

Delta College
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Delta College Board Room B-151
Tuesday, September 8, 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, W. Burns, W. Childs, P. Clark, R. Curry, C. DeEulis, J. Dorcey, L. Dull, J. Foco, L. Govitz, S. Hill, D. Hopkins, T. Johnroe, K. Kiste-Toner, E. Lazzari, C. Moultrip, J. Perry, S. Raube, E. Robb, T. Shea, K. Schuler, A. Serrato, D. Urbaniak, J. Yezak
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>M. Wood made a motion to approve the agenda. A. Baldwin seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.</p>
APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY PRO TEM TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BA5709)	<p>It is the recommendation of the Board of Trustees that Talisa Brown be appointed Secretary Pro Tem to the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>Arshen Baldwin made a motion to approve the recommendation. D. Middleton seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion 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 financial statements for the month ending August 31, 2026. There are no variances to report at this time.</p> <p>He reminded the Board that the State of Michigan does not make any state aid payments during August or September.</p> <p>The finance team is working with the auditors who are onsite this week. Final numbers for 2025-2026 will be presented in November.</p>
CONSENT AGENDA	<p>Board Chair Gannon called for approval of the consent agenda.</p> <p>M. Nash made a motion to approve the consent agenda. A. Baldwin seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda resulting in:</p>

A. Acceptance of Minutes:

1. Board Regular Meeting, August 11, 2026

APPROVAL OF INCREASES TO THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE (PDA) FOR SUPPORT STAFF AND ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL STAFF (BA5710)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve, for fiscal year 2026-2027, an increase of \$225 to the Support Staff Professional Development Allowance and an increase of \$250 to the Administrative/Professional Staff Professional Development Allowance.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

STUDENT SUCCESS: Setting Students Up for Success: Advising, Counseling and Office of Disability Resources

A student success report, "Setting Students Up for Success: Advising, Counseling and Office of Disability Resources," was presented by Karry Kiste-Toner, Dean of Student Success; Erica Robb, Director of Student Support, and David Urbaniak, Director of Advising.

Karry, Erica, and David talked about the good work that is happening in the Student Success Center and how they engage our students and set them up for success in Advising, Counseling, and in the Office of Disability Resources.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment Report

Classes for the Fall 2026 Semester began on August 29. As of count date (9/8/26), 8,488 students are enrolled (5,608 part-time, 2,880 full-time).

We projected 79,039 contact hours for the fall semester and as of count date, we are at 109% (86,442 contact hours) of projection.

Personnel Report

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

Information Sharing

- RENEWAL: Articulation Agreement with Eastern Michigan University (EMU)
Delta Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (ADN)
EMU Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
This agreement is designed to provide a natural transition from the associate's degree to the baccalaureate level.
 - *Benefit to students:*
 - 3+1 agreement, up to 90 credits will transfer from Delta.
 - The 30 EMU credits can be completed within 12-24 months.
 - Reduced tuition, \$9,840 for the 30 remaining credits in the BSN completion program.
 - Convenient BSN online completion program for the working RN.
- NEW: Articulation Agreement with Eastern Michigan University (EMU)
Delta College Associate in Applied Arts, Journalism & Integrated Media

EMU Bachelor of Science in Journalism or Bachelor of Science in Media Studies & Journalism

Under this agreement Eastern will waive its 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:*
 - *All three Delta tracks are transferable to the two EMU programs*
 - *Only 45 credits are needed at EMU to complete the BS*
 - *Courses are delivered in a hybrid format, both face-to-face and online*
- Weeks of Welcome – Supporting student engagement across all campuses, August 31 – September 24. A four-week experience designed to help students connect, navigate campus resources, and start the semester with confidence.
 - Week 1: Belonging – Students build connections, discover campus traditions, and find their place at Delta College. I enjoyed attending the cookout held in the Commons.
 - Week 2: Resources – Students explore the services and support available to help them succeed academically and personally.
 - Week 3: Engagement Beyond the Classroom – Students learn about clubs, leadership opportunities, events, and ways to get involved on campus.
 - Week 4: Bringing It All Together – Students celebrate their first weeks at Delta while reinforcing the tools and connections that support their success.
- Congratulations to the recipients of the 2026 Women of Achievement Awards
 - Board Chair Stacey Gannon–Business; Trustee Diane Middleton–Civic & Community Impact; and Dr. Elsa Olvera, Director of Admissions and Recruitment–Education
 - The award luncheon is Tuesday, October 13, with the ceremony from 12-1:15pm at SVSU's Curtiss Hall.

Comments

Dr. Allmendinger shared some of the events and activities she attended.

