

Delta College
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Delta College Board Room B-151
Tuesday, June 9, 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	B. Azelton, A. Bair, R. Battinkoff, T. Brown, R. Chaltraw, W. Childs, P. Clark, R. Curry, J. Foco, A. Goebel, L. Govitz, S. Hill, J. Hoffman, E. Holt, D. Hopkins, T. Johnroe, K. Kiste-Toner, P. Larkowski, G. Luczak, J. Mulders, L. Partlow, J. Perry, M. Revercomb, K. Schuler, A. Swarthout, A. Ursuy, S. VanderLaan, J. Yezak, R. Young
PRESS PRESENT	None
CALL TO ORDER	Board Chair Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	Board Chair Gannon asked for a motion to approve the agenda. M. Wood made a motion to approve the agenda. A. Baldwin 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 financial statements for the month ended May 31, 2026. The College will finish in a net positive position overall. The restricted funds are showing a deficit because of the timing of the draw down of grants. Auxiliaries are also anticipating a positive position for the year end. Auditors will be on campus during the next two weeks to begin their preliminary testing. The finance team will provide them with documentation for closing out the books.
CONSENT AGENDA	Board Chair Gannon called for approval of the consent agenda. A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. D. Middleton seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda resulting in: A. Acceptance of Minutes: 1. Board Dinner Meeting, May 12, 2026 2. Board Regular Meeting, May 12, 2026 B. Acceptance of Closed Meeting Minutes:

1. May 12, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

**2026-2027 BUDGET
AND TAX LEVY
RESOLUTION
(BA5700)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the 2026-2027 Budget and Tax Levy Resolution.

(The resolution was read during the Budget Hearing.)

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

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF NEW
BOARD POLICY 8.020
ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE (AI)
(BA5701)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the new Board Policy 8.020 Artificial Intelligence (AI).

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

B. Handley-Miller thought the policy was missing the scope of faculty use of AI. R. Curry responded that the pedagogy committee has been working with faculty on recommendations for their use of AI. J. Foco explained that this is an overarching policy, and procedures will address the specifics in each area.

D. Middleton commented on how impressed she was with the thoroughness of the policy since it was brand new.

M. Rowley offered a friendly amendment to change the wording in the sentence under #15. *Review and Updates* to read as follows: *This policy will be reviewed and updated to reflect:*

A. Baldwin and A. Thomas both accepted the friendly amendment.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF NEW
BOARD POLICY 8.019
NON-ENROLLED
INDIVIDUALS IN THE
CLASSROOM
(BA5702)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the New Board Policy 8.019 – Non-Enrolled Individuals in the Classroom.

B. Handley-Miller asked if a non-enrolled individual was a speaker. A. Ursuy clarified that this isn't for guest speakers; it applies to students requesting to bring their children, family, or friends, etc. into their class.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF LON
BASED CONTROLS
UPGRADE PROJECT**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase order with Trane in the amount of \$247,585 and authorize a total project

**FROM TRANE
(BA5703)**

budget of \$277,343 to ensure comprehensive project completion of the Lon Based Controls Upgrade project.

D. Middleton made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Nash seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF D
WING HEAT
EXCHANGER PROJECT
FROM JOHNSON &
WOOD (BA5704)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase order with Johnson & Wood in the amount of \$414,000 and authorize a total project budget of \$460,400 to ensure comprehensive project completion of the D Wing Heat Exchanger project.

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

D. Middleton asked if steam is the way to go. R. Young explained that the results of a very comprehensive study determined that steam was the most economical choice and the smartest decision for us based on our current infrastructure.

S. Gannon inquired about the life of a heat exchanger. R. Young said it should last 20 years or longer with proper treatment and testing of the steam daily.

M. Nash questioned what the energy source was for generating steam. R. Young responded that the energy source is natural gas.

B. Handley-Miller asked about investing in geo-thermal. R. Young answered that geo-thermal could be done, but it is not efficient campus-wide. It is a possibility for a new building but probably would double the cost of construction.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF DELTA
COLLEGE PUBLIC
MEDIA GILFORD
TOWER REPAIRS
FROM FUELLGRAF
CHIMNEY AND
TOWER, INC.
(BA5705)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve a contract with Fuellgraf Chimney and Tower, Inc. for \$243,630 and authorize a total project cost of \$267,933 for the replacement of tower lighting, transmission line repair and tower repair at the Delta College Public Media Gilford Tower.

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

M. Nash asked what the source of funding is. J. Foco said this is funded through TV and Broadcasting as they have been strategic in their spending and have built up reserves.

M. Rowley wanted to know the number of towers Delta has. J. Yezak confirmed that we have two and this one is a TV tower.

B. Handley-Miller asked if the towers serve other needs besides TV. J. Foco said that we have many leases on the towers for use by different organizations such as the FBI, Coast Guard, National Guard, etc.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF
ANDREA URSUY AS
FOIA COORDINATOR
EFFECTIVE JUNE 29,
2026 (BA5706)**

Board Chair Gannon asked for a motion to appoint Andrea Ursuy as the FOIA Coordinator effective June 29, 2026.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

**STUDENT SUCCESS:
Civic Thinkers &
Science Scholars
Forum**

An administrative report on student success featured “Civic Thinkers & Science Scholars Forum” presented by Andrea Bair, Geology Associate Professor, and Audra Swarthout, Biology Professor. Originally started as Change Your World Week, then Backyard Issues Forum, this event has undergone several changes throughout the years. This semester, 65 students and 20 community decision makers and subject-area experts participated. Three Delta students, Landon Partlow, Eddy Holt, and Malachi Revercomb, participated in the presentation by talking about their research projects and their experiences in the forum.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Enrollment Report

The Spring/Summer 2026 term started May 11. As of count date, May 21, 3,855 students are enrolled (3,294 part-time, 561 full-time). We projected 21,482 contact hours for the spring term and we are at 119% of budgeted projection (25,485 contact hours). We projected 4,647 contact hours for the summer term and we are at 119% of budgeted projection (5,539 contact hours).

Registration has started for the Fall 2026 Semester. As of today, 5,616 students have registered (3,994 part-time, 1,622 full-time). We projected 79,039 contact hours for the fall semester and we are at 69% of budgeted projection (54,858 contact hours).

Personnel Report

The complete report of hires, promotions, and separations for the month of May can be found in the Board packets.

Information Sharing

• **Congratulations to Fire Science Students!**

- For the first time, Delta College held its own state Firefighter I and II test with great success.
- Instead of paying another county several thousand dollars to hold this exam, we used our own instructors with the addition of some others from nearby fire departments, and we tested our own students.
- Terry Blackmer, Fire Science Program Coordinator, shared that we had a 100% pass rate for all 3 of our Delta College Fire Academies.
- This includes both our dual enrollment academies and our regular college academy.
- This could not have been done without our friends from Frankenlust and Monitor Townships bringing their fire engines for use during this test.

- It's great to have such support for this program here at Delta College.

Comments

- **MCCA Spring Board of Directors Meeting**

- Hosted by Muskegon Community College on June 4-5.
- Trustee Rowley attended and highlighted the following:
 - Each of the House, Senate, and Governor's budget proposals had a 2-year tuition restraint – 4% the first year, and 3% the second year.
 - MCCA Summer Conference in July
 - MCCA recommends that attendees arrive on Tuesday.
 - A Presidents' Institute and a Trustees' Institute is scheduled for Wednesday.
 - A full day of meetings is scheduled for Thursday.
 - The conference concludes on Friday with a 2-hour networking breakfast.
 - The 2027 conference will be held in downtown Kalamazoo.
 - Contact Kay if you haven't made room reservations yet.

Upcoming Events

- **Graduation Ceremony for Prison Education Program – Thursday, June 11**

- Saginaw Correctional Facility in Freeland
- Delta College has partnered with the Saginaw Correctional Facility in Freeland since 2016 to offer college classes to its inmates.
- The first graduating class completed their studies in 2019.
- There will be **14** students receiving an Associate of Business Studies degree, following 3 years of studies.
- Ten of those students will also be inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, which is the official international honor society for two-year community colleges.
- From a GPA perspective, these students are consistently some of the highest performing college-wide
- The education of these students was totally funded through the federal Pell grant program.

