

**LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees Minutes
May 8, 2025**

The Board of Trustees met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at the Cardinal Event Center.

Members Present

Greg Chalker
Carl Hoskins
Rod Landrum
Montie Taylor
David Winchell

Members Absent

Becky Dantic

Others Present

Dr. Mark Watkins	Dr. Jason Sharp	Leanna Doherty	Kelly Kirkpatrick
Theresa Hundley	Dr. Ken Elliott	Lindi Forbes	Haley Walker
Hannah Kennedy	Jody Burzinski	Travis Brumback	Randee Baty
Tyler Kizzire			

Heidi Flora recorded the minutes.

Adoption of Revised Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Vice-Chair Landrum asked for changes or additions to the revised meeting agenda. There were none. Trustee Chalker moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Vice-Chair Landrum asked for corrections or additions to the April 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes. There were none. Trustee Winchell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Reports and/or Board Discussion

Faculty Senate Report: None

Student Government Report: None

Administrative Report:

Comparison of Expenditures to Budget - The April financial report was placed on the tables. At the end of April, we were 83% through the year. The general fund was 74% expended, and the technical education/vocational fund was 76% expended. Vice-President Doherty invited questions from the Trustees.

FY25 Audit – Vice President Doherty reported that Jared, Gilmore, & Phillips, LCC's current accounting company, proposed an FY2025 audit cost of \$22,500 which is a \$1,500 increase. Trustee Winchell moved to accept the \$22,500 cost and continue with Jared, Gilmore, and Phillips as LCC's accounting company. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Budget Assumptions – Vice President Doherty went over the budget assumptions for 2025-2026. She invited questions from the Trustees.

Facilities Report: Vice President Doherty reported that a notification from Carrier indicated parts for the Athletic Complex HVAC unit would be shipped on June 19.

President's Report: Vice President Sharp provided an HLC update discussing criteria and trends and going over the plan and timeline for the March 2-3, 2026 visit.

Lindi Forbes, Foundation and Alumni Director, announced a record-breaking total from this year's Auction for Scholarships.

Dr. Watkins reported on discussions to create a pathway to KC University in Joplin for dental and osteopathic medicine studies to begin this fall.

Dr. Watkins also gave reminders regarding events planned for the upcoming commencement week.

New Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)

Staff Employment Letter

Trustee Winchell moved to approve the employment letter for Gabrielle Cortez, Head Women's Basketball Coach, to begin 5/5/25, at a salary of \$36,493/annually. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Academic Program Review

Dr. Jason Sharp, Travis Brumback, and Tyler Kizzire presented the 2025 Welding Program Review. Trustee Taylor moved to accept the review. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

This discussion serves as Board of Trustees training in the Welding Program.

Cyber Security Renewal Agreement

Trustee Hoskins moved to approve the purchase for three years of cybersecurity services through Solis at a cost of , \$203,626.44. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Winchell moved to approve the Claims Register. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Van Purchase

Trustee Winchell moved to approve the quote from Mike Carpino Ford for the purchase of a new van under the state contract for \$59,900. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Faculty Resignation

Trustee Chalker moved to approve the resignation of Marisha Collins, Nursing Instructor, effective May 8, 2025. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Trustee Taylor commended Dr. Watkins on his part in the recent community choir concert.

Various positive comments on the new restroom facility at the women's softball field.

Adjournment

Trustee Chalker moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Heidi Flora, Clerk of the Board