

LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees Minutes
October 8, 2026

The Board of Trustees met at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at the Cardinal Event Center.

Members Present

Greg Chalker
Becky Dantic
Rod Landrum
Montie Taylor
David Winchell

Members Not Present

John "JR" Keene

Others Present

Dr. Jason Sharp	Leanna Doherty	Kelly Kirkpatrick	Ross Harper
Sonia Gugnani	Lindi Forbes	Kevin Doherty	Colleen Williamson
Randi Baty	Zavier Phillips	Billy Klingman	

Heidi Flora recorded the minutes.

Adoption of Revised Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Chair Landrum asked for changes or additions to the meeting agenda. There were none. Trustee Dantic moved to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Trustee Winchell seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Chair Landrum asked for corrections or additions to the September 10, 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 5-0.

Reports and/or Board Discussion

Faculty Senate Report: None

Student Life Report: Harrison Hall, Student Life Associate, shared recent and upcoming student government activities and events. He also reported that the Admissions team attended KACROA – a statewide Admissions Conference.

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 26% expended, and the post-secondary technical education fund was 27% expended. Vice-President Doherty invited questions from the Trustees.

VP Doherty also reported an insurance check had been received for the lightning claim for \$32,218.22. The claim was for \$57,218.22 with a \$25,000 deductible.

Facilities – Kevin Doherty, Director of Facilities, reported that the AC unit on the west end of the Cardinal Event building needs to be replaced, and he is currently getting quotes for this.

He also said he received one quote for \$11,000 to remove and repour the Student Success Center sidewalk. The removal will be completed over Thanksgiving break. The re-pour will be done the following week. Also, the welding program is making all new posts for the existing railing.

President's Report:

Ross Harper, Dean of CTE/Workforce, gave a presentation and reported on the 2026 Fire School, which was hosted on campus September 11-13.

Billy Klingman, Founder and President of ARC (Addiction Recovery with Christ), provided pamphlets and gave a presentation to the Board. Trustee Winchell made a request that LCC donate one of the passenger vans to ARC that is slated to be disposed of. After some conversation, it was decided to table the discussion for further review.

Dr. Sharp provided a handout on the KACC Statement of Principles and discussed what it entailed.

Dr. Sharp also notified the Board of Trustees that the President's first 6-month evaluation would be coming due at the December Board meeting. He reported the Board Clerk would be sending the evaluation forms out in early November with a return deadline of November 15.

Old Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)

Policy Approval

Trustee Taylor moved to approve Policy – 5.071 Surveillance. Trustee Dantic seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

New Business (ACTION, INFORMATION, OR DISCUSSION ITEMS)

2026 Report of Student Learning

Sonia Gugnani, Dean of Instruction and Distance Learning, presented the 2026 Report of Student Learning.

Trustee Chalker moved to accept the 2026 Report of Student Learning. Trustee Dantic seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

New Staff Employment Letter

Trustee Chalker moved to approve the new staff employment letter for Lauren Shepard, Student Support Services Academic Advisor, starting 9/21/26, at a salary of \$42,809. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

New Course Approval

Trustee Taylor moved to approve the new course OSHA Safety 10- Healthcare. Trustee Dantic seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Bills

Trustee Dantic moved to approve the bills. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Trustee Taylor thanked Ross Harper for all the effort that was put into providing Fire School for another year.

Trustee Landrum expressed appreciation for Colleen Williamson, PR Director, and the PR team for all the great promotion of LCC over the past few months.

Dr. Sharp acknowledged student Xavier Phillips for coming to observe the Board meeting for an assignment.

Adjournment

Trustee Dantic moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Trustee Chalker seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Heidi Flora, Clerk of the Board