

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, October 8, 2024, 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 Burns*, DeLuca, Gustas, Patton, Purnell and Thomas-Cloud
L. Marshall Washington, President
Tracy Labadie, Recording Secretary

Other Attendees: Dannie Alexander, VP for Campus Planning and Operations
Nkenge Bergan, Associate VP for Student Development
Erin Bishop, Administrative Manager – President’s Office
Paige Eagan, Provost/VP for Instruction & Student Services
Sean Gordon, Public Safety
Aaron Hilliard, VP for Human Resources
Brian Lueth, VP for Finance and Business
Scott Myers, Humanities Faculty
Aaron Snead, VP for Information Technology
Dr. Elizabeth A. Burns*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Patton, **SECONDED** by Trustee Thomas-Cloud, and **CARRIED** that the agenda be approved as presented.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Gustas, **SECONDED** by Trustee Patton, and **CARRIED** by unanimous vote that all Action Items be brought forward prior to the Consent Agenda Items and that the agenda be approved as amended.

ACTION ITEMS

Appointment of Provisional Trustees

It was **MOVED** by Trustee DeLuca, **SECONDED** by Trustee Patton and **CARRIED** that upon the recommendation of the Board Audit and Governance Committee, Dr. Elizabeth A. Burns be appointed to serve as a provisional Trustee for the period of October 8, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

The motion CARRIED by the following ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

Election of Board Secretary

It was **MOVED** by Trustee Patton, **SECONDED** by Trustee Gustas and **CARRIED** that Trustee Purnell serve as Secretary of the Board for the period of October 8, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Local Strategic Value Resolution

It was **MOVED** by Trustee DeLuca, **SECONDED** by Trustee Gustas and **CARRIED** that the Board adopt the Local Strategic Value Resolution as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee presented the Consent Agenda Items. It was **MOVED** by Trustee Purnell, **SECONDED** by Trustee DeLuca and **CARRIED** that the Consent Agenda Items for October 2024, including the Secretary's Report, the Treasurer's Report, and the Personnel Report be approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one was present who desired to address the Board.

INFORMATION ITEMS

President's Report

Chairperson Stinson called on President Washington to present the President's Report for the month of October. President Washington presented an update on the Facilities Master Plan, reviewed highlights from the President's Report and distributed the Board Calendar.

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 Patton, **SECONDED** by Trustee Thomas-Cloud, and **CARRIED** that the meeting be adjourned. Chairperson Stinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06 a.m.



Lucinda M. Stinson, Chairperson



Kathy Purnell, Secretary



Tracy Labadie, Recording Secretary

Board of Trustees

Local Strategic Value Resolution

Whereas, Section 230(2) of the State School Aid Act (MCL.338.1830) for Fiscal Year 2025, a community college must demonstrate that it meets the Local Strategic Value qualifications to receive the portion of each college's performance funding appropriation earmarked for local strategic value, and;

Whereas, community colleges are required to satisfy 4 of 5 best practices in each of the three categories of:

- A. Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships,
- B. Educational Partnerships, and
- C. Community Services;

Best Practices by Category	Examples of Adherence
Category A: Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships (must meet 4 of 5)	
<p>(i) The community college has active partnerships with local employers including hospitals and health care providers.</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Valley Community College has active partnerships with local employers to support all educational and training programs and initiatives. Additionally, fostering strategic, intentional partnerships with community partners is a primary component of the college's five-year strategic plan. Some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The college signed more than 50 program-level transfer articulation agreements with Western Michigan University. • The college has collaborated with Kalamazoo Public Schools and Western Michigan University to establish the "Grow Your Own" teacher education program. • Kalamazoo Valley's Food Innovation Center expanded ValleyHUB's institutional customers from four in January 2023 to 37 in January 2024, including 32 secondary school districts within 50 miles of Kalamazoo. • Kalamazoo Valley partners with Bronson Healthcare to support education and training at the Bronson Healthy Living Campus of the college,

