

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

JC228 · 18600 Haggerty Rd · Livonia MI 48152-2696

Board of Trustees Regular and Organizational Meeting

January 29, 2025

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- Members Present** Carol Strom, Brett Gierak, Brian Broderick, Dillon Breen, Angela Jaafar, Candy Little
- Members Absent** Terry Gilligan
- Call to Order for Regular Meeting** Chair Strom called the January Regular and Organizational Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- All members stood and took part in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Introduction of Guests** 20 guests were in attendance: Kenny Losey, Matt Mayes, Mark Engstrom, Carla Murray, Randy Lorenzetti, Tom Fleury, Patrick Sturdy, Melissa Schultz, Laurie Kattuah Snyder, the Lorenzetti Family, Rena Laverty, Steve Maloney, Carole Booms, Kathy Vendittelli, Bill Joyner, Brad Stetson, Megan Monthei, Jeff Borton, and Brandy Johnson
- Approval of minutes from the November 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting** Chair Strom stated the minutes from the November 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented.
- Comments from Trustees** Chair Strom noted an empty seat among the Board. Trustee Terry Gilligan was in an automobile accident toward the end of last year. He suffered serious injury but is doing well, recovering well, and the Board is hoping that he will join us at future meetings.
- Chair Strom also congratulated our three reelected Trustees: Dillon Breen, Angela Jaafar, and Candy Little. Chair Strom stated that these Trustees were officially sworn into Office for their terms earlier in the evening.
- Acknowledgement of Receipt of Oath of Office** Chair Strom stated that the three trustees who were elected in November 2024 received their Oath of Office at 6:30p.m., January 29, 2025.

The Oath of Office was administered to Dillon Breen by Former Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox.

The Oath of Office was administered to Angela Jaafar by her husband and Wayne County Undersheriff Mike Jaafar.

The Oath of Office was administered to Candy Little by Former Wayne County Commissioner Bill Joyner.

Appointment of Chair Pro Tem **2025-1** Moved by Trustee Broderick, seconded by Trustee Gierak, that the Board of Trustees appoints Chelsea Willis as the Chair Pro Tem for the purpose of running the Board Elections

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Jaafar, Little, Strom

Nays: None

Absent: Gilligan

Motion carried

Election As part of the Organizational Meeting, The board of Trustees vote for the officers for the next two years.

Unanimous Ballot for Board Chair 2025-2026 **2025-2** Trustee Strom nominated Brett Gierak for the office of Chair, no other nominations were made. Moved by Trustee Strom, seconded by Trustee Breen, that a unanimous ballot be cast for Brett Gierak as the Chair of the Board of Trustees for the period ending at the next Organizational Meeting in January 2027.

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Jaafar, Little Strom

Nays: None

Absent: Gilligan

Motion carried

Unanimous Ballot for Board Vice Chair 2025-2026 **2025-3** Trustee Broderick nominated Carol Strom for the office of Vice Chair, no other nominations were made. Moved by Trustee Broderick, seconded by Trustee Breen, that a unanimous ballot be cast for Carol Strom as the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for the period ending at the next Organizational Meeting in January 2027.

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Jaafar, Little, Strom

Nays: None

Absent: Gilligan

Motion carried

Unanimous Ballot for Board Secretary 2025-2026 **2025-4** Trustee Little nominated Dillon Breen for the office of Secretary, no other nominations were made. Moved by Trustee Little, seconded by Trustee Broderick, that a unanimous ballot be cast for Dillon Breen as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees for the period ending at the next Organizational Meeting in January 2027.

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Jaafar, Little, Strom
Nays: None
Absent: Gilligan

Motion carried

Unanimous Ballot for Board Treasurer 2025-2026 **2025-5** Trustee Breen nominated Angela Jaafar for the office of Treasurer, no other nominations were made. Moved by Trustee Breen, seconded by Trustee Little, that a unanimous ballot be cast for Angela Jaafar as the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for the period ending at the next Organizational Meeting in January 2027.

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Jaafar, Little, Strom
Nays: None
Absent: Gilligan

Motion carried

Appointment of Parliamentarian The Chair appointed Carol Strom to Parliamentarian for the Board of Trustees for 2025-2026.

Appointment of Board Representatives to the Audit Committee The Chair appoints three members to the Audit Committee for 2025-2026: Brett Gierak, Brian Broderick, and Candy Little.

Appointment of Board Representatives to the Schoolcraft Development Authority The Chair appoints Brett Gierak and Terry Gilligan to the Schoolcraft College Development Authority for 2025-2026.

Appointment of a Board Representative and Alternate to the Schoolcraft College Foundation The Chair appoints Brian Broderick as Representative to the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board and Candy Little as Alternate Representative for 2025-2026.

Appointment of Trustee Director and Alternate to the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA)

The Chair appoints Brett Gierak to Trustee Director and Angela Jaafar as Alternate Trustee Director to the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) 2025-2026.

Appointment of Board Representative and Alternate to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)

The Chair appoints Dillon Breen as Board Representative and Angela Jaafar as Alternate Representative to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) for 2025-2026.

Appointment of Board Representatives to Schoolcraft College 501(c)(3) Committees

The Chair appoints two members to the SC Sports Dome, Inc. 501(c)(3) Committee for 2025-2026: Brian Broderick and Brett Gierak.

The Chair appoints two members to the SC Development Unit 14, Inc. 501(c)(3) Committee for 2025-2026: Carol Strom and Candy Little.

The Chair appoints two members to the SC Technology Center, Inc. 501(c)(3) Committee for 2025-2026: Brian Broderick and Candy Little.

The Chair appoints two members to the SC Health Sciences Inc. 501(c)(3) Committee for 2025-2026: Carol Strom and Terry Gilligan.

