

**Miles Community College**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes**  
**June 24, 2024**

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., June 24, 2024, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Jamie Ogolin, Ryan Jones, Garret McFarland, and Jenna Janshen. The following Trustees were excused Jeff Okerman, Tara Andrews, and Debbie Morford. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Rita Kratky, Nancy Aaberge, Jerry Olson, Sam Giordanengo, Elizabeth Smith, and Dirk Schmidt.

Vice Chair Janshen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**IMPORTANT DATES:** President Slinger highlighted the following: Tomorrow he will be traveling to Butte for the Montana Chamber of Commerce Directors meeting. This summer he will also be attending the Mountain States Association of Community Colleges summer conference in Kalispell on July 7, and the Board of Education meeting in Helena on July 16.

**REPORTS:**

- A. Enrollment Services:** In Vice President of Enrollment and Educational Support Services Erin Niedege's absence, no report was given.
- B. Student Engagement:** In Vice President of Student Engagement & Auxiliary Services Richard DeShields' absence, no report was given.
- B. a. Athletics:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Athletic Director Olson reported on the following: Fundraising was the only update from last month. Every coach reached their fundraising goals. Athletics raised \$397,550.02. We did hire Mark Graupe as our Head Women's Basketball Coach.
- C. Administrative Services and HR:** In Vice President of Administrative Services and HR Kylene Phipps' absence, no report was given.
- D. Academic Affairs:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Vice President Kratky reported on the following. Kim Gibbs and VP Kratky had an opportunity to meet with Ag Teachers from across the state and FFA leaders about our Ag and Business programs and what we are doing with dual enrollment. We did get our Perkins Grant for \$97,405 and Perkins Reserve for \$47,136. These grants help our CTE programs tremendously.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: The Constitutional Players Convening was a very good opportunity to meet with key players we partner with across the state and allowed for a tremendous amount of networking. Enrollment is strong with summer up 10% FTE over last year and up in the 20's as far as FTE growth for fall.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

***Trustee McFarland moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Ogolin seconded the motion. Motion passed.***

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Introduction of New Employees:** VP Kratky introduced SBDC Regional Director and MCC Workforce Development Coordinator Elizabeth Smith.
- B. Audit:** President Slinger said there is a link to the audit in the Board packet. It was an unmodified audit with no findings (clean audit) and has been accepted by the Legislative Audit Committee. President Slinger thanked CFO Nancy Aaberge and Director of Financial Aid & Admissions Danielle Dinges for the work they did to make this possible.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Janshen said they spoke about the audit and went through the FY25 budget. President Slinger will send out a doodle poll to find out what dates the Trustees are available to meet for a Mini Trustee Retreat to discuss the budget.
- B. Old Business:**
- C. New Business:**
  - a. FY25 Budget (first reading):** No action taken.

**HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee McFarland said most of what was discussed is in VP Phipps' report. They discussed new hires and jobs that are posted. They also discussed the President's contract.
- B. Old Business:** None
- C. New Business:**
  - a. Committee Assignments**
  - b. President's Contract Addendum (first reading):**

*Trustee McFarland moved to waive the first reading. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

*Trustee McFarland moved to accept the President's employment contract as presented. Trustee Ogolin seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:**

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Jones said they were updated on the Constitutional Players, VA property, Meat Processing program, the budget, and audit.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. Athletic Department Strategic Plan
- B. President's contract renewal

Adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, July 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

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Chair

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Secretary