

Delta College
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Delta College Board Room B-151
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
7:00 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT	A. Baldwin, S. Gannon, B. Handley-Miller, D. Middleton, M. Nash, M. Rowley, A. Thomas, M. Wood
BOARD ABSENT	A. Clark
OTHERS PRESENT	R. Battinkoff, J. Berry, D. Bloedel, T. Brown, W. Childs, P. Clark, R. Curry, C. DeEulis, L. Dull, S. Dudewicz, J. Evans, J. Foco, C. Gonzales, L. Govitz, L. Grant, G. Hall, M. Harris, S. Hill, D. Hopkins, T. Johnroe, J. Johnson, T. Khalil, K. Klein, K. Kiste-Toner, L. Lawrason, J. Miller, E. Miner, G. Pellerito, J. Perry, K. Schuler, T. Shea, A. Turner, A. Ursuy, S. VanderLaan
PRESS PRESENT	None
CALL TO ORDER	Board Chair Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	<p>Board Chair Gannon asked for a motion to approve the agenda.</p> <p>A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Wood seconded the motion.</p> <p>M. Rowley requested that Item 5.A.2. (Acceptance of Minutes: Board Regular Meeting, February 3, 2026) be removed from the Consent Agenda. Board Chair Gannon accepted the request, and the item was moved to 6.A.</p> <p>Motion to approve the amended agenda passed unanimously.</p>
PUBLIC COMMENT	Board Chair Gannon called for public comment.
TREASURER'S REPORT	<p>J. Foco said that the Board has received the College financial statements for the month ended February 28, 2026. Currently, there are no significant variances to report.</p> <p>Work on the 2026-2027 budget is in progress, and a recommendation will be presented at the June Board Meeting for approval.</p>
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 Dinner Meeting, February 3, 2026

**APPROVAL OF
AMENDED
MINUTES OF
BOARD REGULAR
MEETING,
FEBRUARY 3, 2026
(BA5659)**

M. Rowley made a motion to approve the February 3, 2026, regular board meeting minutes as is with one word, “community” removed from his comments.

M. Wood supported the motion. A. Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF FY
2026-2027 TUITION
AND FEE SCHEDULE
(BA5660)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the FY 2026-2027 Tuition & Fee Schedule as presented. In addition, the Board instructs the Administration to reduce the in-district tuition rate by any amount necessary to maintain compliance, if the Michigan legislature includes community college tuition constraint language within its approved 2026-2027 state budget.

A. Thomas made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
COMPUTER
PURCHASE FROM
DELL CORPORATION
(BA5661)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of computers and monitors for academic classrooms, computer labs, faculty and staff as part of the college’s lifecycle replacement at a cost of \$349,625 from Dell Corporation.

A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Nash seconded the motion.

A. Thomas asked what happens with the computer equipment that is being replaced. J. Foco said laptops are put in the library for use by students. Some desktops are recycled while others will be put in storage if needed.

B. Handley-Miller asked if faculty could still choose between using a Mac or Dell computer. J. Foco confirmed that faculty has a choice.

D. Middleton asked for clarification on how the professional development allowance was used to fund this expense. J. Foco answered that the funds used are in arrears and it is money that was unspent by faculty and staff from previous years.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
SUBSCRIPTION FOR
VIRTUAL SERVER
SOFTWARE FROM
BROADCOM
(BA5662)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a three-year subscription with Broadcom for virtual server software at a cost of \$495,000.

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

There was discussion about servers on premises versus in the cloud and hybrid.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
PURCHASE OF DELL
HYPER-V
EQUIPMENT FOR
DATA CENTER
(BA5663)**

It is the recommendation of the Board of Trustees to approve a purchase order for up to \$1,100,000 to purchase Dell Hyper-V equipment for the data center.

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

J. Foco said he would report the actual amount at the April Board Meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
REVISIONS TO THE
SABBATICAL LEAVES
AND GRANTS
POLICY FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE
PROFESSIONAL AND
SUPPORT STAFF
(BA5664)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed revisions to the Sabbatical Leaves and Educational and Travel Grants Policy.

A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Nash seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF GYM
LIGHTING AND
CONTROLS PROJECT
FROM VALLEY
ELECTRIC (BA5665)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase order with Valley Electric in the amount of \$180,189 and authorize a total project budget of \$203,207 to ensure comprehensive project completion of the Carlyon Gym Lighting and Controls Upgrade.

