

# Meeting Minutes

Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees  
October 14, 2025, Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairperson Kurt Peterson in the Trebian Conference Room in MCC's Donald C. Burns Administration/Library Building in Sidney.

Trustees present: Dr. Esther Combs, Trustee  
Joyce Kitchenmaster, Secretary  
Kurt Peterson, Chairperson  
Robert Marston, Trustee  
Joshua Stump, Treasurer

Trustees absent: Robert Byram, Trustee  
Carol Deuling-Ravell, Vice Chairperson

Others present: Dr. Bradley J. Barrick, MCC President  
Lisa Lund, Executive Director of the MCC Foundation  
Alex Montoye, Exercise Science Instructor  
Francisco Ramirez, MCC Dean of Student & Enrollment Services  
Theresa Rowland, Vice President of Finance and Administration  
Cory Smith, Daily News Senior Staff Writer  
Shelly Springborn, Assistant Board Secretary  
Connie Stewart, Senior Vice President and COO  
Kevin Wagenmaker, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Tracy Zamarron, Dean of Health and Human Services  
Trevor Zamarron, MCC Exercise Science student

The Trustees reviewed minutes from their Sept. 9, 2025, regular meeting. Mr. Peterson said the minutes stand approved as read.

(Cory Smith entered the meeting at 5:34 p.m.)

The Trustees reviewed financial reports. Mr. Peterson said the financial report stands approved as presented.

Dr. Barrick shared his president's report, including:

- Mr. Ramirez introduced student Trevor Zamarron who shared about his experiences at MCC as a student in our Exercise Science program. (Trevor departed the meeting at 5:42 p.m.)
- Mr. Wagenmaker introduced Tracy Zamarron and Mr. Montoye. Mrs. Zamarron provided a report on the recent Send Silence Packing event held on MCC's Sidney campus. Mr. Montoye gave a presentation on MCC's new Exercise Science program including a program overview, program goals and initiatives, job opportunities/outlook, and future program goals.
- Dr. Barrick introduced Vice President of Finance and Administration Theresa Rowland. Ms. Rowland gave a brief introduction of her background and experiences.
- MCC Foundation Executive Director Lisa Lund provided an update regarding the Oct. 8 Scholarship Gala.

- Dr. Barrick announced that a lobbyist team has been hired to work on legislative issues on the college's behalf.
- Dr. Barrick provided a state budget update.
- Dr. Barrick shared that interviews for the Director of Student Housing should be wrapped up by the end of the week.

Upon motion made by Mr. Marston and supported by Mrs. Kitchenmaster, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees approves Montcalm Community College's 2025 Community College Local Strategic Value as per Section 230(2) of the State School Aid Act (MCL.338.1830).

The Board heard an athletics update from Athletic Director Hunter Redman and Assistant Athletic Director Amanda Glaza. (Mr. Redman and Ms. Glaza departed the meeting at 6:55 p.m.)

The Board heard from Dr. Combs and Dr. Barrick information about items to be voted on at the ACCT Leadership Congress.

The Trustees reviewed the agenda for their November 11, 2025, meeting/retreat. They added one item – Discussion of Board roles and tenure. They also asked to explore the possibility of rescheduling the meeting for start time of 3 p.m., instead of 3:30 p.m. In addition, Mr. Peterson asked Dr. Barrick to discuss with Trustee Carol Deuling-Ravell the addition to the retreat agenda on the topic of where the Board wants to be in the next 5 to 10 years.

The Trustees received a brief Michigan Community College Association Board of Directors fall meeting report from Dr. Barrick.

The Board reviewed upcoming dates.

At 7:15 p.m. Mrs. Kitchenmaster moved that the meeting adjourn. Mr. Marston supported the motion, which carried unanimously.