

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Kalamazoo Valley Community College was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at the Kalamazoo Valley Texas Township Campus, 6767 West O Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan, in the Paul D. Jackson Board Room.

Chairperson Stinson convened the meeting at 7:30 a.m. and led everyone in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chairperson Stinson, Trustees DeLuca, Gustas, Patton, and Thomas-Cloud  
L. Marshall Washington, President  
Aaron Hilliard, Acting Recording Secretary

**Excused:** Trustees Pontius and Purnell  
Elizabeth Washington, Recording Secretary

**Other Attendees:** Dannie Alexander, VP for Campus Planning and Operations  
Nkenge Bergan, Associate VP for Student Development Services  
Erin Bishop, Administrative Manager – President’s Office  
Paige Eagan, Provost/VP for Instruction & Student Services  
Brian Lueth, VP for Finance and Business  
Scott Myers, Humanities Faculty  
Sean Gorden, Public Safety  
Alisha Siebers, Associate VP for College Advancement/Exec. Dir KVCC Foundation  
Bethann Talsma, Business Faculty  
Brandy Johnson, President, Michigan Community College Association

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Gustas, **SECONDED** by Trustee DeLuca, and **CARRIED** that the agenda be approved as presented.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET**

At 7:32 a.m. Chairperson Stinson declared the Public Hearing on the Kalamazoo Valley Community College 2026-2027 proposed budget open and called on President Washington for a report on the publication of Notice of Hearing:

Act 43 of the 1963 Public Acts, as amended, requires the College to hold a public hearing on its proposed 2026-2027 budget prior to its final adoption. In accordance with the statutes, notice of this public hearing was published in the Kalamazoo Gazette via MLive on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, a newspaper of general circulation within the community college district and copies of the proposed budget were made available at the Office of the President for inspection by the public. Copies of the proposed budget were available for any persons present at the public hearing who desired to have a copy.

Chairperson Stinson called on Treasurer Gustas and Brian Lueth, Vice President for Finance and Business to present the budget. Treasurer Gustas and Vice President Lueth presented the proposed 2026-2027 budget. The Chairperson invited questions relative to the budget. There were no questions. There being no further discussion, the Chairperson declared the Public Hearing for the Kalamazoo Valley Community College 2026-2027 Proposed Budget closed at 7:40 a.m.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Thomas-Cloud presented the Consent Agenda Items. It was **MOVED** by Trustee Gustas, **SECONDED** by Trustee Patton and **CARRIED** that the Consent Agenda Items for May 2026, including the Secretary's Report, the Treasurer's Report, and the Personnel Report be approved.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Board received public comment from a faculty member.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **President's Report**

President Washington reviewed highlights from the President's Report, presented an update on the 2023 – 2027 Strategic Plan, Workforce and Community Innovation Update, Board Ends Policies 404, 409 and 413, and distributed the Board Calendar.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Proposed 2026-2027 Budget**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Gustas, and **SECONDED** by Trustee Patton that the 2026 – 2027 Proposed Budget and the General Appropriations Act Resolution be adopted:

The resolution was declared ADOPTED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 5                      NAYS: 0                      ABSTENTIONS: 0                      ABSENT: 2

A copy of the approved General Appropriations Act Resolution is attached.

**2026-2027 Millage Levy Resolution**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Gustas and **SECONDED** by Trustee Patton that the resolution for the establishment of the millage for the 2026-2027 levy be adopted:

The resolution was declared ADOPTED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 5                      NAYS: 0                      ABSTENTIONS: 0                      ABSENT: 2

A copy of the approved Levy Resolution is attached.

**Renewal of ACCT Membership and Appointment of Voting Representative**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Patton and **SECONDED** by Trustee Gustas and **CARRIED** that the Kalamazoo Valley Board of Trustees renew its membership in the Association of Community College Trustees for fiscal year 2026-27, and that dues in the amount of \$6,444 be paid.

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Patton and **SECONDED** by Trustee Gustas and **CARRIED** that Trustee Pontius be appointed voting representative to ACCT for fiscal year 2026-2027 and that Trustee Gustas be appointed alternate.

**OTHER ITEMS**

No other items were presented.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND EVALUATION OF MEETING AND MATERIALS**

No additional items were discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Stinson, **SECONDED** by Trustee Gustas, and **CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned. Chairperson Stinson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

May 12, 2026

Regular Meeting Minutes

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Kathy Purnell, Secretary

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Lucinda M. Stinson, Chairperson

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Elizabeth Washington, Recording Secretary

**Kalamazoo Valley Community College  
General Appropriations Act Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, in accordance with applicable law, has authorized and directed the President to prepare a proposed budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, copies of the proposed budget have been available to the public in the Office of the President of the College since May 1, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Board has on this date held a public hearing on its proposed budget pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Kalamazoo Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation within the Community College District; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required by law to adopt its budget prior to the beginning of the next ensuing fiscal year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The proposed 2026-2027 budget, as submitted, is hereby adopted as the budget of the Kalamazoo Valley Community College District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

2. Of the total revenues and unappropriated fund balances estimated to be available for appropriations in the General Fund; Designated Fund; Auxiliary Services Fund; Plant Development Fund (College); Plant Development Fund (Museum); Plant Debt Retirement (College); Plant Renewals, Modifications and Replacement Fund (College); and Plant Renewals, Modifications and Replacement Fund (Museum); for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the Board hereby appropriates the following amounts; namely, General Fund, \$78,054,664; Designated Fund, \$2,211,967; Auxiliary Services Fund, \$8,534,560; Plant Debt Retirement (College) \$844,112; Plant Fund (College), \$7,021,054; and Plant Renewals, Modifications, Replacement, and Exhibit Replacement and Renewal Fund (Museum), \$664,000; which amounts may be expended for the purposes more fully set forth in the budget as adopted.

3. A true copy of the budget as adopted shall be attached to and made a part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Dated: May 12, 2026

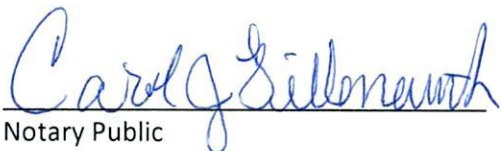
  
Sherry Thomas-Cloud,  
Acting Secretary  
Board of Trustees

The resolution was declared ADOPTED by the following roll call vote:

AYES:                                      NAYS:                                      ABSTENTIONS:                                      ABSENT:

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned does hereby certify that she is the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Counties of Kalamazoo, Barry, Calhoun, St. Joseph, and Van Buren, Michigan, and that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Kalamazoo Valley Community College District at its regular meeting on May 13, 2025.

  
Notary Public

  
Sherry Thomas-Cloud,  
Acting Secretary  
Board of Trustees

CAROL J FILLENWORTH  
Notary Public, State of Michigan  
County of Van Buren  
My Commission Expires 08-02-2030  
Acting in the County of Kalamazoo