M. Wood made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Baldwin seconded the motion.

B. Handley-Miller asked for the reason behind the wide range in bids. T. Khalil answered that contractors are looking for work.

M. Nash asked if there was an operational savings from the lighting upgrade and if this was more efficient lighting. T. Khalil responded that the old lighting was an earlier version of LED, probably ten years old, and is not working for us.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH TMA (BA5666)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase order with TMA Systems in the amount of \$137,419.70 for the 5-year Facilities Management Software agreement.

A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Wood seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF L AND M WING RENOVATION PROJECT FROM WILLIAM A KIBBE ARCHITECTS (BA5667)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase order with William A Kibbe Architects in the amount of \$528,898.04 and authorize a total project budget of \$555,342.04 to ensure comprehensive project completion of the L and M Wing Renovation.

M. Wood made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF NEW PROGRAM – SKILLED TRADES IN INSTRUMENTATION TECHNOLOGY – ADVANCED CERTIFICATE (BA5668)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a new program, Skilled Trades in Instrumentation Technology - Advanced Certificate effective fall semester 2026. This is proposed by the Business and Technology Division.

A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Thomas seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF NEW PROGRAM – ACCOUNTING FOUNDATIONS – CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT (BA5669)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a new program, Accounting Foundations - Certificate of Achievement effective fall semester 2026. This is proposed by the Business and Technology Division.

A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the recommendation. D. Middleton seconded the motion.

S. VanderLaan explained that this certificate gives accounting students a quick foundation that allows them to start a job (as an intern, etc.) with the expectation of the employer that they would learn more.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF NEW PROGRAM – ACCOUNTING ANALYTICS – CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT (BA5670)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a new program, Accounting Analytics - Certificate of Achievement effective fall semester 2026. This is proposed by the Business and Technology Division.

A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Wood seconded the motion.

B. Handley-Miller asked if there is an advantage to achieving the certificate if a student is obtaining a CPA and if their financial aid reset. J. Perry said there are many variables that go into financial aid.

Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH UPDATE

Board Chair Gannon thanked D. Middleton for leading this charge. She said it was a tedious process that involved a lot of people who gave a lot of their time to put together a report for the Board.

Board Chair Gannon said that tomorrow there is a Special Board Meeting at 4:00pm to complete the process of defining candidates who we would like to have additional information from.

Board Chair Gannon thanked the students for the time they put into serving on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. She also thanked the Trustees for their time reviewing candidates' packets since February 27. She said she is looking forward to moving closer to getting a new president.

STUDENT SUCCESS: CONSTITUTION DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The Student Success presentation featured "Constitution Day at the Capitol" presented by Kim Klein, Professor in Political Science, and Lisa Lawrason, Professor in Political Science. They were joined by Justin Evans and Giuseppe Pellerito, both Delta students, who made the trip to the Michigan State Capitol on September 17, 2025.

A group of about 20 Delta students sat in on House and Senate committee hearings. The students said they enjoyed the immersive experience and learned more about the constitution and engaging in civic dialogue.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment Report

The Winter Semester began on January 10. As of today, 8,521 students are registered (2,582FT, 5,939PT).

We projected 76,999 contact hours for the winter semester and are currently at 109% (83,892 contact hours) of projection.

Registration for spring semester is underway. To-date, 2,971 students are registered (398FT, 2,573PT). We projected 21,482 contact hours for the spring semester and as of today, we are at 104% (22,400 contact hours) of projection.

Personnel Report

I have approved the reappointments of several tenure-track and one-year renewable faculty members. Congratulations to all.

