

# Meeting Minutes

Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees

April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting

A regular meeting and board retreat of the Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairperson Kurt Peterson in the Trebian Conference Room on MCC's Sidney campus.

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

Trustees absent: None

Others present: Dr. Bradley J. Barrick, President  
Vlad Edelman, Director of Institutional Research  
Taylor Logan, Interim Director of Operations  
Lisa Lund, Executive Director of the MCC Foundation  
Kelly Patmore, Director of Housing & Student Life  
David Pitts, MCC student  
Theresa Rowland, Vice President of Finance & Administration  
Cory Smith, Senior Staff Writer with The Daily News  
Shelly Springborn, Assistant Board Secretary  
Seth Sutton, MCC Humanities and Digital Arts Instructor  
Kevin Wagenmaker, Vice President for Academic Affairs

The Trustees reviewed minutes from their March 10, 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:

- Faculty/student report – The Sugar Bush (David Pitts and Seth Sutton departed the meeting at 4:22 p.m.)
- KPIs
- Early College
- Key Person Insurance

- Housing Tour – The Board departed at 4:29 p.m. to tour the student housing building and returned at 5:02 p.m. with a dinner break until reconvening the meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- Student housing and food service

Trustee Bob Byram departed the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

The Board approved a motion made by Carol Deuling-Ravell and supported by Joyce Kitchenmaster to name the student housing building Carbonelli Villas in recognition of Karen and Larry Carbonelli and their family and selected the upper/lower case font style for the lettering to be placed over the building's main entrance doors. The motion carried.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That Sara Rittersdorf is the 2026 recipient of the Montcalm Community College Leslie K. Morford Faculty Recognition Award.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That David Pyle is the 2026 recipient of the Montcalm Community College Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the following firms are appointed for the 2026-2027 year:

Community college law & legislative issues – Thrun Law Firm

Labor law – Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett

General counsel – Blanchard Law

Bonds counsel - Dykema Law

The Board reviewed upcoming dates.

Bob Marston moved that the meeting adjourn at 6:23 p.m. and Dr. Esther Combs supported the motion, which carried unanimously.