

Delta College
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Delta College Board Room B-151
Tuesday, February 3, 2026
7:00 p.m.

- BOARD PRESENT** A. Baldwin, A. Clark, S. Gannon, B. Handley-Miller, D. Middleton, M. Nash, M. Rowley, A. Thomas, M. Wood
- BOARD ABSENT** None
- OTHERS PRESENT** T. Brown, W. Burns, W. Childs, P. Clark, R. Curry, C. DeEulis, J. Foco, J. Garn, L. Govitz, J. Harned, S. Hill, D. Hopkins, T. Johnroe, K. Kiste-Toner, P. Larkowski, J. Miller, J. Perry, S. Raube, K. Schuler, P. Siemko, B. Smith, E. Smith, M. Thomas, A. Ursuy, S. VanderLaan, M. Zimmerman
- PRESS PRESENT** None
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Board Chair Gannon asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the agenda. A. Clark seconded the motion.
Motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** Board Chair Gannon called for public comment.
- TREASURER'S REPORT** J. Foco said that the Board has received the College financial statements for the month ended January 31, 2026. At this time, there are no significant variances to report.
The 2026-2027 budget development is underway. Administration and department leaders will be receiving their budget spreadsheets.
Budget Cabinet met and a tuition and fee recommendation which will be presented at the March Board Meeting for approval.
- CONSENT AGENDA** Board Chair Gannon called for approval of the consent agenda.
A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. B. Handley-Miller seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda resulting in:
A. Acceptance of Minutes:
1. Board Regular Meeting, January 13, 2026

**COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENTS –
2026-2027 MCCA
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
(BA5658)**

Board Chair Gannon announced that she will keep the committee assignments the same for this year. Adjustments can be made in the future or after the new president is here if needed.

Board Chair Gannon called for a motion to renew the appointment of Trustee Rowley as our board representative for the 2026-2027 MCCA Board of Directors and herself the alternate representative.

A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the recommendation. B. Handley-Miller seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENTIAL
SEARCH UPDATE**

Board Chair Gannon shared that the deadline for applications is closing in and the work will begin. D. Middleton has done a fantastic job leading the process. She reminded the Trustees to complete a doodle survey so a special board meeting can be scheduled.

D. Middleton thanked her fellow Trustees in advance for their time and attention to this process as it is some of the most important work they will do.

Board Chair Gannon said that she was pleased with how things are going and is confident that we will find an exceptional candidate. This is a great place for attracting people who really want to do good work for our students.

**STUDENT SUCCESS:
HONORS STUDENTS
WORK AND
COMMUNITY
PROJECTS**

Board Chair Gannon took a moment to welcome the students that were joining the meeting this evening.

The Student Success presentation featured “Honors Program, PHS (Presidential Honors Scholarship), & PTK (Phi Theta Kappa)” presented by Maggie Zimmerman, Assistant Professor in Biology and Mathew Thomas, PTK President & Honors in Action Assist. M. Zimmerman is also the Honors Director and PHS & PTK Faculty Advisor. M. Thomas is currently a student in the sonography program.

They highlighted honors community projects in Bay, Midland and Saginaw Counties, including Safety Town, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and at an assisted living facility. There are about 300 students in the Honors Program. Approximately 150-160 new PTK members will be inducted in March.

**PRESIDENT’S
REPORT**

Enrollment Report

The Winter Semester began on January 10. As of count date (January 20), 8,563 students are registered (2616FT, 5947PT).

We projected 76,999 contact hours for the winter semester and reached 110% (84,483 contact hours) of projection on count date.

Registration for spring semester which begins May 11 is underway. To-date, 2,263 students are registered (296FT, 1967PT). We projected 21,482 contact hours for the spring semester and as of today, we are at 78% (16,768 contact hours) of projection.

Personnel Report

- A complete report of hires, promotions, and separations for the month of January can be found in Board packets this evening.

