

Delta College
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Delta College Downtown Saginaw Center
Tuesday, August 11, 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	M. Allmendinger, R. Battinkoff, T. Brown, P. Clark, R. Curry, C. DeEulis, J. Dorcey, J. Foco, L. Govitz, M. Hernandez-Alaniz, S. Hill, D. Hopkins, T. Johnroe, K. Kiste-Toner, E. Lazzari, J. Perry, D. Phelps, S. Raube, K. Schuler, A. Serrato, A. Ursuy, S. VanderLaan, J. Yezak, 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. 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 June 30, 2026. The numbers are close to final but not actual as our staff work to close out the fiscal year. Most accruals have been recorded. Public Media will finish the year in the black. And the College will finish in the black overall.
CONSENT AGENDA	Board Chair Gannon called for approval of the consent agenda. B. Handley-Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda. A. Baldwin seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda resulting in: A. Acceptance of Minutes: 1. Board Dinner Meeting, June 9, 2026 2. Budget Hearing Meeting, June 9, 2026 3. Board Regular Meeting, June 9, 2026
APPROVAL OF DOMESTIC WATER HEATER REPLACEMENT PROJECT FROM	It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase order with Remer Mechanical in the amount of \$243,000 and authorize a total project budget of \$272,300 to ensure comprehensive project completion of the Domestic Water Heater Replacement project.

**REMER MECHANICAL
(BA5707)**

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

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
LIFECYCLE ROOFING
REPLACEMENT
PROJECT FROM
BROWN & SON
ROOFING (BA5708)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase order with Brown & Son Roofing in the amount of \$953,239 and authorize a total project budget of \$1,170,843 to ensure comprehensive project completion of the Lifecycle Roofing Replacement project.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

**STUDENT SUCCESS:
Setting Students Up
for Success:
Multicultural
Graduation**

A student success report, "Setting Students Up for Success: Multicultural Graduation," was presented by Chris DeEulis, director of BEDI.

Chris discussed how several college groups are helping graduates celebrate their cultures and identities by providing stoles and cords to wear during commencement. In addition to Kente cloth, sarape and military branch stoles, the college is adding stoles recognizing Native American, LGBTQ+ and disability identities.

The stoles and cords are distributed during a special event for graduates and their families. Graduates are individually recognized and presented with the stole and cords they selected. Last May, approximately 100 graduates and family members attended the event, and 300 cords and stoles were distributed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment Report

The Spring/Summer 2026 semester ends on August 20. As of today, 4,081 students are enrolled (3,556 part-time, 525 full-time). We projected 21,482 contact hours for the spring term and we are at 118% of budgeted projection (25,384 contact hours). We projected 4,647 contact hours for the summer term and we are at 108% of budgeted projection (5,005 contact hours).

Registration is underway for the Fall 2026 semester. To date, 7,830 students have registered (5,177 part-time, 2,653 full-time). We projected 79,039 contact hours for the fall semester and we are at 103% of budgeted projection (81,030 contact hours). There will be some fluctuation because tomorrow is the second drop date for non-payment.

Fall classes begin on August 29.

Personnel Report

The complete report of hires, promotions, and separations for the months of June and July can be found in the Board packets.

Information Sharing

- Congratulations to Respiratory Therapist Student, Paul LaBrenz

- He submitted two designs for the Michigan Society for Respiratory Care logo competition and won!
- His design will appear on all official MSRC materials.
- Congratulations to Jeff Vande Zande, Professor of English who was recently featured on ABC's Good Morning Mid-Michigan promoting his final novel in his Michigan-based Orphan Island Trilogy.
- Renewal: Articulation Agreement with Eastern Michigan University (EMU).
Delta College, Associate in Business Studies, Legal Support Professional
EMU, Bachelor of Science in Paralegal
Under this agreement Eastern (EMU) will waive their rule that 60 hours must be completed at the university and allow Delta's entire degree, plus electives, to transfer and apply.
 - *Benefits to students:*
 - *Entire Delta ABS degree will transfer and apply to the BS.*
 - *Additional electives, up to 87 total credits, will transfer and apply.*
 - *Students can complete the MTA using electives.*
 - *Only 33 credits are needed at EMU to complete the BS.*
 - *Courses delivered in a hybrid format, both face-to-face and online*
 - *EMU paralegal program ranks No. 15 in the U.S., No. 1 in Michigan.*
 - *The EMU paralegal program is approved by the American Bar Association.*
 - *Students will intern at an attorney-supervised Legal Resource Center.*
 - *Scholarships are available to qualifying students.*
 - *High demand occupation, U.S. Bureau of Labor predicts there will be about 37,300 paralegal openings each year, median starting salary \$62,000.*
 - This agreement was reviewed and approved by Heidi Helgren, professor & coordinator Management/Legal Support, and Sue Roche, associate dean, Business & Technology Division.
 - This articulation agreement originated in 2005; it has an annual administrative review for changes and renews every four years.

Comments

Dr. Allmendinger said that she has had several meetings in her first weeks on the job.

- Internal meetings and tours
 - Union leaders and leaders of the work groups
 - Deans and assistant deans
 - Campus tour, tour of the tunnels, tour of the trails and grounds, different wings and areas. Just today I toured the library, teaching and learning center, and the testing center.
 - Cabinet retreat to discuss hot topics – AI, updating the strategic plan and shared governance
- External meetings

- Met with all Board of Trustees Members, with one member unavailable
- Magen Samyn – President, Bay Area Chamber
- Brandy Johnson – President, MCCA
- Dr. George Grant – President, SVSU
- Matt Franklin – Senator Slotkin’s Regional Manager
- Tony Stamas – President, Midland Business Alliance; and Nicole Wilson, Vice President of Economic Development
- Dr. Rufus Glasper – President, League for Innovation in the Community College
- Scheduled meetings
 - Dick Dolinski – President, The Legacy Center for Student Success
 - Susan Mayer – Chief Learning Officer, Achieving the Dream
 - Eugene Seals, Jr. – President, Saginaw County Chamber
 - Shawna Walraven – President, Bay Area Community Foundation
- MCCA Summer Conference
 - Thanks to the Trustees who attended – Board Chair Gannon, Board Vice Chair Baldwin, Trustees Handley-Miller, Middleton, Nash, Rowley, Thomas and Wood
 - 2026 MCCA Outstanding Alumnus Award recipient – Dr. Debra Daniels
 - Graduated from Delta with an associate’s degree in dental assisting
 - Earned bachelor’s from Ferris State University, a master’s and doctorate from University of Illinois
 - Became president of three community colleges across the country
 - Established scholarship and student success programs that removed financial barriers
 - Congratulations to Board Vice Chair Baldwin, who received her five-year service award
- Be sure to check out the Fantastic Faculty newsletter uploaded to your Board Book.

Upcoming events

- Presidential Honors Scholars Welcome Dinner – August 13, 5pm, N007 and Commons
- 58th Annual Saginaw African Cultural Festival – August 14–16, 2601 Lapeer Avenue, Saginaw, MI (former Morley School grounds)
- RN Pinning Ceremony – August 18, 4pm, Lecture Theater
- PNE (Practical Nursing Education) Pinning Ceremony – August 19, 4pm, Lecture Theater
- Great Lakes Bay Regional Chamber Summit – August 19, Horizons Conference Center, Saginaw
- Fall Learning Days – August 24–26
 - President’s Breakfast – Tuesday, August 25, 7:45am, Pioneer Gym
 - President’s Fall Address – 8:45am

- To allow all employees to participate that morning, college offices will be closed from 8am - 12:15pm
- Dedication of Carlyon Gym and Retiree Luncheon – Friday, September 11, 11am
- 9th Annual Color Run, 5K walk/run – Saturday, September 12
 - Registration at 8am, race begins at 9am
 - Hosted by Physical Therapist Assistant Club
- 65th Anniversary Open House dates
 - Monday, September 21, 4pm, Downtown Midland Center
 - Monday, September 28, 4pm, Downtown Saginaw Center
 - Wednesday, September 30, 1pm, Main Campus, employee and student celebration
 - Thursday, October 15, 4pm, Downtown Bay City Center
- NAACP Saginaw Branch will host the 55th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet – Sunday, September 27, 5pm, Horizons Conference Center
- Next board meeting – Tuesday, September 8, Main Campus

Handouts

- Program for Fall Learning Days
- 2026-27 Strategic Plan and Budget

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

A. Clark thanked Chris for this evening's presentation. He said he likes being at the Centers for meeting.

M. Wood said MCCA Summer Workshop was great this year. He said that he enjoyed the format with breakout sessions. He thanked Kay for making the arrangements.

D. Middleton said she also enjoyed MCCA. She congratulated the faculty and staff who retired and are listed in this month's hires and separations report. D. Middleton added that she loves the budget book and it is a great resource.

M. Rowley and M. Nash agreed with all comments.

A. Thomas said she knows Jaden (featured in this evening's presentation). His story is a true testament to the wonderful work the College does. She said this was her second year attending MCCA and it was a good conference. A. Thomas congratulated A. Baldwin on her service award from MCCA. She said she is looking forward to the African Cultural Festival this weekend as well as the upcoming open houses to celebrate the 65th anniversary.

B. Handley-Miller congratulated Trustee Thomas and Baldwin for their great work in planning the African Cultural Festival. She noted that the open houses at the centers will be a great way for Dr. Allmendinger to meet the community.

Vice Chair Baldwin congratulated public radio and broadcasting for ending the year in the black.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Board Chair Gannon thanked Chris DeEulis for his presentation this evening.

She also congratulated those highlighted in this month's Fantastic Faculty newsletter.

Board Chair Gannon thanked the Foundation for their great work and said that this month she received a personal letter from her family's scholarship recipient.

On behalf of the Board, Board Chair Gannon presented recognition plaques to Talisa Brown and Kay Schuler and a bowl to Andrea Ursuy in recognition of their work and leadership at the College from January – June 2026, while the Board searched for a new president.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Gannon adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm.

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary