

**Miles Community College
Board of Trustees
Minutes
June 27, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., June 27, 2022, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Jeff Okerman, Jamie Ogolin, Ryan Jones, and Jenna Janshen. The following Trustees were excused: Debbie Morford, Garret McFarland, and Tara Andrews. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Nancy Aaberge, Richard DeShields, Jonathan Thornton, Jay Wiebers, and Star Reporter Ashley Wise.

Chair Jamie Ogolin called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

IMPORTANT DATES: President Slinger discussed the following: We have an audit hearing tomorrow afternoon via Zoom with the Legislative Audit Committee. Tomorrow President Slinger will be going to Glendive to meet with the new DCC president. He will be going to the MSACC summer conference on July 7 in Ketchum, ID.

REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Services:** In the absence of Dean Niedege, no addition to the written report included in the Board packet was given.
- B. Student Engagement** In the absence of Dean DeShields, no addition to the written report included in the Board packet was given.
- B. a. Athletics:** In the absence of Athletic Director Olson, no addition to the written report included in the Board packet was given.
- C. Administrative Services and HR:** In the absence of Dean Phipps, no addition to the written report included in the Board packet was given.
- D. Academic Affairs:** In the absence of VP Kratky, no addition to the written report included in the Board packet was given.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: President Slinger attended the NWCCU Board meeting in Reno, NV. It went as well as it could have gone. The committee spent most of their time complimenting MCC on our report. President Slinger told the NWCCU committee how we are addressing the three recommendations. The committees feedback was very positive because of the great things our faculty and staff do for our students. He gave an update on the community college funding formula factors. These conversations have gone very well for us. President Slinger just completed his Aspen Fellowship.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Jones moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Janshen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Summer/Fall Enrollment Update:** President Slinger gave an enrollment update to Trustees. No significant change in summer enrollment numbers from last month's Trustee meeting. Fall enrollment without nursing students is 10.7% ahead of this time last year when we actually had the second-year nursing students enrolled. We will be registering the Nursing students next week and should be up closer to 20%, but probably won't stay that high up. Enrollment trend is going in the right direction.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee Ogolin reported on the budget. As of June 21st, the permissive levy or the retirement reimbursement funds have not been received. The enrollment decrease and the reversion are both figured in this balance sheet. Summer tuition is dropped into the current year's budget; however, half of these funds need to be moved to next year's funding. Hoping to put reserves away for increase of costs for food and travel for students. At this point in the year, there will not be a short coming but any surplus could be used to pay down debt or added to reserves. Budget will be balanced by July.

- A. Chair Report:**
- B. Old Business:**
- C. New Business:**
 - a. General Fund Budget (first reading):** Trustee Ogolin discussed the new budget in the Trustee packets. There will be a reversion built into the new budget.

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE: Trustee Janshen reported they talked about staffing, we have made an offer for the volleyball coach position and are waiting for a call back. English instructor position search has been completed and expect to make an offer soon. The Associate Dean of Instruction and eLearning has been posted. Women's basketball coach has resigned and his position will be opened until filled. TGIF professional development days are back. These TGIF sessions are appreciated by staff and faculty. President evaluation was discussed. His self-evaluation was sent to Trustee Ogolin today. Trustee Ogolin will bring it to the July meeting to discuss during the Executive Session next month. We have received a random compliance review and audit from the Federal Office of Civil Rights. The MCC Web committee will be meeting on July 5 to address items that they may come up with after the OCR audit.

A. Chair Report:

B. Old Business:

C. New Business:

- a. **Committee Assignments:** Trustee Ogolin said very few changes were made and will contact Trustee members that he has not talked to about the assignments. He will make the assignments and bring them to the July meeting.
- b. **Board of Trustee Retreat:** Trustee Ogolin said that the July date did not work for everyone's schedules. He proposed August 17 as the new date for the retreat.
- c. **President's Contract:** This will be brought to the July meeting.

QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:

- A. Chair Report:** Talked about the Community College funding formula, which was approved during the last legislative session. The potential date for the Board of Trustee Retreat is August 17.

ACADEMIC CONSENT AGENDA: President Slinger discussed the items on the Academic Consent agenda to be voted on this evening.

Trustee Janshen moved to approve the Academic Consent agenda as presented. Trustee Jones seconded the motion.

Trustee Okerman asked if we have determined in the NCLEX results that this may be an area that we may be having problems in or is this just a general pathway to better retention. President Slinger said he thinks this actually is as a result of analysis of the KAPLIN test that they take in preparation. These are areas that the retention is a little lower on KAPLIN, so students take the test over and over to prepare. This is an action that is in support of analysis of the information as a result of the KAPLIN pre-testing.

Motion passed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Athletic Department Strategic Master Plan
- B. MCC Strategic Plan
- C. Meat Processing

Adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, July 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

Chair

Secretary