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	<p>including nutritional training for hospital staff, clinical training for Kalamazoo Valley health careers students and providing fresh produce for the hospital to serve to patients and visitors.</p>
<p>(ii) The community college provides customized on-site training for area companies, employees, or both.</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Valley provides customized training that is driven by local, regional and national business needs. Customized training sessions are hosted on campus or onsite at the employer. Training may include such topics as blueprint reading, geometric dimensioning, employee onboarding, electrical training, problem solving and OSHA safety standards. Employers the college has provided customized training for over the past year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoetis • Humphrey Products • Stryker • Knouse • American Axle <p>Kalamazoo Valley offers CNC and Wind Turbine Technician Career Academies designed with curriculum that is responsive to industry needs. Kalamazoo Valley is also an active partner with FlavorSum in the Michigan New Jobs Training Program.</p>
<p>(iii) The community college supports entrepreneurship through a small business assistance center or other training or consulting activities targeted toward small businesses.</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Valley Community College supports entrepreneurship through the following examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offering programs focused on small business management. • Providing customized employee safety training for small, local municipalities. • The ValleyHUB Food Hub, supports small businesses in the food and agriculture industry as a food distributor with wrap-around marketing and technical assistance support.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connecting eligible small businesses with New Hire Training Program grant funding opportunities.
<p>(iv) The community college supports technological advancement through industry partnerships, incubation activities, or operation of a Michigan technical education center or other advanced technology center.</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Valley Community College supports the technological advancement of the community by developing strong industry partnerships and providing state-of-the-art training and educational experiences through the Advanced Technology Center. The college offers several certificate and associate degree programs in technical fields such as automotive technology, heating ventilation air conditioning, electrical technology, computer information systems, CNC and machine tool, wind turbine technician, cell tower technician, horticulture, health careers, business and accounting. Kalamazoo Valley actively engages with business and industry partners through bi-annual advisory committee discussions.</p>
<p>(v) The community college has active partnerships with local or regional workforce and economic development agencies.</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Valley has key partnerships with several regional agencies with a strategic focus on addressing the skills gap necessary to meet local business needs and improve access to local employment. Some highlighted collaborations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwest Michigan First, the area’s regional local economic development agency. Northside Community Association to offer skills training for economically disadvantaged populations in Kalamazoo. Kalamazoo Defender’s Office as an active partner in their Village program. Michigan Works! Southwest Midwest Institute, which is a consortium of U.S. community colleges and universities, focused on international education opportunities.
<p>Category B: Educational Partnerships (must meet 4 of 5)</p>	
<p>(i) The community college has active partnerships with regional high schools,</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Valley Community College has strong partnerships with local secondary institutions with a</p>

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<p>intermediate school districts, and career-tech centers to provide instruction through dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment, direct credit, middle college, or academy programs.</p>	<p>strategic focus on addressing the equity gap and accessibility to post-secondary education and training. Highlighted collaborations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active dual credit agreements with Allegan Educational Service Agency, Branch Area Career Center, Calhoun Intermediate School District, Careerline Tech Center, Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA) and Van Buren Intermediate School District (ISD). • Active Early/Middle College programs with all Kalamazoo Public Schools, KRESA, Gull Lake Schools and Van Buren ISD. • Partnership with Kalamazoo Public Schools for a youth apprenticeship program. • Active partnership with KRESA to provide certified nurse assistant (CNA) certification prep for high school students. • Kalamazoo Valley hosts four career and technical education (CTE) programs for KRESA CTE on Kalamazoo Valley’s campuses. • Several Kalamazoo Valley faculty and administrators serve on KRESA CTE program advisory boards.
<p>(ii) The community college hosts, sponsors, or participates in enrichment programs for area K-12 students, such as college days, summer or after-school programming, or science Olympiad.</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Valley routinely hosts, sponsors and participates in secondary student enrichment programs such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting Early/Middle College Summer camps. • Participating in Northside Association for Community Development Workshops. • Participated in the Kalamazoo Area Science and Math club ‘Girls in STEM’ event. • Hosting tours for Youth Opportunities Unlimited/MyCITY, created to assist high school dropouts with reconnection to education and employment training. • Providing internships for Youth Opportunities Unlimited/MyCITY participants.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting Comstock Compass High School students for a Career exploration series each year. • Hosting the “Girls on the Run” event on the college campus. • The Kalamazoo Valley Museum offers free access to exhibits and hosts several youth-oriented events, such as youth camps during spring break, “Chemistry Day” events, and career exploration days with Kalamazoo Public Schools.
<p>(iii) The community college provides, supports, or participates in programming to promote successful transitions to college for traditional age students, including grant programs such as talent search, upward bound, or other activities to promote college readiness in area high schools and community centers.</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Valley Community College provides, supports and participates in programming that promotes successful transitions to college for traditional age students in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Valley Advantage program (an academic catch-up program) was launched in 2023. • Kalamazoo Valley partners with some local high schools to offer math placement testing preparation for high school students. • Kalamazoo Valley has a strong and growing Early/Middle College program and High School Dual Enrollment and CTE programs. • Offering Early/Middle College summer career exploration camps and targeted early college orientations for new students and parents.
<p>(iv) The community college provides, supports, or participates in programming to promote successful transitions to college for new or reentering adult students, such as adult basic education, GED preparation and testing, or recruiting, advising, or orientation activities specific to adults.</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Valley Community College provides, supports and participates in programming that promotes successful transitions to college for adult learners in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The college partnered with Western Michigan University and the Kalamazoo Promise for the Mi-RAISE project to engage adult learners who are still Kalamazoo Promise eligible. • An active Adult Learner Task Force focused on engaging and supporting the college’s adult learners. • Serving as a site for adult literacy training in partnership with Kalamazoo Adult Literacy Program.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increasing outreach and support for those who are able to take advantage of Michigan Reconnect scholarship opportunities. ● Continued outreach and support services through our Student Development Services unit for students enrolling at Kalamazoo Valley through the Michigan Offender Success program. ● Providing a welcoming and engaging Veterans' Success Program Center which is one of 94 in nation. ● Kalamazoo Valley is an active member of "The Village" at the Kalamazoo Defender office. ● Kalamazoo Valley has partnered with the Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) to support and improve completion rates for identified students.
<p>(v) The community college has active partnerships with regional 4-year colleges and universities to promote successful transfer, such as articulation, 2+2, or reverse transfer agreements or operation of a university center.</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Valley Community College hosts a University Center on campus which enables a student to establish a clear, simple, integrated path for completion from a Kalamazoo Valley Associate's Degree to a Bachelor's Degree (and beyond) in a specific program of study from a sponsoring university on Kalamazoo Valley's campus. At this time, the Kalamazoo Valley University Center partners are Davenport University, Siena Heights and Ferris State University, offering a combined 13 advanced post-secondary degree completion options.</p> <p>Kalamazoo Valley has multiple transfer articulation agreements with 2 and 4-year colleges and universities. The college participated in a statewide transfer articulation agreement initiative called MiTransfer Pathways, developing transfer pathways for Art, Biology, Business, Communication, Criminal Justice, Exercise Science, Psychology, and Social Work.</p> <p>Other ways in which Kalamazoo Valley works to promote success transfer include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dedicated transfer resource services within the Student Development Services unit. ● Offering credit for prior learning opportunities. ● Participating in the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). ● Offering reverse transfer agreements with all 4-year colleges and universities.

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Category C: Community Services (must meet 4 of 5)	
<p>(i) The community college provides continuing education programming for leisure, wellness, personal enrichment, or professional development.</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Valley Community College provides continuing education programming for leisure, wellness, personal enrichment and professional development. Examples of program opportunities provided include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Campus libraries are open to public at two campuses. ● College-wide public Wi-Fi. ● Senior Tuition Waiver program. ● Kalamazoo Valley Museum is open to the public with free general admission. ● Kalamazoo Valley offers lifelong learning opportunities in the areas of Allied Health, Culinary and Sustainable Foods, Farms and Gardens, Wellness and Fitness, Computer Software, Leadership, Financial Literacy, ed2go virtual offerings, and programs for youth and teens. ● Kalamazoo Valley has partnered with the Portage Senior Center to deliver technology classes for seniors in the region. ● The college testing centers serve as Southwest Michigan’s location for testing professionals involved in the agriculture industry through Michigan Department of Agriculture certification testing. ● Offering community engagement courses in Beekeeping, Master Rain Gardener, Fitness Center Basics, Gentle Yoga, and Fundamentals of Individual Stock Investing. ● Partnering with several community partners to implement the Kalamazoo Foodways Symposium held annually in April.
<p>(ii) The community college operates or sponsors opportunities for community members to engage in activities that promote leisure, wellness, cultural or personal enrichment such as community sports teams, theater or musical ensembles, or artist guilds.</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Valley Community College offers opportunities for community members to engage in activities that promote leisure, wellness, cultural and personal enrichment. Some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Serving as an Arts Council of Kalamazoo monthly Art Hop venue. ● Hosting an annual Alumni+ Art Show. ● Hosting a free and open to the public Visiting Authors series.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Free youth basketball clinics held in partnership with the Douglass Community Association with KV student athletes providing skill development along with coaches ● Supporting campus band & community chorus events. ● The college partners with Water Street Café, Colonial Kitchen, and other community organizations to support and serve community Veterans. ● The college organizes middle school art displays. ● The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is free for community members and offers hands- on exhibits and experiences, and programs including planetarium shows. ● Kalamazoo Valley offers free culinary nutrition classes to promote wellness by getting families more comfortable preparing fresh food at home.
<p>(iii) The community college operates public facilities to promote cultural, educational, or personal enrichment for community members, such as libraries, computer labs, performing arts centers, museums, art galleries, or television or radio stations.</p>	<p>There are several ways in which Kalamazoo Valley promotes cultural, educational and personal enrichment for our community members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kalamazoo Valley supports a student run cafeteria and restaurant venue which offers unique student culinary made creations inspired by cultural cuisines. ● Kalamazoo Valley libraries are open to the public. ● Kalamazoo Valley Museum is open to the public with free general admission, six days a week, offering inclusive and engaging exhibits, experiences, programs and special events. ● Kalamazoo Valley offers computers for public use in the library spaces and college-wide wi-fi that is available for public use at each of its campuses. ● The Arcus Gallery at the Center for New Media is open to the public and offers monthly and special art shows as part of the Kalamazoo community’s shared love of arts and culture. ● The college offers many rental spaces that may be used by local business and industry partners for company events and training. ● The Kalamazoo Valley Community Kitchen is used to educate and train community members through workshops, demonstrations and seminars.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Food Innovation Center provides education opportunities in sustainable agriculture and landscape design techniques. Its outdoor gardens are open to the public at all daylight hours; the facility is also available for community tours.
<p>(iv) The community college operates public facilities to promote leisure or wellness activities for community members, including gymnasiums, athletic fields, tennis courts, fitness centers, hiking or biking trails, or natural areas.</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Valley Community College operates public facilities that enhance opportunities for community members to engage in activities that promote leisure and wellness for community members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kalamazoo Valley maintains several interpretative rain gardens serving as outdoor learning experiences. • Kalamazoo Valley maintains walking nature trails that are open to the public. • Campus track, tennis courts and athletic facilities are available for public use and are used for charity events. • Campus grounds and facilities are used by local high school and community groups for cross-country meets, soccer games and tennis matches. • The college routinely hosts open gym use of the basketball and volleyball facilities. • Kalamazoo Valley is the area Home School basketball home site. • Kalamazoo Valley is a designated hazardous event shelter site. • The college swimming pool is used for community swims. • The Kalamazoo Valley Veterans Lounge is open for all Veterans of the community.
<p>(v) The community college promotes, sponsors, or hosts community service activities for students, staff, or community members.</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Valley Community College promotes, sponsors and hosts community service activities for students, staff, and community members in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kalamazoo Valley Food Share is run by staff and faculty volunteers and provides fresh produce and shelf stable food to students in need. • The annual Kalamazoo Valley Career Fair is open to community members. • Kalamazoo Valley is a proud host for United States Naturalization Ceremonies. • The Kalamazoo Valley dental hygiene clinic offers reduced cost dental services for community members and free dental services for veterans.

