

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF McLENNAN COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
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The Board of Trustees of McLennan Community College met for a Regular Meeting at the McLennan Community College Conference Center on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Those regular attending people who were present at the Board Meeting were: Miss Jessica Aleman, Student Guest; Dr. Amy Antoninka, Vice President, Faculty Council; Mr. Edgar Barragan, Media Technology Specialist, Information Systems & Services; Ms. Neyra Bazaldua, Vice Chair, Administrative Staff Advisory Committee; Mr. Nick Collins, Student Liaison; Mr. David Contreras, Vice-Chair, Support Staff Advisory Committee; Miss Miriam Diaz, Student Liaison; Dr. Chad Eggleston, Vice President, Instruction & Student Engagement; Dr. Christi Esquivel, Division Chair, Business Programs; Mr. Mark Harmsen, Vice President, Finance and Administration; Ms. Jodi Harper, Chair, Support Staff Advisory Committee; Ms. Jennifer Marshall-Higgins, Director, Marketing & Communications; Dr. Johnette McKown, President; Ms. Kelli Nehring, Chair, Administrative Staff Advisory Committee; Mr. Frank Patterson, Director, Emergency & Risk Management & Ranch Operations; Mr. Bennie Prka, PC Specialist; Mr. Chris Qualls, Interim Executive Director, MCC Foundation; Mr. Peter Rusek, College Attorney; Ms. Paula Unger, Title V; Dr. Laura Wichman, Vice President, Strategic Planning & Enrollment; Mr. Clayton Williams, Chief of Campus Police; Ms. Kayla Willis, Vice President, Faculty Council; and members of the Board of Trustees as follows:

Dr. Dennis Clark  
Mr. Jonathan Hill  
Mr. K. Paul Holt  
Ms. Ilda Sabido  
Mr. Earl Stinnett, Sr., Chairman  
Mr. Ricky Turman, Vice-Chairman

Absent: Dr. Elizabeth Palacios, Secretary

Mr. Earl Stinnett, Chairman of the Board, called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Johnette McKown introduced the guests present at the regular meeting.

Dr. Eggleston introduced Mr. Frank Patterson, who gave an update on the Highlander Ranch. (D.F. V—787)

Dr. Chad Eggleston made a presentation on certificates and Occupational Skills Awards. (D.F. V—788)

Dr. McKown presented a Legislative Report. (D.F. V—789)

Dr. McKown presented the following Consent Agenda Items for Board approval (D.F. V—790):

- 1) Consideration of and Approval of Minutes of the January 25, 2025 Board Retreat and January 28, 2025 Board Meeting
- 2) ~~Consideration of and Approval of 2024-2025 Budget Revisions~~ Removed
- 3) Consideration of and Approval of Vote for Cooper Foundation Trustee
- 4) Consideration of and Approval of Purchase of Upswing
- 5) Appointment of Personnel:
  - Assistant Professor, Music (Tenure Eligible)
  - Outreach Specialist, TRIO EOC

Mr. Turman asked to pull Agenda Item VII from the Consent Agenda (Consideration of and Approval of 2024-2025 Budget Revisions) for further discussion.

Mr. Turman moved to approve the Consent Agenda Item, not including the Consideration of and Approval of 2024-2025 Budget Revisions. Mr. Holt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Mark Harmsen presented the 2024-2025 Budget Revisions. (D.F. V—791)

Mr. Hill moved to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Revisions as presented. Mr. Turman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Harmsen presented the financial reports for January 2025. (D.F. V—792)

Dr. Clark moved to approve the financial report for January 2025 as presented. Ms. Sabido seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Miss Mariam Diaz, Mr. Ricky Turman, Mr. Jonathan Hill, and Ms. Ilda Sabido reported on their recent trip to Washington, D.C., for the Association of Community College Trustees National Legislative Summit. (D.F. V—793)

Dr. McKown presented information on an order declaring Elizabeth Palacios and Dennis Clark unopposed candidates for election to Trustee Districts 5 and 7 as elected to office and declaring that no election will be held in Trustee Districts 5 and 7, for those offices. (D.F. V—794)

Mr. Holt moved to approve an order declaring Elizabeth Palacios and Dennis Clark unopposed candidates for election to Trustee Districts 5 and 7 as elected to office and declaring that no election will be held in Trustee Districts 5 and 7, for those offices. Mr. Turman seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. McKown introduced the four various groups represented at the Board Meeting, and each leader gave a quick update on their area.

Under the President's Report, Dr. McKown reported:

- The MCC Foundation Hearts in the Arts Gala is Thursday night.

- BOTI coming up and Jonathan Hill and Dennis Clark are attending
- Coming up is the Rural Pathways Project and the VPs and President are required to attend.
- Waco Day in Austin is in March, and Jonathan Hill and Frank Graves will attend.
- Texas Pathways Conference is in April.
- Distinguished Lecture Series is April 10, 2025.
- We are working on the next Board to Board meeting.

Under Other Business, the next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 31, 2025, with dinner beginning at 5:15 p.m. followed by the Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the MCC Conference Center.

The Board did not meet in Closed Session.

With no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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Lindsey Vanek  
Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees