

LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees Minutes
March 13, 2025

The Board of Trustees met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at the Cardinal Event Center.

Members Present

Greg Chalker
Becky Dantic
Rod Landrum (arrived at 5:36 p.m.)
Montie Taylor
David Winchell

Members Absent

Carl Hoskins

Others Present

Dr. Mark Watkins	Dr. Jason Sharp	Leanna Doherty	Kelly Kirkpatrick
Ross Harper	Theresa Hundley	Dr. Ken Elliott	Lindi Forbes
Kevin Doherty	Molly Coomes	Randee Baty	Melissa Kipp
Tonya Neises	Roxie Howard	Emily Franks	

Heidi Flora recorded the minutes.

Adoption of Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Chair Dantic asked for changes or additions to the meeting agenda. There were none. Trustee Landrum moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Chair Dantic asked for corrections or additions to the February 13, 2025, regular meeting minutes. There were none. Trustee Winchell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

Reports and/or Board Discussion

Faculty Senate Report: None

Student Government Report: None

Administrative Report:

Comparison of Expenditures to Budget: The February financial report was placed on the tables. At the end of February, we were 67% through the year. The general fund was 59% expended and the technical education/vocational fund was 61% expended. Vice-President Doherty invited questions from the Trustees.

Audit: Emily Franks with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips presented the audit report for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Facilities Report: Kevin Doherty, Facilities Director gave an update on the HVAC unit issues at the Athletic Complex. He reported that Carrier has agreed to cover costs for parts and labor, however, we are still waiting to hear about a warranty, covering costs incurred and a new vibration test.

Kevin also reported that the city had come out to locate the sewer at the women's softball field in preparation for the new restroom facilities.

He also shared that the framework was complete on the new classroom at the Workforce Center and the contractor was currently waiting for sheetrock to arrive.

President's Report: Molly Coomes, Director of Workforce and CTE presented a PowerPoint of the 43rd Annual Fire School that was held March 15-16, 2025.

Dr. Sharp reported on the Greece Trip that faculty members Tonya Neises and Deanna Huffman have coordinated for Spring of 2026.

Dr. Sharp also shared that Deanna Huffman has been chosen as a lead faculty for the Kansas City Symposium.

Dr. Watkins reported on the Kansas Senate Ways and Means Committee that he and several other community college presidents attended earlier this week regarding the higher education budget. He said that this will continue to be monitored closely.

He also discussed Senate Bill 293 which is intended to allow community colleges to affiliate with universities. And, shared that a blue ribbon task force was formed to explore ideas for better efficiency.

Dr. Watkins congratulated the LCC Wrestling team as all ten members qualified to attend the NJCAA National Wrestling Tournament in Council Bluffs, IA. Three of them made All American.

New Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)

2024-2025 Tuition Review

VP Doherty presented the 2024-2025 Tuition for review. Tuition for 2025-2026 will be presented at the April 10, 2025 Board meeting.

Employee Retirement

Trustee Taylor moved to release Coleen Carter from her contract as IT Coordinator and accept her letter of retirement effective April 1, 2025. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Department Review

VP Doherty and Roxie Howard, Print and Graphic Services Coordinator, presented the Print and Graphic Services Department Review. Trustee Landrum moved to accept the Print and Graphic Services Department Review. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

This discussion serves as Board of Trustee training in the Print and Graphic Services Department.

Academic Program Review

Dr. Ken Elliott and Tonya Neises, Speech and Communication Instructor, presented the 2024-2025 Comprehensive Program Review for the Communication Department.

Ross Harper, Dean of Workforce and CTE, and Melissa Kipp, Graphic Design Instructor, presented the 2024-2025 Comprehensive Program Review for Graphic Design Technology.

Trustee Winchell moved to accept both Program Reviews. Trustee Landrum seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

This discussion serves as Board of Trustee training in the Communication Department and Graphic Design Technology.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Landrum moved to approve the Claims Register. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Trustee Taylor spoke about a mural project that is being planned for the downtown area and mentioned LCC providing support for that endeavor if possible.

Executive Session

Trustee Chalker moved to recess into executive session at 7:04 p.m. for 5 minutes for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency. To protect the institution's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

The following were invited to participate in the executive session: Dr. Mark Watkins, Dr. Jason Sharp, and Leanna Doherty.

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Adjournment

Trustee Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Heidi Flora, Clerk of the Board