The Chair appoints two members to the SC Health Sciences II, Inc. 501(c)(3) Committee for 2025-2026: Brett Gierak and Angela Jaafar.

The Chair appoints two members to the Unit 16, 501(c)(3) Committee for 2025-2026: Dillon Breen and Terry Gilligan.

The Chair appoints two members to the Unit 17, 501(c)(3) Committee for 2025-2026: Dillon Breen and Angela Jaafar.

Report of the President

As part of the January Report of the President, Dr. Cerny invited Brandy Johnson, President of the Michigan Community College Association to speak with the Board. Brandy congratulated Vice Chair Carol Strom on her 30 years of dedication to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees and presented Vice Chair Strom with a pin from MCCA and a signed resolution from Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist II.

As such, Chair Gierak called to amend the agenda to include item 13-a.1, and approve the implementation of the Carol Strom Breezeway Dedication Plaque near the entrance of the Vistatech Center, in honor of Vice Chair Strom’s generous achievement.

Brandy shared some insight into how new executive orders are impacting community college operations. Brandy reported that Pell Grants will not be affected by current legislative changes.

Dr. Cerny provided the Board with a brief budget presentation as the General Fund budget has increased due to increased enrollment.

Melissa Schultz provided the Board with a presentation detailing the work that resulted in increased enrollment. Schultz attributed the success to efforts from Marketing, Recruitment and Admissions, Financial Aid, IT, the Foundation, Advising, Student Services, and many more.

Dr. Cerny highlighted a few items from the January President’s Report.

Consider Amending the Agenda

2025-6 Moved by Trustee Broderick, seconded by Trustee Breen, that the Board of Trustees amends the agenda to include item 13-a.1: Consider Approval – The Carol Strom Breezeway Dedication Plaque.

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Jaafar, Little, Strom
Nays: None
Absent: Gilligan

Motion carried

Consider Approval – The Carol Strom Breezeway Dedication Plaque

2025-7 Moved by Trustee Breen, seconded by Trustee Little, that the Board of Trustees dedicates the breezeway to Trustee Carol Strom, and approves of the application of a plaque in her honor.

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Jaafar, Little, Strom
Nays: None
Absent: Gilligan

Motion carried

**Consider
Adoption of the
2024-2025
General
Operating Fund
Budget
Amendment**

2025-8

Moved by Trustee Breen, seconded by Trustee Strom, that a General Fund Budget Amendment in the amount of seven million, eight hundred ninety eight thousand, four hundred twenty seven dollars (\$7,898,427) be adopted for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year, bringing the General Fund Budget to an amended balance of one hundred twelve million, one hundred eight thousand, forty six dollars (\$112,108,046) for the 2024-25 Fiscal Year.

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Jaafar, Little, Strom

Nays: None

Absent: Gilligan

Motion carried

**Consider
Approval – 2025
Compact Wheel
Loader**

2025-9

Moved by Trustee Breen, seconded by Trustee Little, that the Board of Trustees awards a purchase order for a 2025 Caterpillar 960 Compact Wheel Loader to Michigan CAT, Novi, Michigan at a total cost of one hundred twenty-three thousand, thirty-four dollars and eleven cents (\$123,034.11).

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Jaafar, Little, Strom

Nays: None

Absent: Gilligan

Motion carried

**Consider
Approval – Dell
OptiPlex
Computers**

2025-10

Moved by Trustee Strom, seconded by Trustee Little, that the Board of Trustees award a purchase order for eighty-two (82) Dell OptiPlex 7020 computers to Dell Marketing LP, Round Rock, Texas at a total cost of Seven-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty Dollars (\$79,540.00).

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Jaafar, Little, Strom

Nays: None

Absent: Gilligan

Motion carried

**Consider
Approval -
Schoolcraft
College Land
Acknowledge-
ment**

2025-11

Moved by Trustee Strom, seconded by Trustee Breen, that the Board of Trustees adopts the presented land acknowledgement and approves the posting of said land acknowledgement to the College website.

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Jaafar, Little, Strom

Nays: None

Absent: Gilligan

Motion carried

Consider Approval of an Articulation Agreement with South Redford School District Welding and Fabrication Course

2025-12

Moved by Trustee Little, seconded by Trustee Broderick, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the administration to enter into an articulation agreement with South Redford School District for a Welding and Fabrication Course.

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Jaafar, Little, Strom
Nays: None
Absent: Gilligan

Motion carried

Consider Going into a Closed Session

2025-13

Moved by Trustee Breen, seconded by Trustee Jaafar, that the Board of Trustees go into a closed session pursuant to Section 8(e) of Michigan’s Open Meetings Act, to consult with its attorney regarding the specific pending litigation of *McDermott v Schoolcraft*, and to go into a closed session under Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, to discuss a written legal opinion from General Counsel Patrick R. Sturdy

(Roll Call Vote)

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Jaafar, Little, Strom
Nays: None
Absent: Gilligan

Motion carried

Consider Reconvening into an Open Session

2025-14

Moved by Trustee Breen, seconded by Trustee Little, the Board of Trustees reconvened into an open session.

Ayes: Breen, Broderick, Gierak, Jaafar, Little, Strom
Nays: None
Absent: Gilligan

(Roll Call Vote)

Motion carried

Adjournment

Chair Gierak adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.


Chelsea Willis,
Associate Secretary

Brett Gierak, Chair

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of the approved minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on the 29th day of January, 2025, and that said minutes have been available for public inspection at the address designated on the posted public notice of said meeting from and after the 5th day of February, 2025.



Chelsea Willis
Chelsea Willis, Associate Secretary
Board of Trustees