

**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 Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Those regular attending people who were present at the Board Meeting were: Ms. Neyra Bazaldua, Vice Chair, Administrative Staff Advisory Committee; Mr. PJ Carmichael, Guest; Mr. David Contreras, Vice Chair, Support Staff Advisory Committee; Ms. Vino Dean, Student Liaison to the Board; Dr. Richard Driver, Faculty Council Vice President; Dr. Chad Eggleston, Vice President, Instruction & Student Engagement; Dr. Christi Esquivel, Division Chair, Business Programs; Dr. Elaine Fagner, Professor, Geology; Mr. Mark Harmsen, Vice President, Finance and Administration; Ms. Jodi Harper, Chair, Support Staff Advisory Committee; Mr. Carl Hoover, *Waco Trib*; Ms. Jennifer Marshall-Higgins, Director, Marketing & Communications; Mr. Connor Kelley, PC Specialist; Dr. Johnette McKown, President; Ms. Kelli Nehring, Chair, Administrative Staff Advisory Committee; Ms. Ann Merchant, Professor, Biology; Mr. Frank Patterson, Director, Emergency & Risk Management & Ranch Operations; Mr. Chris Qualls, Executive Director, MCC Foundation; Miss Brenna Rollins, Student Liaison to the Board; Mr. Peter Rusek, College Attorney; Ms. Shawn Trochim, Director, Athletics; Dr. Laura Wichman, Vice President, Strategic Planning & Enrollment; Mr. Clayton Williams, Chief, Campus Police; Dr. Kayla Willis, President, Faculty Council; and members of the Board of Trustees as follows:

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

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. McKown presented the following Consent Agenda Items for Board approval (D.F. V—818):

- 1) Consideration of and Approval of Minutes of the June 30, 2025 Board Meeting
- 2) Consideration of and Approval of Receipt of Gift of Newly Resurfacing of the Tennis Courts from the MCC Foundation
- 3) Consideration of and Approval of Purchase of Two Tractors
- 4) Consideration of and Approval of Commercial Truck Driving Courses

- 5) Consideration of and Approval of Athletic Insurance
- 6) Consideration of and Approval of Adjustments to the \$50k Aggregate Vendor List
- 7) Appointment of Personnel:
 - Facility Director, Child Development Lab School
 - Business Consultant, Small Business Development Center
 - Systems Analyst
 - Ranch Program Specialist
 - Assistant Professor, Kinesiology (Tenure Eligible)
 - Assistant Baseball Coach
 - Coordinator, Operations and Scholarships, MCC Foundation

Dr. Clark 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 June 2025. (D.F. V—819)

Ms. Sabido moved to approve the financial report for June 2025 as presented. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Wichman led a discussion of the 2025-2026 Annual Priorities. (D.F. V—820)

Mr. Harmsen presented the proposed 2025-2026 General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund Budgets. (D.F. V—821)

Mr. Harmsen presented a resolution declaring intent to raise McLennan County Junior College District property taxes no higher than 0.131974 for the 2026 Tax Year to an amount in excess of the 2025 tax levy, calling, and setting the date of the public hearing to receive comments on the proposed increase and direct the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing as required by law.

Dr. Clark moved to approve the resolution declaring intent to raise McLennan County Junior College District property taxes no higher than 0.131974 for the 2026 tax year to an amount in excess of the 2025 tax levy. The Public Hearing will take place on August 26, 2025. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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:

- There are many pinning ceremonies coming up, including Certified Medical Assistant, Rad Tech, and Vocational Nursing.
- Summer Commencement will be August 19, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at The Base and the speaker will be Mr. Ashley Cruseturner.
- The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, with dinner beginning at 5:15 p.m. and the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

- On September 11, 2025, Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh will be speaking on our campus at 7:00 p.m.
- Dr. McKown would like to have a Board Retreat in fall 2025 and spring 2026.

Under Other Business, the next regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, with dinner beginning at 5:15 p.m. followed by the Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the MCC Conference Center.

Dr. Wichman presented information on the evaluation of the College President.

The Board took a break at 7:47 p.m.

Mr. Stinnett called the Closed Session to order at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Stinnett adjourned the Closed Session at 9:18 p.m., stating that no action had taken place.

With no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Lindsey Vanek
Assistant Secretary, Board of Trustees