- **Dr. Michelle Allmendinger begins her presidency – June 29**

- **MCCA Trustee Institute & Summer Conference – July 29 – 31**

- Mission Point Resort – Mackinac Island
- Please be reminded that we will not have a regular Board Meeting in July.
- **Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 11 – Downtown Saginaw Center**
- Best wishes to Stacey Gannon on her recent retirement from Huntington Bank.
- Happy Birthday to Diane Middleton (July 11)

Handouts

- PRIDE Month List of Events (at Delta and in the Community)

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

A. Clark thanked the students for visiting today and said the value they are getting should help them with career balance.

A. Clark shared that it was great to hear that the Fire Science programs had 100% pass

rates.

M. Wood echoed A. Clark's comments. He said he prefers having students as part of the presentations to the Board.

M. Wood thanked President Ursuy for her time serving as Interim President and wished her a Happy Birthday.

D. Middleton expressed gratitude for all the work that makes up the budget process. She appreciates that we are fiscally conservative, look at the big picture, analyze decisions out of our control and how those impact the budget, and provide a rich, robust analysis to the Board.

D. Middleton congratulated Tom Bennett on his retirement after working 25 years.

D. Middleton shared that she and her mother were recent patients in Delta's Dental Clinic. They were treated very well. The equipment, professionalism, and service was off the charts. She was very impressed by the students and faculty.

D. Middleton thanked President Ursuy for filling big shoes and everyone else whose responsibilities were shifted during this interim period.

A. Baldwin dittoed Trustee comments regarding Student Success and Jon Foco and his team.

A. Baldwin apologized for not being able to attend the graduation ceremony at the prison. She said that knowing that Delta is there providing education is heartwarming for her. She is grateful to serve on a Board that considers everyone, and not just some people. She asked that her congratulations be passed on to the graduates.

M. Rowley dittoed all the Trustee comments. He thanked everyone for participating tonight and everyone for all their hard work on the budget.

M. Rowley addressed the public comment that was made at the May Board Meeting regarding the interaction between a Trustee and a student. He said that report was based on second-hand information. In his first-hand account, he explained that he responded to a student's interview request and had intentionally given short answers and avoided speaking on behalf of the Board given the nature of the questions. His intent was to help the student with an assignment without violating Board policy. Because of this public input, he cautioned fellow Trustees about granting interviews, answering written questionnaires, and participating in open forums while they are an elected Trustee.

M. Nash thanked Andrea Ursuy and the entire College on how well the College runs and for the students' benefit. He thought the student presentation and the way these projects come across is great.

M. Nash asked for applause for J. Foco since no one applauded him after the budget presentation during the Board Dinner Meeting.

A. Thomas dittoed all the thanks to everyone who during the transition, was available and made it work.

A. Thomas thanked the three students – Landon, Eddy, and Malachi – for their presentation tonight. She said she could hear and see their passion, and it was energizing and contagious.

She personally thanked J. Foco.

B. Handley-Miller thanked J. Foco and his team. She thanked Broadcasting for their excellence during a difficult year. She thanked President Ursuy for the great job and everyone else that helped.

B. Handley-Miller reminded everyone about MI Reconnect and encouraged all to have conversations in the community. She shared a story of one of her former students who didn't finish his degree because he ran out of money. He has since returned to Delta.

B. Handley-Miller encouraged everyone to vote in the primary on Tuesday, August 4, and to attend any events during PRIDE Month.

A. Baldwin announced that she and A. Thomas will serve as masters of ceremony for the Juneteenth event on June 20.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Board Chair Gannon said her favorite thing is having students present at a meeting. She thanked the students for doing a fabulous job and encouraged them to send their fellow students.

S. Gannon asked that we keep Shelly Raube in our thoughts while she mourns the passing of her mother.

She asked Trustees to look at the Board calendar and reminded them that the next Board meeting is at the Downtown Saginaw Center and that Commencement is scheduled for December 11.

S. Gannon complimented A. Ursuy, T. Brown, and K. Schuler on the work that was done by them since we learned of Dr. Gavin's resignation. She appreciated the tutoring on what to do and believes they've all become better friends and colleagues. She said they deserved a lot of credit for making all of this come to fruition and thanked everyone for participating in the process. We will have a smooth transition.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Gannon adjourned the meeting at 8:21pm.

Kay Schuler, Assistant Board Secretary Pro Tem

Talisa Brown, Board Secretary Pro Tem