

LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees Minutes
August 14, 2025

The Board of Trustees met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the Cardinal Event Center.

Members Present

Greg Chalker (via Zoom) – left meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

Dr. Ken Elliott

Lindi Forbes

Kevin Doherty

Harrison Hall

Chelsea Beville

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 Landrum moved to approve the revised meeting agenda as presented. Trustee Winchell 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 July 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes. There were none. Trustee Taylor moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Executive Session

Trustee Winchell moved to recess into executive session at 5:31 p.m. for 10 minutes for personnel matters for nonelected personnel. To protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

The following were invited to participate in the executive session: Dr. Mark Watkins

Trustee Landrum moved to extend the executive session by 5 minutes. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to opened meeting at 5:46 p.m. Dr. Watkins announced he would not be taking an increase in pay this year.

Reports and/or Board Discussion

Faculty Senate Report: None

Student Government Report: Harrison Hall, Student Life Associate, provided activity calendars for the upcoming year, and reported on the recent Student Government Retreat and New Student Orientation that is currently underway.

Administrative Report:

Comparison of Expenditures to Budget - The July financial report was placed on the tables. At the end of July, we were 8% through the year. The general fund was 10% expended, and the technical education/vocational fund was 7% expended. Vice-President Doherty invited questions from the Trustees.

Facilities Report: Kevin Doherty, Facilities Director, gave an updated report on HVAC issues in several of the campus buildings. He presented a quote from Johnson Controls for upgrades to these systems. Vice President Doherty explained the funding for the project.

Trustee Landrum moved to approve the quote from Johnson Controls for the HVAC upgrades in the amount of \$147,518. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

Kevin also reported:

Two of the old vans sold totaling \$13,000.

The parts are in for the athletic complex HVAC unit and he would be scheduling a vibration analysis for it.

The Student Union elevator has been repaired and passed inspection, as well as the other three campus elevators, that were all inspected at that time.

President's Report: Dr. Watkins reported the September Board of Trustee meeting would include the Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing.

He also shared that:

Coffeyville Community College and Independence Community College are currently not moving forward to consolidate.

Student Support Services have been approved for funding, however, he is being cautiously optimistic.

Dr. Sharp will be leading a Criminal Justice Program.

Dr. Sharp gave an HLC update.

Old Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)

Policy Approval

Trustee Hoskins moved to approve Policy 7.02 Wage and Salary Compensation. Trustee Landrum seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

New Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)

New Staff Employment Letters

Trustee Landrum moved to approve the employment letters for Coleen Carter Part-Time IT Coordinator, at \$36.32/hour, to begin 7/28/25; Austin Curtis, Custodian, at \$26,230/annually, to begin 7/21/25; John Dhooghe, Custodian, at \$26,886/annually, to begin 7/21/25; Betty Ellis, Respiratory Care Simulation & Skill Lab Coordinator, at \$57,261/annually, to begin 8/11/25; Ray Hall, Assistant Wrestling Coach, at \$27,625/annually, to begin 7/21/25; Joanna Munroe, Assistant Basketball Coach, at \$25,661/annually, to begin 8/15/25; Kayla Thurman, Nursing Instructor, at \$58,547/annually, to begin 8/11/25; Tabitha Rosenblad, Academic Advisor, at \$37,369/annually to begin 8/25/2025; Kevin Pommier, Student Support Services Academic Advisor at \$37,369/annually, to begin 8/25/25; and, Lee Ann Stein, Student Support Services Academic Advisor at \$37,369/annually, to begin 9/11/25. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Bills

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

Full-Body X-Ray Bids

Trustee Landrum moved to approve the quote from GT Simulators for the Radiography Program's Full-Body X-Ray Phantom Model in the amount of \$44,828. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Trustee Landrum thanked the college for a plant he received.

Adjournment

Trustee Landrum moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Heidi Flora, Clerk of the Board