- **One-Year Appointments**

- **Business and Technology** – Jim Miller, Celeste Quiney
- **Health and Wellness** – Amy Jaster, Deborah Uhlian
- **Science and Mathematics** – Allyssa Thomas, Diane Wisniewski
- **Social Sciences** – Peter Nkhoma

- **Tenure Track**

- **Arts and Letters** – Suzanne Brown, John Chavez, Melanie Fisher, Trevor Fuller, Madelynn Gregory, Elijah Meek, Jenelle Salisbury, Qiana Towns-Williams
 - **Business and Technology** – Steve Gormley, Cynthia Grether, Ethan Short, Greg Tacey
 - **Health and Wellness** – Erica Collins, Ericha Diegel, Bryan Graybill, Jessica Herek, Kathleen Holsing, Ashley Howe, Kati Kocot, Shannon Krolkowski, Sabrina Kuhl, Danni Linton, Breanne Paisley, Lance Redwanz, Katti Reynolds, Amber Sleight, Ryan Teeple, Nichole Webb, Amy Wegener, Jeanne Woodbury
 - **Science and Mathematics** – Casey Armour, Jennifer Bourbina, Konnor Brennan, Katie Grappin, Jordan Hoffman, Katie Howland, Rhonda Hughes-Seefeldt, Julia Katzbaer, Tim McGuire, Kelsey Pressler, Brad Pretzer, Anne Quinn, Eve Roller, Abigail Van Vuren, Maggie Zimmerman
 - **Social Sciences** – Erin Corle, Donald Duchene, Craig Irvine, Amber Johnson, Jerrard Johnson, Brandon Straight, Melissa Wallace
- Faculty that have been approved for promotion and tenure will be announced at the April Board Meeting.

The list of those on the tenure-track and one-year renewable appointments, as well as the complete report of hires, promotions, and separations for the month of February can be found in the Board packets.

Information Sharing

Congratulations:

- **Achieving the Dream Leader College**
 - Delta College has been awarded the designation effective March 4, 2026, for a three-year term.
 - Award was accepted by Reva Curry at the DREAM conference last week in Portland, OR.
 - This recognition has a lasting impact as AtD uses lessons and cutting-edge approaches from colleges like ours to inform and inspire others across AtD's highly diverse network in their efforts to support the students and communities they serve.
- **Terry Blackmer, Fire Science Program Coordinator**
 - Terry was appointed by Governor Whitmer to the Michigan Firefighters Training Council.
 - This board oversees all firefighters' education in the state of Michigan and selects curricula for all of the state's training programs including community colleges and county training programs.
- **Mobile Food Distribution**
 - At this event that took place in February in Saginaw, we served 804 individuals across over 283 households impacting approximately 300 families including additional "walk-ins".
 - Next Mobile Food Distribution – March 17 – Loons Stadium in Midland
- **Justin Bamberg – LMS and Multimedia Design Technologist**
 - Justin is speaking at the national D2L conference.
 - He has worked closely with the D2L technology team over the past several years and Delta is increasingly recognized as a result.
- **Marketing Department – Matt Brown, Jessica Gavord, Luke Goodrow, Leanne Govitz, Amanda Hammond, Sue Paris**
 - The Marketing Department earned 18 awards in five different higher education design and marketing communication competitions.
 - The top award recipient was the newly designed website, which has won three gold awards and two silver awards.
 - Other standout awards were for the MyWay student video features, the welding program video, the admissions viewbook and the Spring 2025 edition of *Journeys* magazine.

Comments:

Thanks to Trustees Stacey Gannon and Barb Handley-Miller for attending the Faculty and Staff Winter Learning Day on Friday, February 13.

Upcoming Events:

- **League for Innovation in the Community College Innovations Conference**
 - March 15-18, 2026 – Indianapolis, IN

- Reva Curry, League Representative, will be attending the conference along with 7 faculty and 2 staff.
- League Excellence Award Recipients
 - Antoinette Clegg, Professor, Accounting
 - Laura Dull, Professor, History
 - Michael Faleski, Professor, Physics
 - Michele Pratt, Manager, Library Programs and Services
- **From the Red Scare to Cancel Culture: Dissent in Democracy Now and Then**
 - March 18 – 2-3:30pm – Lecture Theater
 - Panel Discussion on free expression in America
- **Honors Program Recognition Ceremony**
 - Thursday, March 19 – 5pm – Lecture Theater
- **Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony**
 - Thursday, March 19 – 6:30pm – Lecture Theater
- **21st Annual Cesar Chavez Luncheon (hosted by Saginaw American G.I. Forum)**
 - Friday, March 27 – 11:30am – 1:30pm
 - UAW Local 699 Hall
- **President’s Speaker Series**
 - Wednesday, April 15 – 12-1pm – S105
 - Curtis Chin – author of *“Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant”*
 - Co-hosted by the Humanities Learning Center
- **Employee Awards Banquet**
 - Wednesday, April 15 – 1:30pm – Pioneer Gym
- **Commencement Ceremonies**
 - Friday, May 1
 - Pioneer Gymnasium
 - 6:00pm
 - Saturday, May 2
 - Pioneer Gymnasium
 - 1:00pm