- Internal events
 - President's Honors Scholarship welcome dinner, thanks to Trustee Wood for attending.
 - 58th Annual Saginaw African Cultural Festival, Trustees Baldwin and Thomas on the committee
 - Pinning Ceremonies: RN, PN, Dental Assisting
 - Great Lakes Bay Regional Chamber Summit
 - Fall Learning Days: Delivered the State of the College Address on August 25, Dr. José Bowen keynote speaker on AI. Thanks to Board Chair Gannon for attending.
 - Fall Field Day
 - Volleyball game
 - Robotics class
 - Toured the Observatory
- External meetings
 - Eugene Seals, Jr. – President/CEO, Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce
 - Shawna Walraven – President/CEO of Bay Community Foundation

- State Representative Bill G. Schuette
- Attended Roundtable Event with Senator Elissa Slotkin in Bay City

Upcoming events

- **Dedication of Carlyon Gym and Retiree Luncheon**, Friday, September 11, 1pm, Gym
- **9th Annual Color Run**, Saturday, September 12, 5K Walk/Run
- **Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration**, September 15 – October 15
 - Featured event: Latino Mental Health Panel, September 24
This panel discussion will focus on mental health in the Latino/Hispanic community. The discussion will focus on addressing access, representation, stigma and support. Panelists include Angel Gomez, Sevia Reyes and Velencia Mejia, moderated by Monica Hernandez-Alaniz. This event will take place from 6-7:30pm at the Downtown Saginaw Center.
- **League for Innovation in the Community College**, Fall Board Meeting, September 15-17, St. Louis Community College, Bridgeton, Missouri. Dr. Reva Curry and I are attending.
- **Humanities Learning Center's Humanities Awards**, Sunday, September 20, 2:30pm, Andersen Enrichment Center, Saginaw
- **65th Anniversary Open Houses**
 - Downtown Midland Center, Monday, September 21, 4pm
 - Downtown Saginaw Center, Monday, September 28, 4pm
 - Downtown Bay City Center, Thursday, October 15, 4pm
 - Main Campus Employee & Student Celebration, Wednesday, September 30, 1pm
- **MCCA Fall Board of Directors Meeting**, September 24-25, Northwestern Michigan College, Traverse City
- NAACP Saginaw Branch will host **55th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet**. Sunday, September 27, 5pm, Horizons Conference Center
- **President's Circle Dinner**, Thursday, October 8, Greal Hall, Midland, 5pm
- **Next Board Meeting**, Tuesday, October 13, Downtown Bay City Center
- **ACCT Leadership Congress**, October 21-24, Chicago, Illinois, Board Chair Gannon, Vice Chair Baldwin and I are attending.
- **A Chocolate Affair**, Thursday, November 5, 6pm, Horizons Conference Center; tickets are available online or by calling the Foundation Office.

Projects

- President's Cabinet is updating the strategic plan.
- My goals will be presented at the October Board Meeting.

Happy Birthday

- Barb Handley-Miller – August 28
- Alexis Thomas – October 5

TRUSTEE COMMENTS A. Clark had no comments to share this evening.

M. Wood thanked the presenters of both presentations and said it is good to see Delta continuing to support our students in all the different populations that we serve.

M. Wood also congratulated the five adjunct faculty that are now full-time faculty for this semester even though that may require more work for Associate Deans who may have to recruit new adjuncts.

D. Middleton gave kudos to everyone who's helping our students manage life by removing barriers and having them focus on academics.

D. Middleton recognized Marcia Hulett-Jones for her nine years of service and congratulated Alison Ginter on her promotion. She said she's known Alison for a long time and is glad she was promoted.

D. Middleton said that she would be here on Friday for the Carlyon Gym Dedication and is looking forward to all the celebrations right through commencement in December.

M. Rowley had nothing to add to what was already said.

M. Nash was thankful for both presentations tonight. He acknowledged the police officer coins that were given to the Trustees.

A. Thomas said she has a niece that is a dual enrolled student who appreciates the opportunity.

A. Thomas appreciated Dr. Allmendinger and the staff that supported the African Cultural Festival this year.

B. Handley-Miller loved both presentations. She shared that she forgot to mention to Brittany Hodges and Josh Gorm that there's a First Responders and Veterans Resource Fair at Bay City State Park this Sunday.

B. Handley-Miller shared details of her recent vacation to Glacier National Park in Montana. She talked about seeing Blackfoot Community College on the Blackfoot Indian Reservation which has 2,200 students. The average income on the reservation is \$20,000. The community college is very important there and a symbol of hope for many. She feels committed to the community college movement and community colleges across the country that represent that kind of hope.

Vice Chair Baldwin gave kudos to the staff for doing a good job of making sure that people feel like they belong. She spends a lot of time at the Downtown Saginaw Center and personally connects students with our staff.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Board Chair Gannon announced that there will be a new Chair starting the first of the year. She said one of their first responsibilities will be to assign Board Members to committees.

Board Chair Gannon said that she talked with Trustee Nash, Chair of the Nominating Committee, who will convene the group soon so the deadline for proposing our slate in December will be met.

She said she is looking forward to Dr. Allmendinger's presentation of her goals at the October Board Meeting.

She mentioned that Dr. Allmendinger and Vice Chair Baldwin will spend time talking about plans for a retreat in 2027. They will ask fellow Trustees for their input.

Board Chair Gannon reminded everyone about the gym dedication on Friday and remarked on how cool the gym looks.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Gannon adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

Kay Schuler

Talisa Brown, Board Secretary Pro Tem