Delta College
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Delta College Downtown Bay City Center
Tuesday, October 13, 2026
7:00 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT A. Baldwin, A. Clark, S. Gannon, B. Handley-Miller, D. Middleton, M. Rowley, A. Thomas, M. Wood

BOARD ABSENT M. Nash

OTHERS PRESENT M. Allmendinger, R. Battinkoff, T. Brown, A. Brune, W. Burns, P. Clark, R. Curry, C. DeEulis, J. Dorcey, L. Dull, J. Foco, L. Govitz, S. Hill, D. Hopkins, T. Johnroe, B. Johnson, K. Kiste-Toner, E. Lazzari, G. Luczak, J. Mulders, M. Murray, J. Perry, S. Raube, K. Schuler, C. Scott, A. Ursuy, S. VanderLaan, J. Yezak

PRESS PRESENT None

CALL TO ORDER Board Chair Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Chair Gannon extended condolences on behalf of the Delta College Board of Trustees and the entire college community to the family and friends of Trace Strasser, who passed away on September 22, due to an accident in Delta's parking lot.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Board Chair Gannon asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Rowley seconded the motion.

Motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT Board Chair Gannon called for public comment.

Christina Scott, Bay County resident, spoke regarding her access to the Planetarium. She expressed her dissatisfaction in not being able to come to the Planetarium. She presented the Board with a copy of her comments and said she wanted access to the facility immediately.

TREASURERS REPORT J. Foco said that the Board has received the financial statements for the month ending September 30, 2026. There are no significant variances to report at this time.

The finance team is working to wrap up the audit. The audit will be presented at the November Board Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA Board Chair Gannon called for approval of the consent agenda.

M. Wood 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, September 8, 2026
    2. Board Regular Meeting, September 8, 2026

DELTA COLLEGE - STRATEGIC VALUE (BA5711)

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Delta College Board of Trustees certify to the State Budget Director that Delta College has met ALL 5 of the best practices in each of the 3 categories, thus exceeding the legislative requirements. This report will allow Delta College to comply with Public Act Number 25 of 2026, Section 230.

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

Barb Handley-Miller asked if we consistently meet all five of the best practices. M. Allmendinger replied that we do. M. Wood said that this document represents a lot of hard work and great achievements.

Motion passed unanimously.

LETTER OF NONMINATION FOR BOARD CHAIR GANNON FOR APPOINTMENT TO AN ACCT COMMITTEE (BA5712)

M. Allmendinger said that Chair Gannon has expressed interest in serving on a committee for ACCT. The application process requires a letter of nomination from the Board. Chair Gannon explained the committee process and said that she is interested in serving on one of the following committees:

- Impact and Success
- Member Communications
- Public Policy and Advocacy

M. Wood made a motion that the Board of Trustees provide a nomination letter supporting S. Gannon's service on an ACCT Committee. A. Baldwin seconded the motion.

M. Rowley said that "I overwhelmingly support providing the letter and that ACCT use her in any capacity she is willing to serve."

Motion passed unanimously.

DELTA COLLEGE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL OUTLAY MASTER PLAN (BA5713)

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Delta College Five-Year Capital Outlay Master Plan for the State of Michigan's 2028 fiscal year as required by the State Budget Office.

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

M. Wood said it is always nice to see the priorities explained in the report. He thanked Rob Young and his staff for the detailed report. B. Handley-Miller asked if the library plan included a drive-up area for building access. J. Foco said that it is part of the project but will be on the east or west side of the building. M. Rowley asked if the $24 million was the total project cost or just the College's half. J. Foco said it is the total cost with $10 million of that being requested from the State of Michigan.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REVISED CULVERT WORK FROM SHAW CONTRACTING (BA5714)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase order increase with Shaw Contracting in the amount of $244,800.

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

B. Handley-Miller asked why the bids were so far apart. J. Foco said that several factors can impact bids including the amount of work, capacity to do the work, and what a contractor is willing to put forward.

