

LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees Minutes
February 12, 2026

The Board of Trustees met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at the Cardinal Event Center.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Others Present

Dr. Mark Watkins	Dr. Jason Sharp	Leanna Doherty	Kelly Kirkpatrick
Theresa Hundley	Ross Harper	Dr. Ken Elliott	Haley Walker
Hannah Kennedy	Lindi Forbes	Hannah Emberton	Carl Hoskins
Robert Perez	Mark Mikel	Jeff Vesta	

Heidi Flora recorded the minutes.

Adoption of Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Chair Landrum asked for changes or additions to the 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 January 15, 2026, regular meeting minutes. There were none. Trustee Chalker moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Executive Session

Trustee Chalker moved to recess into executive session at 5:30 for 10 minutes for consultation with an attorney, which would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship. To protect attorney-client privilege and the public interest. Trustee Dantic 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, Leanna Doherty, Kelly Kirkpatrick, Haley Walker, and David Cunningham.

At 5:40 p.m., Trustee Chalker moved to extend the executive session by 5 minutes. Trustee Dantic seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to open meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Reports and/or Board Discussion

Faculty Senate Report: None

Student Government Report: None

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 57% expended, and the post-secondary technical education fund was 56% expended. Vice-President Doherty invited questions from the Trustees.

Facilities – Vice-President Doherty gave an update on the Zetmeir Building HVAC installation, reporting it should be up and running sometime next week.

President's Report:

Dr. Sharp provided an HLC update and said he was currently waiting on a schedule for the March 2 & 3 visit and would provide this to Trustees as soon as possible. He also said the HLC student survey results were mostly positive.

Dr. Watkins reported on a recent trip to Topeka to meet with the Senate Higher Education Committee. He believes the meeting went well.

New Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)

FY2026 Audit

Trustee Chalker moved to approve the quote from Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips for \$24,000 to perform the FY26 financial audit. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Program Reviews

Dr. Sharp, Robert Perez, and Mark Mikel presented the Sociology Program Review and the Social Work Program Review. Trustee Dantic moved to accept both the Sociology Program Review and the Social Work Program Review. Trustee Keene seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Policy Reviews

Dr. Watkins presented revisions to Policy 2.05 Drug Abuse Policy and Policy 4.17 Tutoring Services for review. These revisions will be brought for a vote at the March 12, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting.

Approval of Bills

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

Executive Session

Trustee Chalker moved to recess into executive session at 6:12 p.m. for 15 minutes for a preliminary discussion relating to the acquisition of property. To protect the institution's financial interest and bargaining position. Trustee Dantic 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, and Leanna Doherty.

At 6:27 p.m., Trustee Chalker moved to extend the executive session by 5 minutes. Trustee Dantic seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to open meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Public Comment

Chair Landrum commended Hannah Kennedy, PR Director, on the new LCC television commercial.

Heidi Flora gave Trustees a reminder to turn in their commencement regalia information.

Jeff Vesta, Head Wrestling Coach, provided hand-outs to the Trustees and inquired about a salary increase.

Chair Landrum reminded everyone to start gearing up for the upcoming Auction for Scholarships.

Adjournment

Trustee Chalker moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Trustee Dantic seconded the motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Heidi Flora, Clerk of the Board