

LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees Minutes
September 11, 2025

The Board of Trustees met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at the Cardinal Event Center.

Members Present

Greg Chalker
Becky Dantic
Carl Hoskins
Rod Landrum
Montie Taylor
David Winchell

Others Present

Dr. Mark Watkins	Dr. Jason Sharp	Leanna Doherty	Kelly Kirkpatrick
Theresa Hundley	Ross Harper	Lindi Forbes	Haley Walker
Hannah Kennedy	Kevin Doherty	Harrison Hall	Ray Nolting
Kyndel Paulsen	Tim Teland		

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 6-0.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Chair Dantic asked for corrections or additions to the August 14, 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 6-0.

Reports and/or Board Discussion

Faculty Senate Report: None

Student Government Report: Harrison Hall, Student Life Associate, reported on the recent Student Government activities and events.

Administrative Report:

Comparison of Expenditures to Budget - The August financial report was placed on the tables. At the end of August, we were 17% through the year. The general fund was 17% expended, and the technical education/vocational fund was 17% expended. Vice-President Doherty invited questions from the Trustees.

Facilities Report: Kevin Doherty, Facilities Director, reported that CEMCO out of Joplin, MO, has aligned the pulleys to the Athletic Complex HVAC system and that it should run correctly now.

Kevin then introduced Kyndel Paulsen from P1 Group to discuss the issues with the Zetmeir Building HVAC systems. He presented a quote for \$567,424 to complete the work on the first floor. He said the work would take approximately 4 weeks, and they could start during the December holiday break. VP Doherty said she could look into a lease purchase option, or available deferred maintenance funds could be used to fund the project. After extensive discussion, it was decided to go ahead and purchase the parts needed for both floors to avoid any upcoming tariffs and store them until needed.

Trustee Winchell moved to purchase the parts needed for the first floor at \$264,600. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Winchell moved to purchase the parts needed for the second floor at \$176,000. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Bills

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

President's Report:

- Dr. Sharp gave an HLC update.
- Dr. Watkins announced that enrollment was up 2% from this time last year.
- Lindi Forbes, Foundation Director, reported on the recent Founder's Day event.
- Dr. Watkins shared that RegisteredNursing.org ranked LCC's Nursing Program as #1 in the state of Kansas.

New Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)

Public Hearing and Approval of Revenue Neutral Rate

Chair Dantic opened the public hearing for the Revenue Neutral Rate. There were no comments. Chair Dantic closed the hearing.

Trustee Landrum moved to approve the Revenue Neutral Rate as presented. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested by Chair Dantic.

Trustee Chalker	Yes
Chair Dantic	Yes
Trustee Hoskins	Yes
Trustee Landrum	Yes
Trustee Taylor	Yes
Trustee Winchell	Yes

Public Hearing 2025-2026 Budget

Chair Dantic opened the public hearing for the 2025-2026 College Budget. There were no comments. Chair Dantic closed the hearing.

Approval of the 2025-2026 Budget

Trustee Landrum moved to approve the 2025-2026 College Budget. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

2025 Annual Report

Dr. Watkins presented the 2025 Annual Report.

Trustee Landrum moved to accept the 2025 Annual Report. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

2025 Co-Curricular Annual Report

Kelly Kirkpatrick, Vice-President of Student Affairs, presented the 2025 Co-Curricular Annual Report.

Trustee Landrum moved to accept the 2025 Co-Curricular Annual Report. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

New Course Approval

Trustee Hoskins moved to approve the new course BAUD 220 Principles of Marketing. Trustee Landrum seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

New Staff Employment Letter

Trustee Landrum moved to approve the employment letter for Benjamin Vozzola, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach, at \$28,956/annually, to begin 9/08/25. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Executive Session

Trustee Winchell moved to recess into executive session at 6:34 p.m. for 5 minutes for personnel matters for non-elected personnel. To protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

The following were invited to participate in the executive session: Dr. Mark Watkins, Dr. Jason Sharp, Kelly Kirkpatrick, and Haley Walker.

Trustee Landrum moved to extend the executive session by 5 minutes. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Trustee Hoskins moved to release Patrick Duncan and Michelle Dayton, staff members on employment contracts, from their contracts. This release is an administrative request due to the discontinuance of federal funding. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment

Tim Teland reported that he and his wife had recently moved to Parsons from Bentonville, AR. He came to introduce himself and gave a little background about his family. He said that he had recently attended a Parsons City Commission meeting and would also be attending the next Labette County Commission meeting.

Trustee Taylor asked Dr. Sharp about what action is taken in case of an on-campus active shooter. Dr. Sharp shared what he could and said he was confident with the protocols that are in place.

Trustee Landrum reported he had recently visited the Workforce Training Center to see the new classroom and newly purchased equipment and was extremely impressed. He commended Ross Harper, Dean of Workforce & CTE. Ross shared some welding enrollment stats for this year and also shared that Oswego High School had started a welding program through LCC this year.

Trustee Taylor asked Dr. Watkins to express the Board's gratitude to the nursing program for their great accomplishment.

Adjournment

Trustee Hoskins moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Heidi Flora, Clerk of the Board