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Delta College
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Delta College Board Room B-151
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
7:00 p.m.

- BOARD PRESENT** A. Baldwin, A. Clark, S. Gannon, B. Handley-Miller, D. Middleton, M. Nash, M. Rowley, A. Thomas
- BOARD ABSENT** M. Wood
- OTHERS PRESENT** B. Brown, C. Brown, D. Brown, E. Brown, E. Brown, T. Brown, P. Clark, A. Cray, R. Curry, C. DeEulis, M. Donegan, J. Foco, F. Fosgitt, J. Garn, L. Govitz, S. Harvey, S. Hill, B. Hillaker, L. Hillaker, D. Hopkins, K. Kiste-Toner, J. Kozfkay, P. Larkowski, E. Lazzari, G. Luczak, N. Maclag, K. Marchlewski, C. McMorris, J. McTaggart, B. Metiva, K. Mlujeak, M. Murphy, G. Pellerito, L. Periso, J. Perry, S. Raube, K. Schuler, J. Teets, A. Ursuy, S. VanderLaan, L. Wall, L. Williams, R. Yager, R. Young
- PRESS PRESENT** None
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Board Chair Gannon asked for a motion to approve the agenda.
- A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the agenda. B. Handley-Miller 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 Treasurers Reported presented is year-to-date as of March 31, 2026, for all funds. He shared the following general fund highlights:
- The College’s three major sources of revenue are tuition and fees, state appropriations, and property tax collections. Property tax revenue is projected to come in at projected value or above. Tuition and fees will exceed our budget projection due to the increase in our contact hours (204,000 vs. budgeted 185,000). This increase is due to the hard work by all areas of the College.
- Our recorded investment income is a little lower than last year, but we will hit our budgeted amount.
- In other funds, the auxiliary budgets combined currently reflect a net position of \$88,000 versus a deficit of \$18,000 last year at this time. Our food service is still struggling a little but is making headway. Revenue has increased for them by \$150,000 from this time last year.
- The annual plant fund budget has been used for projects throughout campus and will continue through the summer. S Wing will be the focus along with wayfinding.

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Radio and television are holding their own. With less federal funding, the team has done a great job of reducing expenses. PBS reduced their subscriptions costs and with the help of our community, we are sitting in a good position.

In terms of a legislative update, as of now we have only heard the Governor's proposal.

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, March 10, 2026
2. Board Regular Meeting, March 10, 2026
3. Special Board Meeting, March 11, 2026
4. Special Board Meeting, March 26, 2026

B. Acceptance of Closed Meeting Minutes

1. March 26, 2026, Special Board Meeting

ACCEPTANCE OF THE ESTIMATE OF PROPERTY TAXES AND STATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 (BA5682)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees accept the estimate of property taxes of \$30,868,340, and state appropriation of \$18,693,100 necessary for the next fiscal year to comply with Section 141 of the Community College Act of 1966.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE 2029 ACADEMIC CALENDAR (BA5683)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the 2029 Academic Calendar as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 8.011 EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY AND ADVOCACY (BA5684)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the revisions to Board Policy 8.011 Expressive Activity and Advocacy.

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

B. Handley-Miller asked for clarification on who would have the authority to call off an expressive activity. S. Raube explained that there is a procedure in place with the president or their designee authorized to make that decision in real time.

M. Rowley questioned how business days are defined. S. Raube said the general building hours listed on our website are linked within the policy. College hours reflect

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the timeline in which the student must submit an expressive activity request. General building hours are when the expressive activity could occur.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AH37
REPLACEMENT
PROJECT FROM
SMILLIE PLUMBING
AND HEATING
(BA5685)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase order with Smillie Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$340,000 and authorize a total project budget of \$379,000 to ensure comprehensive project completion of the AH37 replacement project.

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

B. Handley-Miller asked for the reason behind the wide range in bids. R. Young responded that some contractors may vary based on their workload. He said that we make sure it's a qualifying bid.

M. Rowley asked what was different about controlling the air for a greenhouse. R. Young said it's engineered differently than general office space so it can be controlled more precisely.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF FIRST
PHASE OF L AND M
WING RENOVATIONS
(BA5686)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the budget in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the first phase of the L and M Wing Renovation.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF S
WING WATER
INFILTRATION
PROJECT FROM
THREE RIVERS
CORPORATION
(BA5687)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase order with Three Rivers Corporation in the amount of \$1,262,806 and authorize a total project budget of \$1,399,086 to ensure comprehensive project completion of the S-Wing Water Infiltration project.

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

M. Rowley asked if we were comfortable with the recommendations that the study stated for keeping the water out. R. Young said yes as we will be using new and improved products. He also said that WJE Architects who performed the study and produced the construction documents are trustworthy.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
CONTRACT
AGREEMENT WITH**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a five-year contract agreement with Creative Dining for managing the College's Food Service Program for \$305,000.

