Meeting Minutes

Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees
June 9, 2026, Regular Meeting

A regular meeting and board retreat of the Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees was called to order at 9 a.m. by Chairperson Kurt Peterson in the Trebian Conference Room in the Donald C. Burns Administration/Library Building on MCC's Sidney campus

Trustees present:	Dr. Esther Combs, Secretary Carol Deuling-Ravell, Vice Chairperson Joyce Kitchenmaster, Trustee Robert Marston, Trustee Kurt Peterson, Chairperson Joshua Stump, Treasurer
Trustees absent:	Robert Byram, Trustee
Others present:	Dr. Bradley J. Barrick, President Lisa Lund, Executive Director of the MCC Foundation Francisco Ramirez, Vice President of Student Affairs Theresa Rowland, Vice President of Finance & Administration Scott Kemmer-Slater, Director of Accounting Cory Smith, Senior Staff Writer with The Daily News Shelly Springborn, Assistant Board Secretary Baylor Syrjala, MCC student Kevin Wagenmaker, Vice President for Academic Affairs

The Trustees reviewed minutes from their May 12, 2026, regular meeting. Mr. Peterson said the minutes stand approved as read.

The Trustees reviewed financial reports. 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: Ionia bus ads, MCC Esports, and grants. Student-athlete Baylor Syrjala shared a student update about her experience at MCC.

Mr. Peterson convened the truth-in-taxation meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Upon motion duly made by Joyce Kitchenmaster and supported by Bob Marston, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, That an increase of 0.1029 mills in operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2026 is approved.

Mr. Peterson closed the truth-in-taxation meeting at 9:41 a.m.

The trustees discussed presidential compensation.

Upon motion duly made by Joyce Kitchenmaster and supported by Dr. Esther Combs, the following motion was approved in a 4-2 vote:

For 2026, implement a vacation buy-back and increase in annual housing allowance, and in 2027 implement a bonus based on the president's evaluation, all of which the terms are defined in the president's employment contract.

Chairperson Peterson appointed Carol Deuling-Ravell as MCC's representative and Dr. Esther Combs alternate representative for the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA).

Upon motion duly made by Carol Deuling-Ravell and supported by Dr. Esther Combs, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the contract for Montcalm Community College Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin Wagenmaker for 7/1/26 through 6/30/28, and contract for MCC's Vice President of Finance and Administration Theresa Rowland for 7/1/26 through 6/30/28 is approved.

The Trustees heard a report from Dr. Barrick and Theresa Rowland about food service for student housing.

The Trustees heard a report from Dr. Barrick and Kevin Wagenmaker about MCC's Ionia campus.

A motion to enter into a one-year contract with West Michigan Works to provide space in their building in Ionia for MCC to deliver classes during the 2026-2027 academic year, at no cost to MCC, was made by Joyce Kitchenmaster and supported by Josh Stump. The motion was approved.

Upon motion duly made by Josh Stump and supported by Dr. Esther Combs, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Montcalm Community College engages with Interphase Interior to provide furniture and installation to Woodside Café on the Sidney campus, with a total estimation cost of $89,265.40.

Upon motion duly made by Joyce Kitchenmaster and supported by Josh Stump, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, Uwill to be the virtual mental health and wellness provider for Montcalm Community College with a contractual cost up to $40,000 for a one-year contract.

The Board reviewed upcoming dates.

Bop Marston moved that the meeting adjourn at 10:31 a.m. and Carol Deuling-Ravell supported the motion, which carried unanimously.