Information Sharing

- Trustee Rowley and I attended the MCCA Winter Board of Directors Meeting on January 16 via Zoom. They have the following legislative priorities:
 - Increasing operations grants to community colleges
 - Codifying the Michigan Achievement Scholarship
 - Expanding Michigan Reconnect eligibility to age 21
 - Modernizing dual enrollment and Early Middle College by establishing a new funding stream outside the K-12 foundation allowance to prevent districts from being unintentionally penalized for participating
 - Reducing the capital outlay institutional match requirement from 50% to 25%
 - Investing in infrastructure, technology, equipment, maintenance, safety and housing
- Thanks to all who participated in the MLK events:
 - Dow Events Center – January 19 – Arshen Baldwin
 - SVSU – January 22 – Arshen Baldwin & Stacey Gannon

Upcoming Events

- ACCT National Legislative Summit – Washington, DC
 - February 8-11
 - Attendees: Arshen Baldwin, Pam Clark, Stacey Gannon, Diane Middleton
- Faculty and Staff Winter Learning Day
 - Friday, February 13, from 8:00am-4:00pm
 - Breakfast followed by President's Address
 - Mid-morning – faculty and staff can view poster sessions
 - Afternoon – concurrent sessions with presentations on multiple different topics
 - Let Kay know if you would like to attend
- Achieving the Dream Conference - Portland, OR
 - March 2-5

- Attending: 2 faculty (Angela Guy-Lee and Lauren Smith) and 4 staff (Karry Kiste-Toner, Chris DeEulis, Reva Curry and James Perry)
- Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 10
- Handouts:
 - Black History Month – List of Celebrations
 - Signature Event: Dr. April Baker-Bell – Downtown Saginaw Center – February 5
 - Mobile Food Pantry – Downtown Saginaw Center – February 10
 - Winter Learning Day Program
 - UMOJA and El Camino flyers with upcoming events
 - Latest edition of Delta Collegiate
- Happy Birthday – Michael Wood – February 26

**TRUSTEE
COMMENTS**

A. Clark said this was his favorite student presentation. He likes running into student leaders doing different things in the community.

M. Wood said Delta College is envied all over the state for its PDA (professional development allowance). Regarding the student success presentation, if you look at our mission, vision and values, all of them have the word community. Having the honor society and PTK give back to the community shows we really are a community college.

D. Middleton congratulated Mary Gross on her retirement after working 19 years. She encouraged everyone to read the editorial on page 14 of the Delta Collegiate – “The Stigma of Community College.” She mentioned a Netflix series that pokes fun at community colleges, and she doesn’t think it’s funny.

B. Handley-Miller said it was nice to hear both presentations and congratulated Sascha Rivet, Math Professor, and Angela Trabalka, English Associate Professor, on their leadership of the FCTE (Faculty Center for Teaching Excellence). She was glad that we hired a combined total of 29 faculty between last year and this year and have over 8,500 students this term. She’s glad that the Honors program will have projects in other communities soon. M. Thomas will be a great medical professional.

A. Thomas dittoed many Trustees’ comments and said that she enjoyed both presentations and thought they were very enlightening. She would like to participate in the bed building project for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. She thanked everyone for what they are doing for Delta College, our students, and the community. She wished a Happy Birthday to Michael Wood.

M. Rowley will start calling Delta College, “America’s leading college.” He shared copies of an article, “The Next purpose of Michigan Universities” which is about how educational institutions will address artificial intelligence. From the article he paraphrased, “The future belongs to those who can transform knowledge, and the courage to lead, the empathy to collaborate, and the character to take responsibility in complex, changing systems. Those are human capacities that are formed, not downloaded.”

M. Nash echoed fellow Trustees’ comments and thanked D. Middleton for her leadership of the presidential search up until now and going forward. He said the “Last Chance U” is a fairly interesting show which is more redemption-type than poking fun at community colleges.

A. Baldwin said she knew Bob Johnson, former Delta student that was profiled in the Delta Collegiate. She thought that was cool. Anything else she had to share was already said.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Board Chair Gannon wished a happy birthday to Sascha Rivet.

She said she looks forward to reading the article that M. Rowley shared. Her educational background is in human performance improvement. She said that AI has to be interpreted by humans.

She spoke directly to the students in attendance and wanted them to understand the value of the school they are attending and to look at our strategic plan which focuses on student success. She said everything that the people do in this room is for student success.

Board Chair Gannon looks forward to attending the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC, and expressing the things that are important to us.

She thanked everyone for being here this evening and asked them to be careful going home.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Gannon adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Kay Schuler, Assistant Board Secretary Pro Tem

Talisa Brown, Board Secretary Pro Tem