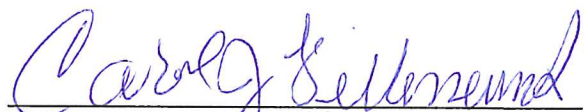
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The college hosts a semi-annual community electronics recycling program. ● Kalamazoo Valley sponsors representation on the “Girls on the Run” and Kalamazoo Marathon planning committees and has hosted the event on the college campus. ● Hosting Red Cross and MI Blood Drives on campus. ● Kalamazoo Valley offers facilities used as a local voting precinct. ● Kalamazoo Valley offers facility use for local community group meetings. ● The college is a “Beyond the Backpack” sponsor and collaborator. ● Each of the college’s five athletic teams conduct at least two team-specific community service activities or projects each semester.

The Kalamazoo Valley Community College Board of Trustees further resolves that the President be authorized and directed to submit a copy of the signed resolution to the State Budget Director, as required by law.

Dated: October 8, 2024



Kathy Purnell, Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kalamazoo Valley Community College



Carol J. Fillenworth
Notary Public

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

Kalamazoo County, Michigan
My commission expires: 8-2-30

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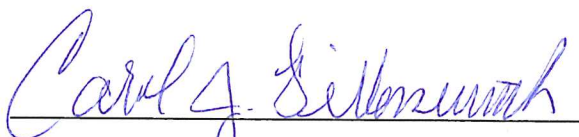
Certification of Resolution

The undersigned does hereby certify that:

1. 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.
2. The foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.
3. Proper notice of the time and place of the meeting was given to each Board member as provided by the applicable provisions of the Community College Act of 1966, as amended, and the Board's bylaws, and to the public as required by the Open Meetings Act, as amended.



Kathy Purnell, Secretary, Board of Trustees
Kalamazoo Valley Community College


Carol J. Fillenworth Notary Public

Kalamazoo County, Michigan

My commission expires: 8-2-30

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