

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT #528**

June 17, 2025
Committee of the Whole



MCC Board Room A217
8900 U.S. Highway 14
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Morton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Morton asked Chair Hoban to serve as Secretary. He then asked her to take a roll call.

Trustees Present

Dale Morton
Linnea Kooistra
Elizabeth Speros
Suzanne Hoban
Tess Reinhard
Tom Allen

Also Present

Dr. Clinton Gabbard - College President
Ken Florey - Legal Counsel

Trustees Not Present

Alyssa Kueffner

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Agenda was accepted as presented.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Motion: Move that the Board of Trustees approves the minutes from Committee of the Whole Meeting, May 20, 2025. Trustee Reinhard motioned; seconded by trustee Kooistra. Motion approved as amended.

5. OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No public comments.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: DR. CLINTON GABBARD

MCC Summer Community Engagement Activities

A variety of events, festivals, and parades take place in summer throughout McHenry County. These engagement events allow MCC to reach community members and share the latest information about college programs, services, and resources.

Friends of MCC Foundation Planning Session Recap

As part of the Friend of MCC Foundation's June Board meeting, a special discussion was facilitated to align planning efforts for the coming year with the College's newly adopted Strategic Plan for 2025-2030. After receiving a college update on the plan and its priorities, Board members worked in small teams to identify key philanthropic opportunities to support the institution. From this robust discussion emerged several areas of focus that the Foundation will use to generate its strategies, including: expanding financial resources to support growing student populations; growing funding availability beyond scholarships; and bringing more alumni and community members to campus to enhance engagement – eventually leading to giving. Many thanks to Trustee Morton for participating in this discussion.

MCC Planetarium Offers Additional Summer Shows for the Public

Because of the fantastic response the College has received by offering planetarium shows throughout the fall and spring, we have added additional shows throughout the summer to continue engagement with our community. Every public planetarium show begins with a live guided tour of the cosmos. Then, sit back for a full-dome feature film that delivers a truly immersive experience. The summer schedule was shared with the Board. Visit the [MCC Planetarium](#) if you would like more information about our public and private planetarium programming.

Upcoming Events

Dr. Gabbard shared upcoming campus events with the Board of Trustees.

7. PRESENTATION-ENGAGEMENT HALL

Dr. Gabbard and Ms. Christina Haggerty presented the proposal for the MCC Engagement Hall to the Board of Trustees. Questions and discussion followed.

8. PRELIMINARY MAY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta provided a recap of the May financial statements.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee Allen attended the commencement ceremony and thought the team did a great job. He also attended the golf invitational, and it was great. He appreciated the presentation on the proposal for the engagement hall.

Trustee Reinhard would like to have more faculty present, more ways to honor them and it would be nice to hear from them. She enjoyed the presentation and thought it was very thorough. She also commented on the new billboard being installed and really liked it.

Trustee Speros thanked the architect for being a part of the presentation on the engagement hall. She attended the pride parade on Sunday, and it was great to see the MCC bus come in. It was great to see MCC representation at that event and at other community events, including churches. She thanked senior officials for attending these events.

Chair Hoban loved trustee Reinhard's idea on faculty presenting and she also would like a presentation on archeology field school.

Trustee Morton enjoyed the presentation and was very excited for the engagement hall.

10. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:32PM, hearing no further business Trustee Allen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Reinhard. All were in favor.

Denisa J. Shallo, Recording Secretary

Suzanne Hoban Board Secretary