

LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees Minutes
October 9, 2025

The Board of Trustees met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 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	Dr. Ken Elliott	Haley Walker
Hannah Kennedy	Kevin Doherty	Harrison Hall	Ben Vozzola
Lee Ann Stein			

Heidi Flora recorded the minutes.

Adoption of Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Chair Dantic asked for changes or additions to the revised 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 September 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes. There were none. Trustee Winchell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Landrum 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 and upcoming Student Government activities and events.

Administrative Report:

Comparison of Expenditures to Budget - The September financial report was placed on the tables. At the end of September, we were 25% through the year. The general fund was 25% expended, and the technical education/vocational fund was 24% expended. Vice-President Doherty invited questions from the Trustees.

Facilities Report: Kevin Doherty, Facilities Director, said that P1 had recently done a quarterly maintenance visit and discovered another issue with the athletic complex HVAC system, which appears to be with the bearings. Kevin believes P1 was able to repair the groove damage to the shaft.

He also reported that the gymnasium parking lot was getting re-coated and striped beginning today.

President's Report:

- Dr. Bohnenblust invited the Trustees to attend the KSBN reapproval visit scheduled for November 5, 2025, from 12-1:30 p.m. with a light lunch being served. She shared "save-the-date" cards with them.
- Dr. Sharp shared a "quick guide" for the October 29, 2025, HLC mock visit. He said the Trustee's session would be from 12-1:00 p.m. that day. He also gave an update on the March HLC visit.
- Dr. Sharp reported the Cherokee Center would have classes starting in the spring.
- Dr. Sharp also announced that a live fire drill is scheduled for the LCC campus on October 30, 2025.

Dr. Watkins announced his retirement date effective July 1, 2026. Trustee Winchell moved to approve his retirement with regret. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Old Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)

Zetmeir Building HVAC Systems

Trustee Taylor made a motion to approve financing for \$500,000 for the repair of the HVAC systems. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion. VP Doherty explained the motion that was being sought, and after some discussion, Trustee Taylor withdrew his motion.

Trustee Chalker moved to approve the quote from P1 for labor for the demolition and installation of the VRF system for the first floor at a cost of \$302,824, with the work to be done this fiscal year. Also, for the Board to approve the quote for P1 for labor for the demolition and installation of the VRF system for the second floor, with the work to be completed next fiscal year at a cost of \$259,190. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

New Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)

New Staff Employment Letter

Trustee Landrum moved to approve the employment letters for Misty Russell, Director of Talent Search Project, at \$61,752/annually, starting 9/22/2025; Michelle Dayton, Talent Search Educational Advisor, at \$52,216/annually, starting 9/22/2025; Pat Duncan, Talent Search Educational Advisor, at 54,876/annually, starting 9/22/2025; and, Mary Dixon, Talent Search Associate, at \$17,264/annually, starting 9/22/2025. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Talent Search Sick/Vacation Time

Trustee Chalker moved to approve the same four Talent Search employees to have their unused sick leave balance restored and to have the option to purchase back their vacation days that were previously paid out. Trustee Hoskins seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

2025 Report of Student Learning

Dr. Elliott presented the 2025 Report of Student Learning. Trustee Hoskins moved to accept the 2025 Report of Student Learning. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Bills

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

Public Comment

Trustee Landrum commended Coach Vesta and the wrestlers for helping out at the Gary J. Daniels Sunbelt Rodeo.

Trustee Chalker commended the wrestlers for helping set up the tents for Oktoberfest. He said he heard several good reports.

Trustee Chalker asked about the time frame to start the search for a new President. After some discussion, it was agreed to start as soon as possible.

Adjournment

Trustee Landrum moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Heidi Flora, Clerk of the Board