LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees Minutes
August 13, 2026

The Board of Trustees met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at the Cardinal Event Center.

Members Present

Becky Dantic
John “JR” Keene
Rod Landrum
Montie Taylor
David Winchell

Members Not Present

Greg Chalker

Others Present

Dr. Jason Sharp	Dr. John Gillette	Leanna Doherty	Kelly Kirkpatrick
Ross Harper	Sonia Gugnani	Lindi Forbes	Kevin Doherty
Colleen Williamson	Carl Hoskins	Ty Lain	

Heidi Flora recorded the minutes.

Adoption of Revised Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

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

Dr. Sharp recognized and welcomed new employee Ty Lain, Head Baseball Coach.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Chair Landrum asked for corrections or additions to the July 16, 2026, regular meeting minutes. There were none. Trustee Dantic moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Reports and/or Board Discussion

Faculty Senate Report: None

Student Life Report: VP Kirkpatrick reported on the New Student Orientation (NSO) events happening this week and the activities planned for Welcome Week.

Dr. Sharp thanked everyone in the Admissions Department for making accommodations for the Kansas Water Authority during the NSO event on Thursday.

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 9% expended, and the post-secondary technical education fund was 7% expended. Vice-President Doherty invited questions from the Trustees.

Facilities – Kevin Doherty, Director of Facilities, reported that the Zetmeir elevator repair was completed in two days.

President's Report:

VP Kirkpatrick gave an enrollment update. She said she predicts moderate growth over last year. She also reported on student-athletes and gave an update on the Villas capacity.

Lindi Forbes, Executive Director of Foundation and Alumni, shared information about the upcoming Founder's Day celebration, which will include food, activities, prizes, and two $500 scholarship giveaways. The celebration is open to the public.

Lindi also reported on a new LCC endeavor, the Cardinal Commitment Campaign – employee giving.

Dr. Sharp discussed a fund change regarding the Gribben Family Endowment. This will now be known as the Jack and Ruth Gribben Excellence in Teaching Award. The first award will be presented in the Spring of 2027.

Dr. Sharp also gave a recap of the recent Kansas Association of Community Colleges (KACC) meeting he attended. He reported on a Code of Conduct agreement to be signed by the LCC/KACC Board representative, who is Trustee Winchell.

Executive Session

Trustee Winchell moved to recess into executive session at 5:52 p.m. for 10 minutes for personnel matters for non-elected personnel. To protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

The following were invited to participate in the executive session: Dr. Jason Sharp, Dr. John Gillette, Leanna Doherty, and Kelly Kirkpatrick.

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:02 p.m.

New Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)

New Faculty Position

Trustee Keene moved to approve a new full-time 11-month Diagnostic Medical Sonography Instructor position with a Clinical/Simulation Addendum. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Faculty Contract Approval
Trustee Winchell moved to approve the reassignment of Jessica Garretson to the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Instructor position, QV, Step 6, with an 11-month salary of $65,838.67. Trustee Keene seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Staff Employment Letter
Trustee Keene moved to approve the new staff employment letter for Kierra Brimzy, Assistant Women’s Basketball Coach, starting 7/27/2026, at an annual salary of $25,932. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

HAL® S5301 Patient Simulator Purchase
Trustee Taylor moved to approve the sole-source bid from Gaumard of $150,083.96 for the HAL® S5301 Patient Simulator. Trustee Dantic seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

New Vehicle Purchase
Trustee Dantic moved to approve the bid from Mike Carpino for the 2026 Ford Transit 15-passenger van for $60,000. Trustee Keene seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Policy Reviews
Dr. Sharp went over the revisions to Policy - 1.13 Review of Policies, and Policy - 1.16 Emergency Executive Succession Plan. These will be presented for approval at the September 10, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Approval of Bills
Trustee Keene moved to approve the Claims Register. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Chair Landrum commended Dr. Sharp and Ross Harper for grilling today for the NSO luncheon.

Executive Session

Trustee Dantic moved to recess into executive session at 6:23 p.m. for 10 minutes for personnel matters for non-elected personnel. To protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

The following were invited to participate in the executive session: Dr. Jason Sharp

At 6:33 p.m., Trustee Dantic moved to extend the executive session by 5 minutes. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Chair Landrum announced that the next regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Event Center.

Adjournment

Trustee Dantic moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Trustee Keene seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

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Heidi Flora, Clerk of the Board