

LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees Minutes
June 11, 2026

The Board of Trustees met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the Cardinal Event Center.

Members Present

Greg Chalker
Becky Dantic
John "JR" Keene
Rod Landrum
Montie Taylor
David Winchell

Others Present

Dr. Mark Watkins	Dr. Jason Sharp	Leanna Doherty	Kelly Kirkpatrick
Dr. Ken Elliott	Theresa Hundley	Ross Harper	Kevin Doherty
Jody Burzinski			

Heidi Flora recorded the minutes.

Adoption of Revised Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Chair Landrum asked for changes or additions to the revised meeting agenda. There were none. Trustee Winchell moved to approve the revised meeting agenda as presented. Trustee Dantic seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Chair Landrum asked for corrections or additions to the May 21, 2026, regular meeting minutes. There were none. Trustee Dantic moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Reports and/or Board Discussion

Faculty Senate Report: None

Student Government Report: None

Administrative Report:

Comparison of Expenditures to Budget - The May financial report was placed on the tables. At the end of May, we were 92% through the year. The general fund was 88% expended, and the post-secondary technical education fund was 87% expended. Vice-President Doherty invited questions from the Trustees.

Budget Assumptions – Vice President Doherty provided handouts and discussed the budget assumptions for 2026-2027.

Insurance Renewal – Vice President Doherty provided handouts and discussed the new premium comparison for the insurance renewal.

Trustee Chalker moved to continue with the current provider and approve the presented premiums. Trustee Keene seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Facilities – Kevin Doherty, Director of Facilities, reported that P1 was making good progress on the Zetmeir Building, and he believed the job was going well.

He shared that he had received one quote for resurfacing the Workforce parking lot and was looking to get at least a couple more.

Kevin also reported he had received quotes to restripe the library and event center parking lots at around \$6,000 each. This is being scheduled to be done soon.

Kevin said he is waiting on a quote from KONE regarding a stabilizing issue with the Zetmeir Building elevator. KONE has confirmed that the elevator is safe to continue using in the meantime.

President's Report:

Dr. Watkins said he received news from Gale Brown, Director of Radiography, that the 2026 radiography graduates had received a 100% pass rate. This marks the 11th year in a row!

Dr. Sharp gave an HLC update.

Dr. Watkins reminded the Board about the upcoming retirement luncheon and reception for his retirement.

New Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)

Policy Reviews

Dr. Watkins presented the following policies for review: Policy 1.06 – Meeting of the Board of Trustees; Policy 1.07 – Trustee Ethics; Policy 1.08 – General Policy; Policy 1.10 – Board of Trustees Travel; Policy 1.11 – College Unencumbered Cash Balance. These policies will be presented for approval at the July Board of Trustees meeting.

Department Review

Vice President Doherty and Jody Burzinski, Director of IT, presented the Comprehensive Departmental Review for Information Technology. Trustee Winchell moved to accept the review. Trustee Dantic seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Dantic moved to approve the Claims Register. Trustee Keene seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Faculty Contract Approval

Trustee Keene moved to approve a faculty contract for Kelsie Foster, Instructor of Nursing, at a salary of \$55,147/year, starting 8/10/2026. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

New Staff Employment Letter

Trustee Winchell moved to approve the new staff employment letter for Zachary Coble, IT Support Technician, at a salary of \$41,107/year, starting 6/15/2026. Trustee Keene seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

New Vehicle Purchase

Trustee Taylor moved to approve the bid from Mike Carpino for a 2026 Ford Explorer for \$40,880. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment

On behalf of the Board members, Chair Landrum thanked Dr. Watkins for his years of service and dedication to Labette Community College and wished him well on his upcoming retirement.

Executive Session

Trustee Chalker moved to recess into executive session at 6:23 p.m. for 10 minutes for personnel matters for non-elected personnel. To protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Trustee Dantic seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

The following were invited to participate in the executive session: Dr. Jason Sharp

At 6:33 p.m., Trustee Chalker moved to extend the executive session for 10 minutes. Trustee Dantic seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Adjournment

Trustee Dantic moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Heidi Flora, Clerk of the Board