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 10.002 DISPUTED FINAL GRADES (BA5715)

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the revisions to Board Policy 10.002 - Disputed Final Grades.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF 3D PRINTER FROM IST (BA5716)

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of the STRATASYS J5 DIGITAL ANATOMY™ PRINTER with start-up package, installation, supplies and warranty from IST for $163,360.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT'S GOALS

Dr. Allmendinger presented her goals to the Trustees. The Board will be asked to approve them at their November meeting.

The following is a summary of her draft goals:

- Update strategic plan by Feb. 2027 and begin to achieve the goals stated therein. Maintain mission, vision, values and pillars. Initiatives and action projects that have been completed will be removed and replaced with new items.
- Identify and respond to key trends and challenges facing higher education.
- Start capital campaign for A Wing.
- Refresh shared governance.
- Conduct first 100 days (and beyond) listening tour and celebrate Delta's 65th anniversary.
- Evaluate the ROI for current levels of participation in external organizations.

STUDENT SUCCESS: Planetarium Updates

The Student Success Report featuring a Planetarium update was presented by Mike Murray, astronomer and planetarium manager. He discussed outreach efforts and the variety of ways the planetarium is enticing people to visit. On average, 22,000 people

visit each year. Last year, 7,246 school children saw a planetarium show. 2027 will mark the 30th anniversary of the facility.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome

Dr. Allmendinger welcomed Dr. Adrienne Brune, Associate Dean, Social Sciences Division, who started on September 21. She earned her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Oklahoma and has teaching experience in that discipline. She previously served as Associate Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice and Department Chair for Sociology and Criminal Justice at Averett University in Virginia.

Enrollment Report

Classes for the Fall 2026 Semester began on August 29. As of today, 8,488 students are enrolled (5,595 part-time, 2,893 full-time). We projected 79,039 contact hours for the fall semester and are currently at 109% (86,431 contact hours) of projection.

Personnel Report

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

Information Sharing

- Congratulations to our radiography program. Arizona Cray, recent graduate and RAD tutor, received the Michigan Society of Radiologic Technologists (MSRT) Student of the Year Award. Cindy Kramer, adjunct instructor and recent retiree, received the MSRT Lifetime Member Award.

- The Possible Dream Program at Delta College promotes academic achievement, cultural awareness and higher education opportunities to academically promising students who may be at risk due to socioeconomic circumstances. The Dream is that all Possible Dream Program scholars will graduate from high school and then pursue a college education.

  Since 1992, it has helped over 2,600 students stay on track to finish high school and prepare for college. Statistics show that 80.2% of Possible Dreamers have gone to college and 52.3% of those students attended Delta College.

  The Delta College Foundation is hosting the region's best fundraising event—*A Chocolate Affair*—on Thursday, November 5. Held at Horizons Conference Center, the evening features food buffets, chocolate martini bar, desserts, live music and mingling with friends. There will also be some of the Possible Dream students on hand.

  There are still tickets available and Pam Clark has some here this evening if you need to make a purchase.

Comments

- Dr. Allmendinger said that the dedication of Carlyon Gym and Retiree Luncheon took place on Friday, September 11. Thanks to the trustees who attended: Stacey Gannon, Barb Handley-Miller, Diane Middleton, Mike Nash, Mike Rowley and Michael Wood.

- She said that Dick Dolinski, friend of the college and founder of the Legacy Center in Midland, invited her to the recent Issues & Assets Conference.

- She attended the League for Innovation Board Meeting, September 17 in St. Louis, MO. She heard an interesting presentation from the National Talent Alliance on creating a stronger workforce talent ecosystem.

- Delta College's Humanities Awards, September 20.
    - Outstanding Humanities Organization: Buckham Gallery
    - Humanities Educator of the Year: Kristi Furtaw, Castle Museum of Saginaw County History
    - Humanities Scholar: Sarah Moslener, Central Michigan University
    - Emerging Humanities Scholar: Sarah York, Delta College

- Dr. Allmendinger said she attended the MCCA Board of Directors Meeting on September 25 with Trustee Rowley. There was a presentation on Proposal 1 on the November ballot (MCCA is against it). The meeting was hosted by Northwestern Michigan College. They are doing some excellent work to bridge the gap between credit and non-credit.

- Delta was an event sponsor for the Saginaw NAACP 55th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on September 27. Dr. Allmendinger attended with Trustees Baldwin, Handley-Miller and Thomas, Vice Presidents Curry and Raube, along with James Perry and Wendy Burns.

- Delta 65th Celebrations
    - Midland, September 21 – Thanks to trustees who attended: Arshen Baldwin, Stacey Gannon, Diane Middleton, Mike Nash and Michael Wood
    - Saginaw, September 28 – Thanks to trustees who attended: Arshen Baldwin, Barb Handley-Miller, Alexis Thomas
    - Main Campus, September 30 – wonderful student and faculty/staff turnout
    - Bay City – Coming up on October 15

- MCCA Student Success Summit, October 1-2
    - Congrats to our presenters: Karry Kiste-Toner who completed the MCCA Leadership Academy. Karry presented her Leadership Academy Student Success Project Showcase on the topic: "Non-Academic Supports & Student Basic Needs."
    - Karry Kiste-Toner and Erica Robb also hosted a session called: "Leveraging Strategic Institutional Partnerships to Strengthen Student Mental Health: Connecting with Cross-Campus Resources, Digital Mental Health and External Institutions."

- Faces of Philanthropy Event, October 5. Pam Clark, Julie Dorcey and Dr. Allmendinger attended this event to support Michael Hanisko who received the Peggy Rowley Community Enrichment Award. Michael is on Delta's Foundation Board of Directors.

- She said she had the opportunity to tour the Midland Center for the Arts on October 7 with Matt Travis, President & CEO.

- The President's Circle Dinner took place on October 8. Thanks to trustees Arshen Baldwin and Stacey Gannon for attending.

- Attended the recent YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region luncheon where Stacey Gannon, Diane Middleton and Dr. Elsa Olvera received 2026 Women of Achievement Awards.

Upcoming Events

- Great Lakes Bay Job Fair & Networking Event, Thursday, October 15, 12-3pm, Carlyon Gym
- ACCT Leadership Congress, Wednesday-Saturday, October 21-24, Chicago, Illinois. Attending with Board Chair Gannon and Vice Chair Baldwin
- Girls Day Out, Friday, November 13, Main Campus
- Observatory Open House: Celebrating Two Years, Friday, November 13, 6pm
- MCCA Trustee Governance Leadership Institute with ACCT, Thursday-Friday, December 3-4, Lansing
- Next Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 10, Main Campus

Handouts

- Latest issue of the *Delta Collegiate*
- Transfer Event Flyer

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

A. Clark thanked Mike Murray for his presentation and said that his favorite location for a Board Meeting is the Planetarium.

M. Wood also thanked Mike Murray for his presentation. He also thanked Brandy Johnson from MCCA for stopping here on her Trustee Tour. He said he appreciates the work that went into producing the Strategic Value Report and the Five-Year Capital Outlay Master Plan.

D. Middleton also thanked Brandy and Mike. She expressed her appreciation for the Strategic Value Report and the Capital Outlay Master Plan. She mentioned her concern for adequate Student Special Assistance funding.

B. Handley-Miller thanked Brandy and Mike. She said she thought the election integrity panel event was excellent. She also congratulated Chair Gannon, Trustee Middleton, and Dr. Olvera for winning awards from the YWCA today.

A. Thomas said she appreciates everyone who is part of Delta's family working hard to serve our three counties. She thanked Ms. Scott for her comments and Brandy for her presentation. A. Thomas also congratulated Chair Gannon, Trustee Middleton, and Dr. Olvera.

M. Rowley thanked all who presented this evening. He thanked Brandy for attending saying she is a "rock star" in her work with MCCA. He also pointed out that regarding Proposal 1, Delta is a public institution, and we cannot use public resources to advocate a position. We can only educate.

Vice Chair Baldwin highlighted the good work of the Possible Dream Program and also the mental health panel discussion held at the Downtown Saginaw Center.

CHAIR COMMENTS Chair Gannon thanked Public Safety for their excellent response to the recent tragic incident.

She thanked Ms. Scott for her public comment. She also thanked this evening's presenters, Brandy Johnson and Mike Murray.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, Board Chair Gannon adjourned the meeting at 8:24pm.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary