

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

August 19, 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 Secretary Kueffner to take a roll call.

Trustees Present

Dale Morton
Linnea Kooistra
Suzanne Hoban
Tess Reinhard
Tom Allen
Alyssa Kueffner

Also Present

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

Trustees Not Present

Elizabeth Speros

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, June 17, 2025. Trustee Kooistra motioned; seconded by Chair Hoban. Motion approved.

5. OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No public comments.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: DR. CLINTON GABBARD

Fall 2025 Enrollment Update

Dr. Gabbard gave an enrollment update to the Board.

Fall 2025 Opening Day Activities for Students

Over 300 students attended Opening Day at MCC on Wednesday, August 13. At this event, new and returning students explored the college campus ahead of their first days of classes. During this event students were encouraged to find their classrooms, learn about Canvas and compare faculty syllabi, and choose from in a variety of activities including meditating in the planetarium, potting plants in the greenhouse, browsing the student org showcase, and more. Activities were designed intentionally to draw students to all corners of the buildings while simultaneously fostering connection with staff, faculty, other students, and campus resources. After exploring campus, students gathered for lunch and were welcomed by Dr. Gabbard. One lucky student (out of 165 entries) was presented with a \$500 scholarship from the Friends of MCC Foundation – students qualified for an entry by completing activities. We watched students transform from nervous about being in a new space, to excited for their first day of class. The event was hosted by the MCC Admissions & Recruitment office, in collaboration with many other offices and individuals across campus.

Fall 2025 Faculty Development Day Recap

On August 14, 2025, over 150 faculty members—including 53 adjunct instructors and about 100 full-time faculty—participated in this year's Fall Faculty Development Day. The themes for this year were **Online Teaching and Learning and High Impact Practices (HIPs)**, including MCC 101, Work-Based Learning, Innovative Course Materials (ICM), Learning Communities (Twofer), and Collaborative Learning. These themes are aligned with Academic Affairs' primary focus for this academic year. A new roundtable discussion format was introduced, featuring nine high-interest topics related to online teaching. This sparked lively engagement, with conversations ranging from online instructor presence to digitally enhanced HIPs, and from teaching with AI to the new accessibility tool such as YuJa Panorama. These discussions helped create an enthusiastic start to this year's strategic focus on Online Teaching and Learning. The day also included presentations by MCC's President and Vice President of Academic Affairs/CAO.

Fall 2025 University Center Update

On August 25, all four of MCC's University Center partners will begin classes with a building full of excited students. Growth continues across programs and universities, as indicated by the enrollment information for Fall 2025 below.

Fall 2025 Total Students Projected	204
Returning Students	92
New Students	112

As a result of funds provided by the Friends of MCC Foundation, all new registered students for Fall 2025 are receiving a special MCC Alumnus scholarship.

Highlighting Adult Education Students

This summer, the Office of Marketing and Public Relations worked on the development of a digital display map, which shows all countries that our Adult Education students are from. This display projecting who we serve is located in two locations on campus: one monitor near the Testing Center on the main level of Building A, and the other monitor near the Adult Education office on the upper level of Building A. Content included on the display will be updated each semester.

MCC Fab Lab Certification

This summer, MCC's Fab Lab, **IdeaWorks**, was certified by MIT as part of the official Fab Lab Network, an open, creative community of fabricators, artists, engineers, educators, and more located in more than 100 countries and approximately 1,750 Fab Labs. To receive this certification, each lab moves through an extensive referee approval process. MCC's parent lab – the Wanger Family Fab Lab at the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry – was critical in advising the optimal lab layout, identifying equipment and supplies, and supporting the application process. An information campaign with more extensive publicity about this new certification and how to access IdeaWorks is in development and will be launched later this month.

Potential Presentation Topics for Future Board Meetings

In preparation for future committee and Board meetings over the coming academic year, the following presentation topics are being presented for consideration. We anticipate providing presentations each month, either during the Committee of the Whole or Board meeting schedule. Please provide feedback to Christina Haggerty in the coming week, and we will develop a schedule based on this input.

National Community College Benchmarking Report (NCCBP) Data Points McHenry County College (MCC) participates in the National Community Benchmark Project (NCCBP) by providing data on an annual basis for comparison to community college peer institutions across the country. By participating, the College can access peer comparison data for over 150 metrics that are specifically relevant for community colleges. Peer comparison data from the NCCBP can be used to support the College's planning, assessment, and strategic decision-making activities. An overview and key findings was shared with the Board.

Upcoming Events

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

7. PRESENTATION-FRIENDS OF MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Mr. Brian DiBona, Executive Director of Friends of MCC Foundation gave an update on the MCC Foundation.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Trustee Allen attended the foundation board meeting and was proud to see the jump in scholarships.

Trustee Reinhard would like to see all the art that we have in our possession. She thought the benchmark data was amazing and the enrollment numbers were really exciting. She congratulated everyone on their hard work.

Chair Hoban also congratulated the team on a job well done. She noted that it was great to see the data.

Trustee Kooistra also enjoyed the presentations and stated that there is a lot to celebrate with our enrollment numbers, the data and the Foundation report. She also watched Dr. Gabbard's speech on opening day and thought it was uplifting. She asked about potential fraud risk and what we are doing as a college on that. Treasurer to reach out to answer question.

Trustee Kueffner enjoyed the foundation presentation. He appreciated that you can see the increase of applicants along with the increase in money. She had conversations with several young men looking to be pilots and she gave them the program information.

Vice Chair Morton also commented on the foundation presentation and how great it was to see these numbers. He noted that everyone who applied for a scholarship in his ceramics class received one.

9. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:20 pm Vice Chair Morton asked for a motion to move into Closed Session under Illinois Open Meetings Act 120/2 (c), Exception # 2 Collective Negotiating #21-Review of Closed Session Minutes. Chair Hoban motioned; Trustee Reinhard seconded. On a roll call all were in favor.

10. ACCEPTANCE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: May 20, 2025 Committee of the Whole Closed Session Minutes.

Motion: Move that the Board of Trustees approve the closed session minutes from May 20, 2025 COTW Meeting. Chair Hoban motioned; Trustee Reinhard seconded. Motion approved.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:46PM, hearing no further business Trustee Allen motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Kooistra. All were in favor.

Denisa J. Shallo, Recording Secretary

Alyssa Kueffner Board Secretary