

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

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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, May 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Those regular attending people who were present at the Board Meeting were: Dr. Amy Antoninka, Vice President, Faculty Council; Mr. Mike Baker, Student Guest; Ms. Neyra Bazaldua, Vice Chair, Administrative Staff Advisory Committee; Mr. David Contreras, Vice-Chair, Support Staff Advisory Committee; Mr. Reginald Crawford, Campus Police Officer; Miss Miriam Diaz, Outgoing Student Liaison; Dr. Richard Driver, Incoming Faculty Council Vice President; Dr. Chad Eggleston, Vice President, Instruction and Student Engagement; Dr. Christi Esquivel, Division Chair, Business Programs; Mr. Mark Harmsen, Vice President, Finance and Administration; Mr. Carl Hoover, *Waco Trib*; Mr. Vince Iwunze, Student Guest; Mr. Connor Kelley, PC Specialist; Ms. Jennifer Marshall-Higgins, Director, Marketing & Communications; Dr. Johnette McKown, President; Ms. Kelli Nehring, Chair, Administrative Staff Advisory Committee; Mr. Peter Newcomer, Student Guest; Mr. Chris Qualls, Executive Director, MCC Foundation; Mr. Peter Rusek, College Attorney; Ms. Paulina Sidwell, Professor, Engineering; Ms. Paula Unger, Title V; Mr. Brady Vanek, Student Guest; Mr. Mason Vanek, Student Guest; 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
Dr. Elizabeth Palacios, Secretary
Mr. Earl Stinnett, Sr., Chairman
Mr. Ricky Turman, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Ilda Sabido

Mr. Earl Stinnett, Chairman of the Board, called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Mr. Pete Rusek administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Elizabeth Palacios and Dr. Dennis Clark, who were both elected to a six-year term which will run until 2031 on the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Vanek presented them with a Certificate of Election. (D.F. V—806)

Mr. Holt nominated Mr. Earl Stinnett as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Hill seconded the nomination, and the

motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Holt nominated Mr. Ricky Turman as the Vice Chairman of the Board. Mr. Hill seconded the nomination, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Holt nominated Dr. Liz Palacios as the Secretary of the Board. Mr. Hill seconded the nomination, and the motion carried unanimously.

The following Board members were appointed by Mr. Stinnett to serve on committees as noted:

Retired Senior Volunteer Program	Earl Stinnett
McLennan Community College Foundation Board	Earl Stinnett
McLennan Community College Foundation Board	Jonathan Hill
Waco's Tax Increment Funding Board	Ricky Turman
Heart of Texas Council of Governments	K. Paul Holt

The Board recognized the participants from the NASA Minds team for their recent accomplishments. (D.F. V—807)

Dr. McKown requested approval of the commissioning of one new police officer: Reginald Crawford, and to acknowledge his licenses as a peace officer with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

Mr. Turman moved to approve the commission of police officer Reginald Crawford, and to acknowledge his licenses as a peace officer with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. Dr. Palacios seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rusek administered the Statement of Office and Oath of Office to Officer Crawford. (D.F. V—808)

The Board recognized Dr. Amy Antoninka as the outgoing President of Faculty Council. She was presented with a gift.

Dr. McKown presented the following Consent Agenda Items for Board approval (D.F. V—809):

- 1) Consideration of and Approval of Minutes of the April 29, 2025 Board Meeting and May 6, 2025 Board to Board Meeting
- 2) Consideration of and Approval of Update to the Core Curriculum
- 3) Consideration of and Approval of 9-Month Non-Faculty Contracts
- 4) Consideration of and Approval of Multi-Factor Authentication Purchase
- 5) Consideration of and Approval of Auditing Services
- 6) Consideration of and Approval of Accessibility Software
- 7) Consideration of and Approval of Leased Student Athlete Housing
- 8) Consideration of and Approval of 2025-2026 Sabbatical Leave
- 9) Consideration of and Approval of Cameron Hall Audio Visual
- 10) Consideration of and Approval of Astound Internet Connection
- 11) Appointment of Personnel:

- Assistant Professor, Associate Degree Nursing (Tenure Eligible)
- Assistant Professor, Vocational Nursing (Tenure Eligible)
- Assistant Professor, Economics (Tenure Eligible)
- Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice (Tenure Eligible)

Mr. Hill moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Mr. Turman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Harmsen presented the financial reports for April 2025. (D.F. V—810)

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

Dr. Laura Wichman presented information on the Evaluation of the President, including the instrument being proposed. (D.F. V—811)

Mr. Hill moved to approve the Evaluation Instrument for the President's evaluation as presented. Dr. Palacios seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Dr. McKown gave a legislative update. (D.F. V—812)

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

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

- Highlanders won tonight!
- On Thursday, May 29, 2025, Senator Birdwell will be recognizing the MCC Dance Team in Austin on the Senate Floor.
- The College is closed for Juneteenth.
- The MCC Foundation will hold its reunion picnic at Slow Rise Pizza on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
- At the June Board Meeting the Board will discuss the TASB policies and hear a Highlander Ranch report.
- Summer Commencement will be held on Tuesday, August 19, at 7:30 p.m.
- Dr. McKown will be giving tours of Cameron Hall for the Board Members if anyone would like to have a tour.

Under Other Business, the next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 30, 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 took a break at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Turman called the Closed Session to order at 7:11 p.m.

Mr. Stinnett adjourned the Closed Session at 7:36 p.m., stating that no action had taken place.

With no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Lindsey Vanek

Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees