Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Carroll, which motion carried 4-0 with Trustees Cross and Rattan absent during the voting, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the college administration to approve the proposal from R&R Concrete in the amount of $535,845 with an additional 10% contingency of $53,585 to allow for possible unforeseen costs, for a total amount of $589,430.

Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Carroll, which motion carried 4-0 with Trustees Cross and Rattan absent during voting, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the college administration to approve the proposal from Loyd Builders in the amount of $260,600 with an additional 10% contingency of $26,060 to allow for possible unforeseen costs, for a total amount of $286,660.

Student Success

Trustee Holton reviewed items from the October 7, 2026 Student Success Committee meeting.

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

Treasurer's Report

Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Cross, which motion carried 5-0, with Trustee Rattan absent during voting, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the college administration to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 30, 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. Dr. Miksa highlighted the following:

- Credit registration is up 1.1% in headcount and 0.7% in credit hours, which is a ten-year high.
- WDCE already has 7,340 registrants for this year.
- Hosted on campus Jennifer Bonds-Raacke, new CEO and president of KBOR.
- Also hosted Dr. Anne Marie Fallon, the new president of Saint Mary's University in Leavenworth to discuss and strengthen transfer pathways.
- Attended Japanfest, one of the biggest and coolest events on campus.
- Attended Michael Humphrey's journalism class to participate in a mock press conference.
- As of October 1, the Student lounge has recorded 4,125 visits, an increase of 57% from last Fall.
- The Student Basic Needs center has also seen an increase with 543 visits serving 230 unique students.
- Participated in "Launch on the Lawn" a volleyball tournament.

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CONSENT AGENDA	**Following discussion, upon motion by Trustee Cross, seconded by Trustee Mitchell which motion carried 5-0, with Trustee Rattan absent during the voting, the Board of Trustees approved the consent agenda, as shown in the Board Packet. The consent agenda items included the following:**
Minutes of Previous Meetings	Minutes from the September 17, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting.
Academic Calendar Modifications	Approved modifications to AY2026-2027 and AY2027-2028 academic calendars, 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 $17,542,536.57.
Curriculum	Changes to the curriculum, 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.
Human Resources	The acceptance of employee separations, and retirements, as shown in the Board Packet.
EXECUTIVE SESSION #1	**At 6:30 p.m. upon motion by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Carroll, which motion passed 5-0, with Trustee Rattan absent during the voting, the Board of Trustees agreed to recess into executive session at 6:35 p.m. until 7:05 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel regarding contract negotiation, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Dr. Tony Miksa, Christina McGee and Kelsey Nazar were invited to attend.**
	The meeting reconvened at 7:05 p.m. and Trustee Smith-Everett announced that no action had taken place during executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

At 7:05 p.m. upon motion by Trustee Cross, seconded by Trustee Rattan, which motion passed unanimously, the Board of Trustees agreed to recess into executive session at 7:06 p.m. until 7:21 p.m. for consultation with legal counsel regarding contract negotiation, which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship. Dr. Tony Miksa, Christina McGee and Kelsey Nazar were invited to attend.

The meeting reconvened at 7:23 p.m. and Trustee Smith-Everett announced that no action had taken place during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Trustee Mitchell, seconded by Trustee Holton, which motion carried 4-0 with Trustees Cross and Rattan absent during the voting, the Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Laura Smith-Everett
Chair

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Dawn Rattan
Vice Chair