

**Miles Community College**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes**  
**October 28, 2024**

The Board of Trustees of Miles Community College met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., October 28, 2024, in room 106. The following Trustees were present: Tara Andrews, Jamie Ogolin, Jenna Janshen, Garret McFarland, and Debbie Morford. The following Trustees were excused Ryan Jones and Jeff Okerman. Also present were President Ron Slinger, Candy Laney, Richard DeShields, Kylene Phipps, Rita Kratky, Erin Niedge, Nancy Aaberge, Jerry Olson, 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: updated Trustees on his travel schedule, and discussed the AACT Leadership Congress he and Trustee Andrews attended.

**REPORTS:**

- A. Enrollment Services:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Vice President of Enrollment and Educational Support Services Erin Niedge reported on the following: highlighted work that the staff in the Learning Center has been doing.
- 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: Enrollment for housing and dining is still strong. Discussed events that are happening on campus. The safety report has been sent out to everyone. He has the satisfaction survey results attached to his report. Highlighted Walker Bennett is our Student in Service. He will be attending the Brawl of the Wild in Bozeman to be recognized.
- B. a. Athletics:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Athletic Director Olson reported on the following: Volleyball has set a school record with 18 wins. This weekend they will be playing in the NJCAA Region XIII tournament in Bismarck. Basketball teams begin their season this weekend. Baseball and softball teams played fall ball and will begin their spring season in February. Pioneer Palooza was held last weekend and raised \$22,700. Yesterday we had lunch with the CEO of the NJCAA.
- 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: She gave two updates to the HR report, Maintenance Technician Mike Preller will be leaving us and we have posted a position for a new instructor in the Learning Center. We have also posted the custodian position. Sandra Barclay has been hired as the Accounting Specialist and will begin Monday, November 4.
- D. Academic Affairs:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, Vice President Kratky reported on the following: Finished mid-terms last week and faculty are getting ready for advising.
- E. President's Report:** In addition to the written report included in the Board packet, President Ron Slinger reported on the following: It was a great ACCT conference. We hosted the CEO of the NJCAA, Dr. Parker, yesterday. He also said that the CEO of the NWCCU may be here for the MCC Rodeo. Our Opportunity Realized program now has 32 partners with the addition of Livingston High School.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

***Trustee McFarland moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Janshen seconded the motion.***

***Motion passed.***

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Introduction of New Employees:** There were no new employees to introduce.
- B. Close the Loop Presentation – Vision 2028 – Year One Report:** President Slinger discussed our Vision 2028 Year One Report updates and the progress made on the report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. Chair Report:** Trustee Ogolin reported on the budget status report. President Slinger updated the committee on how the funding formula bonuses are earned and

the plans for the one-time-only funds we are requesting from the Governor's Budget office.

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

**HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE:**

- A. **Chair Report:** Trustee McFarland said during the meeting they covered open positions. Tonight, we need to approve the academic calendar. They are requesting we waive the second reading.
- B. **Old Business:**
- C. **New Business:**
  - a. **Calendar (first reading):**

*Trustee Ogolin moved to waive the second reading. Trustee McFarland seconded the motion.*

*Trustee Janshen asked why they were requesting to waive the second reading. VP Niedge explained it is a timing issue for Summer 2025.*

*Motion passed.*

*Trustee Janshen moved to approve the calendar through 2027. Trustee Ogolin seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**QUALITY AND ADVOCACY:**

- A. **Chair Report:** President Slinger spoke about the strategy for the One-Time-Only funds and the direction we would like to go with these funds.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. Year one strategic plan update
- B. Unit Assessment Process discussion
- C. Update on the accreditation cycle
- D. Meet faculty and staff

Adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

The next regular Board of Trustee meeting will be held on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in room 106.

---

Chair

---

Secretary