

**LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Board of Trustees Minutes**  
**February 9, 2023**

The Board of Trustees met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at the Cardinal Event Center.

**Members Present**

Rod Landrum  
David Winchell  
Montie Taylor  
Carl Hoskins  
Becky Dantic  
Mike Howerter

**Members Absent**

**Others Present**

Dr. Mark Watkins	Dr. Jason Sharp	Leanna Doherty	Tammy Fuentez
Dr. Kara Wheeler	Theresa Hundley	Janice Every	Lindi Forbes
Kevin Doherty	Janice Reese	Randee Baty	Ken Elliott
Harrison Hall	Colleen Williamson		

Heidi Flora recorded the minutes.

**Adoption of Revised Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Chair Winchell asked for changes or additions to the revised meeting agenda. There were none. Trustee Landrum moved to approve the revised meeting agenda as presented. Trustee Howerter seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

**Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Chair Winchell asked for corrections or additions to the January 12, 2023, regular meeting minutes. There were none. Trustee Hoskins moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Landrum seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

**Reports and/or Board Discussion**

**Faculty Senate Report:**

None

**Student Government Report:**

Harrison Hall, Student Life Specialist, gave a report on SGA's black history month celebration and other events and activities for the month of February.

**Administrative Report:**

**Comparison of Expenditures to Budget** – The January financial report was placed on the tables. At the end of January, we were 58% through the year. The general fund was 55% expended and the technical education/vocational fund was 46% expended. Leanna invited questions from the Trustees.

**Facilities Report:**

Kevin Doherty, Facilities Director, gave a report which included the proposed roof repair schedule and plan.

**President's Report:**

Dr. Watkins gave a COVID update.

Dr. Watkins reported on a recent meeting with Dr. Shipp from Pittsburg State University.

Dr. Watkins suggested a Board Work Session to discuss the Cherokee Center plan. Arrangements will be made for a date and time in the next couple of weeks.

**Old Business (ACTION, REPORT, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)****Policy Approval**

Trustee Landrum moved to approve the revised Policy 2.01 Nondiscrimination, Equal Opportunity, and Harassment. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

**New Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)****Tuition and Fees for 2023-2024**

Trustees were asked to review the Tuition and Fees for Academic Year 2023-2024. This will be presented during the March Board of Trustee meeting for approval.

**Professional Staff Employment Letter**

Trustee Howerter moved to approve the professional staff employment letters for Lauren Holmes, Academic Coordinator, starting January 23, 2023, at a salary of \$41,000; and, Shelly Shaw, Academic Advisor, starting February 13, 2023, at a salary of \$31,500. Trustee Dantic seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

**Faculty Retirement**

Dr. Watkins reported that Dr. Doug Ecoff, Chemistry Professor, will be retiring effective June 1, 2023. As Dr. Ecoff will be fulfilling his contract, no other action was needed.

**Policy Review**

Dr. Watkins recommended the Board of Trustees review changes to Policy 3.01 – Curriculum; Policy 3.02 – Academic Standards; Policy 3.04 – Adjunct Faculty; and, Policy 3.09 – Library Copyright. These will be presented during the March Board of Trustee meeting for approval.

**Approval of Bills**

Trustee Landrum moved to approve the Claims Register. Trustee Dantic seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

**Public Comment**

Trustee Taylor thanked Dr. Watkins for meeting with Dr. Shipp from Pittsburg State University.

Trustee Landrum commented on the recent Cardinal Madness event and thanked all involved for making it so successful.

Trustee Howerter suggested that with COVID being over, the Trustee desks be moved in closer. He also asked for information in regard to what scholarship benefits the athletes receive and how many athletes

are currently attending on scholarships. Trustee Howerter encouraged LCC to be more transparent with the public.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee Dantic moved to recess into executive session at 6:20 p.m. for 30 minutes to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. The following were invited to participate in the executive session: Dr. Mark Watkins.

Trustee Landrum moved to extend the executive session at 6:54 p.m. for an additional 5 minutes. Trustee Hoskins seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to the open meeting at 6:59 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Trustee Landrum moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Howerter seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

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**Heidi Flora, Clerk of the Board**