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**CREATIVE DINING
(BA5688)**

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

B. Handley-Miller asked if there were increases at other colleges and did we make any comparisons. G. Luczak replied that we are pleased with Creative Dining. He said the cost of food has gone up, but they try to keep costs reasonable for our students and they are good partners.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
PURCHASE OF
WIRELESS
CONTROLLERS AND
ACCESS POINTS FROM
NET SOURCE ONE
(BA5689)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a \$265,203 project with Net Source One to replace our current wireless controllers and access points at all campus locations.

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

B. Handley-Miller asked if funding this project using the \$3 technology fee was unique. G. Luczak responded that this has been the process for years. J. Foco said it was part of our life cycle replacement and that this whole project will be funded using the technology fee.

Motion passed unanimously.

**STUDENT SUCCESS:
STUDENT AWARD
AND SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS**

An administrative report on student success featuring student award and scholarship recipients.

Lisa Wall, Associate Professor of Radiology, announced:

Michigan Society of Radiologic Technologist Scholarship Winner and National Leadership Conference Representative
Arizona Cray

Crystal McMorris, Professor of English and Delta Collegiate student newspaper advisor, announced:

Michigan Press Association Contest Winners

Blake Metiva

- 1st place editorial
- Honorable mention humor column

Jacob Teets

- 3rd place sport column

Kenadie Mlujeak

- Honorable mention solutions journalism

Makayla Murphy

- 3rd place editorial cartoon
- Honorable mention front-page design

Emma Brown

- 3rd place solutions journalism

Latoya Williams

- 3rd place serious column
- 3rd place blog

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Kathie Marchlewski, English Professor announced:

2026 Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement

Rebecca Yager, Collegiate Republicans at Delta College

Joshua McTaggart, Collegiate Democrats at Delta College

Giuseppe Pellerito, Collegiate Democrats at Delta College

Maureen Donegan, Professor of Psychology, announced:

Paul Moore Social Sciences Award

Brandon Hillaker

Karry Kiste-Toner, Dean of Student Success, announced:

Liberal Arts Network for Development (LAND) Awards

Brandon Hillaker, 2026 LAND Student Scholars

Noah Maciag, 2026 LAND Creative Writing Winner

National Alliance on Mental Illness Peer Support of the Year Award

Brandon Hillaker

2026 Outstanding PTA Student Award at the APTA Michigan Conference

Josie Kozfkay

\$3,000 Team Rehabilitation Scholarship (only PTA Student in the State of Michigan to be Awarded)

Layne Periso

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment Report

Registration for spring semester is underway. To date, 3,859 students are registered (572FT, 3287PT). We projected 21,482 contact hours for the spring semester and as of today, we are at 124% of projection.

Personnel Report

I have approved the following faculty for promotion and/or tenure effective with the 26/27 academic year beginning July 1, 2026:

Promotion from Instructor to Assistant Professor

Arts and Letters – John Chavez, Qiana Towns Williams

Health and Wellness – Erica Collins, Kati Kocot, Shannon Krolikowski, Lance Redwantz, Katti Reynolds, Ryan Teeple, Jeanne Woodbury

Science and Mathematics – Rhonda Hughes-Seefeldt

Social Sciences – Jerrard Johnson, Brandon Straight

Promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor with TENURE

Business and Technology – Steve Gormley, Ethan Short

Health and Wellness – Ericha Diegel, Jessica Herek, Danni Linton, Amy Wegener

Science and Mathematics – Casey Armour, Brad Pretzer

Promotion from Associate Professor to Full Professor

Arts and Letters – Angela Trabalka

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Business and Technology – Jim Proctor, Kevin Wyzkiewicz

Science and Mathematics – Kevin Dehne

Congratulations to all! The list of those receiving promotion and/or tenure, as well as the complete report of hires, promotions, and separations for the month of March can be found in the Board packets.

Information Sharing

- Congratulations to Delta College on receiving the “SolarSurge 1,000 New Beginnings” award from Corning. Statement on award: *“A successful hiring initiative takes collaboration, creativity, and hard work. You have been an integral member of the team, and for your valued effort, we thank you.”* A special thanks to Jon Foco and the Workforce Strategies team who collaborated to bring this training to campus.
- Congratulations to WDCQ Public Media for winning the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Excellence Award for “Use of Multi-Platform Media – Long Form for our “Kids Civics” series. Series was put together by Bob Przybylski, Public Media Producer Director; Lisa Lawrason, Political Science Professor; and her daughter, Kamyrn, who is featured in the videos. Award will be presented at a reception on May 16, at the Motor City Casino in Detroit.

