

**LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Board of Trustees Minutes**  
**February 13, 2025**

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

**Members Present**

Greg Chalker  
Becky Dantic  
Carl Hoskins  
Rod Landrum  
Montie Taylor

**Members Absent**

David Winchell

**Others Present**

Dr. Mark Watkins	Dr. Jason Sharp	Leanna Doherty	Kelly Kirkpatrick
Ross Harper	Theresa Hundley	Haley Walker	Brian Vediz
Molly Coomes			

Heidi Flora recorded the minutes.

**Election of Officers for the Board of Trustees**

Chair Dantic opened the floor for Board Chair nominations to serve for one year or until a successor is elected. Trustee Landrum nominated Chair Dantic. Trustee Taylor seconded the nomination. Nominations ended and the motion to elect Chair Dantic carried 5-0.

For Vice-Chair, Trustee Taylor nominated Trustee Landrum for one year or until a successor is elected. Trustee Chalker seconded the nomination. Nominations ended and the motion to elect Trustee Landrum carried 5-0.

**Presidential Appointments**

Trustee Taylor moved to approve the following Presidential appointments:

- Heidi Flora as Clerk of the Board
- Leanna Doherty as Treasurer
- Kyle Fleming and KASB as the legal services provider for a year
- Carl Hoskins, KACCT (Kansas Association of Community Colleges) Representative
- Parsons Sun as the paper of record

Trustee Chalker seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Trustee Landrum moved to approve the following Presidential appointments:

- The Emergency Executive Succession Plan
- The Sexual Harassment Plan
- Karen Barger, ADA Coordinator
- Leanna Doherty, VP of Finance and Operations, and Haley Walker, Human Resource Director, Affirmative Action Officers
- Leanna Doherty, Public Information Officer
- Kevin Doherty, Emergency Services Contact
- Kelly Kirkpatrick, VP of Student Affairs, and Haley Walker, HR Director, Title IX Coordinators
- Dr. Mark Watkins, President, and Hannah Kennedy, Public Relations Director, Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) Governmental Relations Network Contact.

Trustee Hoskins seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

#### **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 5-0.

#### **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Chair Dantic asked for corrections or additions to the January 9, 2025, regular meeting minutes. There were none. Trustee Landrum moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

#### **Approval of Special Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Chair Dantic asked for corrections or additions to the January 14, 2025, special meeting minutes. There were none. Trustee Landrum moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

#### **Reports and/or Board Discussion**

**Faculty Senate Report:** None

**Student Government Report:** President Watkins provided a report on behalf of Harrison Hall, Student Life Specialist, about the upcoming Homecoming activities.

**Administrative Report:**

**Comparison of Expenditures to Budget:** The January financial report was placed on the tables. At the end of January, we were 58% through the year. The general fund was 72% expended and the technical education/vocational fund was 73% expended. Vice-President Doherty invited questions from the Trustees.

**Facilities Report:** VP Doherty gave an update on the new classroom construction at the Workforce Center.

**President's Report:** Dr. Watkins reported on a February 6, 2025, meeting with Carrier where they discussed issues with the athletic complex HVAC system.

Dr. Watkins also reported on recent Federal Executive Orders regarding DEI and gender identity.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee Landrum moved to recess into executive session at 5:48 p.m. for 20 minutes for a discussion relative to personnel matters for non-elected personnel. To protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

The following were invited to participate in the executive session: Dr. Mark Watkins.

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:08 p.m.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee Landrum moved to recess into executive session at 6:09 p.m. for 5 minutes for a discussion relative to personnel matters for non-elected personnel. To protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Trustee Chalker 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, Leanna Doherty, Kelly Kirkpatrick, and Haley Walker.

At 6:14 p.m. Trustee Landrum moved to extend the executive session for 10 additional minutes. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Trustee Landrum moved to approve creating the position of Academic Accessibility Manager. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

### **New Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)**

#### **2025 Regular Meeting Dates of the Board of Trustees**

Trustee Taylor moved to approve the scheduled 2025 meeting dates as presented. Trustee Landrum seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

#### **Staff Employment Letters**

Trustee Landrum moved to approve the Staff Employment Letters for Deardin Kelley, Head Volleyball Coach, at a salary of \$39,316/annually, to begin 1/29/25; and, Erin Knox, Director of Physical Therapy Assistant Program, at a salary of \$67,785/annually, to begin 3/12/25. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

### **New Course Approvals**

Trustee Chalker moved to approve the new courses College Algebra with Review, Elementary Stats with Review, and, Quantitative Reasoning with Review. Trustee Landrum seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

### **Academic Program Review**

Dr. Jason Sharp and Brian Vediz, Director of Sonography, presented the 2024-2025 Comprehensive Program Review for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS). Trustee Landrum moved to accept the DMS Program Review. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

This discussion serves as Board of Trustee training in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program.

### **New Staff Position**

Trustee Landrum moved to approve the new staff position of Diagnostic Medical Sonography Engagement Coordinator. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

### **Jenzabar Retention Package**

Trustee Landrum moved to approve the purchase of the new Jenzabar One Package using Student Success funds for a total cost of \$282,410. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

### **Department Review**

Dr. Jason Sharp and Molly Coomes, Workforce Director, presented the Workforce Education and Career Training Department Review. Trustee Landrum moved to accept the Workforce Education and Career Training Department Review. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

This discussion serves as Board of Trustee training in Workforce Education and CTE.

### **Approval of Bills**

Trustee Hoskins moved to approve the Claims Register. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

### **Public Comment**

Trustee Landrum commented on the recent honor given to the Wall Family.

### **Executive Session**

Trustee Chalker moved to recess into executive session at 7:11 p.m. for 15 minutes for a preliminary discussion relative to the acquisition of real property to protect the institution's financial interest and bargaining position. Trustee Hoskins 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, Leanna Doherty, Kelly Kirkpatrick, Greg Chalker, Becky Dantic, Carl Hoskins, and Rod Landrum.

Trustee Taylor left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

At 7:26 p.m. Trustee Chalker moved to extend the executive session for 10 additional minutes. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

The Board returned to open meeting at 7:36 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Landrum moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

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**Heidi Flora, Clerk of the Board**

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