

**Miles Community College
Board of Trustees
Minutes
December 19, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., December 19, 2022, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Jamie Ogolin, Debbie Morford, Jeff Okerman, Ryan Jones, Garret McFarland, and Tara Andrews. The following Trustee was excused: Jenna Janshen. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Kylene Phipps, Rita Kratky, Richard DeShields, Erin Niedge, Sam Giordanengo, Dirk Schmidt, and Star reporter Ashley Wise via telephone.

Chair Jamie Ogolin called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IMPORTANT DATES: President Slinger discussed the closing of campus next week for the holiday. He also said he will be in Helena the first week of January.

REPORTS: No reports were given.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee McFarland moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. **President's Update:** President Slinger reported spring enrollment is up 8.5% in FTE and 16% in headcount. If we do hit these percentages we will be ahead of pre-COVID FTE for spring.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- A. **Chair Report:** Finances are looking good and investments are up. We are in line with expenses. HB124 increased about 1% of the reallocation of funds.
- B. **Old Business:**
- C. **New Business:**

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

- A. **Chair Report:** We have hired an Account Specialist and a custodian. The action item being brought forward tonight for approval is a one-year 2023/24 academic calendar. Trustees were asked to waive the second reading. Currently, MCC's start date is later than other colleges in the state. This was done to capture students that found they did not like the larger colleges and came home during the first weeks of school; however, we have not realized a large increase in students. Therefore, a group will be studying the benefits of moving the start date up beginning the fall semester of 2024.

Trustee McFarland moved to waive the second reading. Trustee Okerman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee McFarland moved to accept the proposed 2023/24 academic calendar. Trustee Morford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- B. **Old Business:**
- C. **New Business:**

QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:

- A. **Chair Report:** Trustee Jones discussed the Opportunity Realized Program. This program will be in Terry and Jordan high schools this spring. He gave an update on the CDL program's partnership with Sidney high school which will begin next fall. Our CNA program has been expanded into six high schools with 33 students enrolled.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. VP Kratky discussed the proposed Academic Consent agenda. MCC will be partnering with Rosebud school next year to provide a bus for the bus endorsement portion of the CDL class.

Trustee McFarland moved to accept the Academic Affairs Consent items. Trustee Andrews seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Athletic Department Strategic Plan
- B. MCC Strategic Plan
- C. Meat Processing
- D. Tour CDL simulator

Adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

Chair

Secretary