

Miles Community College
Board of Trustees
Minutes
July 22, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., July 22, 2024, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Jeff Okerman, Tara Andrews, Jamie Ogolin, and Ryan Jones. The following Trustees were excused Garret McFarland, Jenna Janshen, and Debbie Morford. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Richard DeShields, Kylene Phipps, Nancy Aaberge, Billy Hubbell, and Dirk Schmidt.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IMPORTANT DATES: President Slinger highlighted the following: Introduced Financial Aid Specialist Billy Hubbell. He brought attention to the hard work the staff is doing during the summer months.

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 addition to the written report included in the Board packet Vice President of Student Engagement & Auxiliary Services Richard DeShields reported on the following: Our enrollment numbers for housing are 157 students that have been assigned to rooms, with four students on a hold list. We are installing security cameras and the cabinets that you approved last month. Sixty-one MCC athletes made the All-American Academic team. All of our NJCAA athletic teams were in the top 20 for GPA in the country. Our Women's basketball team was number one in the country for GPA. The Rodeo team also did a very good job academically. The Pioneer Scramble is scheduled on August 24, the Athletic Hall of Fame is scheduled for September 21 at the Town & Country Club, and the Pioneer Palooza will be held on October 19 in the Centra.
- B. a. Athletics:** In Athletic Director Olson's absence, no report was given.
- C. Administrative Services and HR:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet Vice President of Administrative Services and HR Kylene Phipps' reported on the following: We are getting a lot accomplished this summer with hiring positions, facility projects, and IT projects. New employee orientation will be held on Thursday, August 22. We have started the Jenzabar training.
- D. Academic Affairs:** In Vice President Kratky's absence, no report was given.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: Enrollment is very strong. Thanked the two donors who contributed over \$600,000 in support of our Nursing program scholarships. We are looking at October 15 or 16 for the Trustee Retreat.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- A. Enrollment:** President Slinger said as of today we are up 38.8% FTE; however, this will not be the case when we start classes. We anticipate a 15% increase this fall. Big Sky High School in Missoula will be enrolling 150 students in our Personal Finance class. Currently, we are 49.3% up in headcount compared to last year. This will go down a little by the time classes begin. We anticipate being up at least 25% in headcount when classes begin. We have 31 school districts that we have partnered with the Opportunities Realized Program, but only 23 to 24 are active.
- B. Nursing Update:** President Slinger said we had 18 graduates. Of those 15 have taken the NCLEX test with 13 passing on the first try. The remaining students have registered to take the NCLEX in August. We need two of the three to pass to make sure we are at the 80% threshold.
- C. Close the Loop Presentation:**
 - a. Athletic Department Strategic Plan – First Review:** VP DeShields presented the Athletic Department Strategic Plan and discussed the mission and purpose of this document. This also aligns with the College's Strategic Plan. We will create a publication that we can give to donors.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- A. **Chair Report:** With the Trustee mini-retreat held on July 11, no Finance Committee meeting was held
- B. **Old Business:**
 - a. **FY25 Budget (second reading):**

Trustee Jones moved to approve the budget as approved. Trustee Ogolin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- C. **New Business:**
 - a. **Pioneer Village Parking Lot and Street Repair Resolution (first reading):**
We are asking the Trustees to waive the second reading.

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

Trustee Ogolin moved to approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Okerman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- b. **Property Disposal Resolution (first reading) no action taken**
- c. **Library Addition AC Unit Replacement/Repair Resolution (first reading):**
We are asking the Trustees to waive the second reading. Because this is an emergency, the Board has the power to circumvent the state bid process. Due to the emergency, we are asking the Trustees to waive the second reading.

Trustee Jones moved to waive the second reading. Trustee Ogolin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee Okerman moved to approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:

- A. **Chair Report:** With the Trustee mini-retreat held on July 11, no Human Resources Committee meeting was held.
- B. **Old Business:**
- C. **New Business:**

QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:

- A. **Chair Report:** With the Trustee mini-retreat held on July 11, no Quality and Advocacy Committee meeting was held.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

Chair

Secretary