

**LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Board of Trustees Minutes**  
**March 21, 2024**

The Board of Trustees met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at the Cardinal Event Center.

**Members Present**

Greg Chalker  
Becky Dantic  
Carl Hoskins  
Rod Landrum  
Montie Taylor  
David Winchell

**Others Present**

Dr. Mark Watkins	Dr. Jason Sharp	Leanna Doherty	Kelly Kirkpatrick
Theresa Hundley	Ross Harper	Haley Walker	Kevin Doherty
Tyler Allen	Harrison Hall	Allie Kashka	Ray Nolting
Cathy Kibler	Dr. Ken Elliott	Glee Clark	Amy Reynolds
Jeff Vesta	Melissa Kipp	Archana Lal	Elizabeth Stoneberger
Emily Franks	Ralph Gouvion		

Heidi Flora recorded the minutes

**Adoption of Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

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

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

Chair Dantic asked for corrections or additions to the February 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes. There were none. Trustee Landrum moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

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

Chair Dantic asked for corrections or additions to the March 6, 2024, special meeting minutes. There were none. Trustee Landrum moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Hoskins 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, provided an update on recent and upcoming events.

**Administrative Report:**

**Comparison of Expenditures to Budget:** The February financial report was placed on the tables. At the end of February, we were 67% through the year. The general fund was 61% expended and the technical education/vocational fund was 61% expended. Vice-President Doherty invited questions from the Trustees.

**Audit:** Emily Franks with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips gave the audit report for 2023.

Trustee Hoskins moved to accept the 2023 Audit Report. Trustee Landrum seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

**Facility Report:** Kevin Doherty, Facilities Director gave an update on the Hughes Building elevator and elevator alarm monitoring.

**President's Report:**

Dr. Watkins recognized Coach Jeff Vesta who was awarded with the NWCA NJCAA Men's National Coach of the Year and congratulated him on his team's successful season.

Dr. Watkins reported on the recent Hendershot Art Gallery 100-Year exhibit & event curated by Mike Brotherton and the newly acquired Grant Wood lithograph.

**Old Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)**

**Cherokee Center Update**

Dr. Sharp reported on the current situation of the Cherokee Center and provided the Administration's recommendation.

**Tuition and Fees for 2024-2025**

Trustee Taylor moved to approve an increase of \$2 in tuition and \$1 in fees for all residency categories. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

**New Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)**

**Professional Staff Employment Letter**

Trustee Winchell moved to approve the Professional Staff Employment Letter for Molly Coomes, Workforce Director, starting February 26, 2024, at a salary of \$47,000. Trustee Landrum seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

**Program Reviews**

Dr. Sharp presented the Mathematics Program Review. Trustee Landrum moved to accept the Mathematics Program Review. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Sharp presented the Biology Program Review. Trustee Taylor moved to accept the Biology Program Review. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

**Approval of Bills**

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

**Administrative Contract Approval**

Trustee Winchell moved to approve the Administrative Contract for Dr. Ken Elliott, Dean of Instruction and Distance Learning, starting July 8, 2024, at a salary of \$67,000.

Trustee Landrum seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

**Executive Session**

Trustee Landrum moved to go into executive session at 6:28 p.m. for 5 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for nonelected personnel to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

The following were invited to participate in the executive session: Dr. Mark Watkins, Dr. Jason Sharp, Leanna Doherty, Kelly Kirkpatrick, and Haley Walker.

The Board returned to an open meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Trustee Landrum moved to approved new faculty positions exercise science and welding. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

**Executive Session**

Trustee Landrum moved to go into executive session at 6:35 p.m. for 5 minutes for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency to protect the institution's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

The following were invited to participate in the executive session: Dr. Mark Watkins, Dr. Jason Sharp, Leanna Doherty, and Haley Walker.

The Board returned to an open meeting at 6:40 p.m.

**Public Comment**

Amy Reynolds spoke in support of Art Instructor, Heidi Schaaf.

Trustee Landrum commended everyone who has helped with the 100-year celebration events thus far.

**Next Board Meeting**

Chair Dantic reminded everyone of the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled for April 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Event Center.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Landrum moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

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**Heidi Flora, Clerk of the Board**

APPROVED