

Meeting Minutes

Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees
September 8, 2026, Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Kurt Peterson at McKenna's Village Restaurant in Lakeview.

Trustees present: Robert Byram, Trustee
Dr. Esther Combs, Secretary
Carol Deuling-Ravell, Vice Chairperson
Joyce Kitchenmaster, Trustee
Robert Marston, Trustee
Kurt Peterson, Chairperson

Trustees absent: Joshua Stump, Treasurer

Others present: Andrew Alvesteffer, Montabella Community Schools Superintendent (departed at 6:55 p.m.)
Dr. Bradley J. Barrick, President
Cindy Charnley, Lakeview Music in the Park (departed at 5:45 p.m.)
Steve Charnley, Lakeview Music in the Park and MCC adjunct instructor (departed at 5:45 p.m.)
Darin K. Dood, Lakeview Village Manager (departed at 6:15 p.m.)
David Hansen, Pastor at Lakeview Community Church and MCC adjunct instructor
Jeremy Hendges, Executive Director of The Michigan Center for Adult College Success (MCACS), an initiative of TalentFirst in West Michigan (departed at 6:57 p.m.)
Lisa Lund, Executive Director of the MCC Foundation
Kelly Nielsen, Lakeview Community Schools superintendene
Francisco Ramirez, Vice President of Student Affairs
Theresa Rowland, Vice President of Finance and Administration
Scott Kemmer-Slater, Director of Accounting
Shelly Springborn, Assistant Board Secretary
Kevin Wagenmaker, Vice President for Academic Affairs

The Trustees reviewed minutes from their August 11, 2026, and August 15, 2026, meetings. Mr. Peterson said the minutes stand approved as read.

The Trustees reviewed financial reports for August. Mr. Peterson said the financial reports stand approved as presented.

Mr. Peterson asked for additions or changes to the remaining items of order of consideration. Mr. Peterson said the order stands as presented.

Dr. Barrick shared his president's report. Topics included:

1. Welcome to special guests and time for sharing.
2. Grants update
3. Jeremy Hendges, Executive Director of the Michigan Center for Adult College Success (MCACS), an initiative of TalentFirst in West Michigan, presented an update.

Mr. Peterson appointed Bob Marston to serve on the college's Audit Committee, with the term expiring 9/8/2029, and appointed Joshua Stump chairperson of the Audit Committee.

Upon motion duly made by Bob Marston and supported by Carol Deuling-Ravell, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, the support staff pay scale is revised. The total cost of these adjustments are estimated not to exceed \$100,000.

The Board reviewed upcoming dates.

Carol Deuling-Ravell moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:05 p.m. and Bob Byram supported the motion, which carried unanimously.