Handouts:

- MCCA Summer Conference Calendar of Events and
- RSVP form (please return to Kay)
- Latest Edition of Delta Collegiate

Next Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 14

**TRUSTEE
COMMENTS**

B. Handley-Miller invited everyone to the Bay City St. Patrick’s Parade on Center Avenue this Sunday at 2pm. She thanked Drs. Lawrason and Klein, and their students for being champions for democracy. She gave them credit for keeping

that alive with our students and making moments for them to feel connected to recreating our democracy in their generation.

She congratulated the renewed faculty and is looking forward to the presidential search work. She also thanked Trustee Middleton for chairing the search committee.

A. Thomas congratulated all those that had achievements or were highlighted in the President's report. She is looking forward to the Board Meeting tomorrow night.

She also got a chance to attend the last UMOJA Event at First Ward. She said lots of information was shared with a lot of high school students in preparation for either dual enrollment or post-graduation. She said it was a fun event.

M. Rowley thanked the students, faculty, and staff for coming tonight. He said to notice that no one gave public input. He asked that the next time they are not happy with their government or something, remember to give input and suggest ways to change things; they have a powerful voice.

He thanked Drs. Klein and Lawrason for their passion and for participating in "Constitution Day." He shared that he knows one former Delta employee student, who graduated from Delta and Northwood's 3+1 program, and is gainfully employed. This person works for the same company that Trustee Rowley works for.

M. Nash shared that last Sunday was "International Women's Day", and that women hold 64% of legal rights versus what a man holds internationally. He thought about the female leadership at Delta and how inspiring that is for students to see.

D. Middleton thought the Economic Impact Study handout was fabulous and encouraged everyone to share it with local economic development organizations and chambers of commerce. She also thanked everyone for the excellent work on the tuition and fees recommendation.

She shared that Chair Gannon, Vice Chair Baldwin, and P. Clark attended the ACCT National Legislative Summit in DC in February. She said it is a great opportunity to visit with our congressional delegation and keep them informed of what is important to Delta College. On this trip, the focus was on short-term health and knowing how success will be measured for those institutions so Delta can work toward those measures.

D. Middleton said on behalf of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, she was pleased to provide their final report to the Board of Trustees. Those on the

Presidential Search Advisory Board put in a lot of work reading all the materials. There were 20 people on the committee. She especially recognized the students and people from the community for their investment in time serving on this committee.

M. Wood said he started working at Delta in 2004 and that was the first year we had to report to the federal government on what we did for Constitution Day. He worked with L. Lawrason on the first efforts to get students registered to vote. He said the Political Science department is amazing and thanked the faculty and students for all they are doing.

He thanked J. Foco for a fantastic budget presentation that was fair and concise. He was appreciative of all the presentations and thanked the faculty and staff for all the work they do.

A. Baldwin was grateful to J. Foco and his team for all the work they did. We are in a good place and planning for the future, giving our students a good rate, and they are getting a world class education with faculty.

She said student success is her favorite part of the meeting that she connects with the most. She is grateful for the diverse board and faculty and excited about all the work that we are doing.

A. Baldwin talked about the students on the Presidential Search Advisory Board being the best part as they knew what they wanted in a president. She said we have a lot of great candidates and is happy that we will have the best person.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Board Chair Gannon thanked the Trustees for their comments.

She said this has been a journey and appreciates all the time and talent that everyone put into the search. She estimated that each Trustee put at least 40-60 hours into reviewing the search materials to make sure they were doing diligence.

She explained directly to the students in attendance about the economic impact and what the return on investment was for them as students. She told them that for every \$1 they spend as a student, they can expect \$4.70 after they complete their program. It can make a powerful difference in their lives, and they can make a powerful difference in our community. She thanked the students for joining the meeting.

Board Chair Gannon said she appreciates everyone and looks forward to the Board Meeting tomorrow. She asked everyone to drive home safely tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Gannon adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.

Kay Schuler, Assistant Board Secretary Pro Tem

Talisa Brown, Board Secretary Pro Tem