Recent Events

- Recently attended the HLC Annual Conference, held March 21-24 in Chicago, with Reva Curry, David Hopkins, Ski VanderLaan, Talisa Brown and Wendy Ramirez.
- 21st Annual American GI Forum Scholarship Luncheon (hosted by G.I. Forum), Friday, March 27, UAW Local 699 Hall. Thanks to Trustees Baldwin, Handley-Miller and Thomas for attending.

Upcoming Events

- **President’s Speaker Series** – Wednesday, April 15, 12-1pm, Lecture Theater
Curtis Chin, author of “Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant”
- **Employee Awards Banquet** – Wednesday, April 15, 1:30pm, Gymnasium
- **MCCA Capitol Day** – Thursday, April 16, Lansing, Attending with Jon Foco, Pam Clark, and Duck
- **Women’s Soccer Championship Ring Ceremony** – Monday, April 20, 6:00pm, Lecture Theater
- **The Choirs of Delta College Present 20th Annual Spring Masterworks Concert** – Saturday, April 25, 7:00pm, St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church, Midland
- **Athletics Banquet** -- Tuesday, April 28, 5:00pm, Gymnasium
Let Kay know if you want to attend.
- **Numerous Pinning Ceremonies** – Wednesday, April 29 – Friday, May 1

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- **Commencement Ceremonies** – Friday, May 1, 6:00pm, Gymnasium and Saturday, May 2, 1:00pm, Gymnasium
To accommodate the growth and give more space for friends and families, we've divided the ceremony between two days this spring. Moving forward, we will hold an April and December commencement each year.
- **Student Awards – No Separate Ceremony**
In conjunction with the commencement change, the Foundation has also recommended that we discontinue the separate awards ceremony that occurred that same week. Instead, each graduate award winner will be recognized as they cross the stage at Commencement. They will also be wearing special stoles. This will give them a greater degree of recognition with a broader community audience.
- **Public Media Reception** – Thursday, May 7, Public Media – Lower A Wing
We will also be dedicating the Rapp Family studios, following a financial commitment by Andy and Donna Rapp. There will be hors d'oeuvres and tours given of the station and studios.
- **Covered Bridge Dedication** – Friday, May 8, Covered Bridge Area
Delta College will be rededicating the covered bridge, which was built in 1976 for America's bicentennial. Retirees, faculty, and staff are being invited for a quick dedication, following a refurbishment of the structure. We have also added a new sign that credits the faculty members from 50 years ago who built the structure. There will be some brief comments and then attendees will be encouraged to walk Delta College's trails.
- **118th Basic Police Training Academy Graduation** – Friday, May 8, 2 pm, Lecture Theater
- Happy birthday to **Trustee Arshen Baldwin** – Tuesday, May 5
- **Next Board Meeting** – Tuesday, May 12 – Downtown Midland Center

Handouts

- Reminder to view Fantastic Faculty Newsletter uploaded to BoardBook
- Police Training Academy invitation
- Latest issue of the Delta Collegiate

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

B. Handley-Miller congratulated all the students at the meeting. She said it is great when we see students out in the community. She shared how Layne Periso recently filled in for his instructor teaching at a strength and conditioning class. She said that he grew so much leading that class.

She is pleased that we are moving ahead in Broadcasting with Joe Yezak leading the department as General Manager. We are the only community college that has a license in radio and television.

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A. Thomas congratulated all the students that were recognized tonight. She said that one of the most important jobs that we have too is to support our students.

M. Rowley congratulated all the students. He told the students to let us know if they love the WiFi. He told the students that they have a powerful voice to bring concerns forward and to be the person with the solution.

M. Nash congratulated all the students.

A. Clark congratulated the students and the faculty that supported them.

D. Middleton congratulated the students and said she looks forward to the year-end celebrations. She is grateful that the search is over.

A. Baldwin congratulated the students and called a shout out to Latoya Williams, to Blake Metiva and Kenadie Mlujeak who will be attending her alma mater, CMU; to Brandon Hillaker who she follows on Facebook--it makes her proud to see what he is doing, and he should keep up the good work; and to Joshua McTaggart.

She is looking forward to attending the different celebration events. She is excited that we chose the next president.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Board Chair Gannon said to the students that they are welcome here anytime and they are our focus. She said everyone else is here to support them. She thanked them for being here and congratulated them on their awards.

She gave a shout out to Blake Metiva for his letter on page 11 of the Delta Collegiate (April 2026) – *Dear Delta*.

She said that she continues to be in awe of everyone that has worked so hard, and we will continue to work hard for all of you.

She thanked everyone for being here and asked them to join us again when they can.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Gannon adjourned the meeting at 8:11pm.

Kay Schuler, Assistant Board Secretary Pro Tem

Talisa Brown, Board Secretary Pro Tem