LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE

MINUTES FOR BOARD OF TRUSTESS – September 22, 2026 MEETING

09/22/2026 | 05:00 PM - 05:24 PM
Todd Center Boardroom

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair John Grover called the meeting of the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees to order on September 22, at 5:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

Board Chair Grover opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ms. Mary Jo Tomasini, Ms. Debra Johnson, Ms. Vicki Burghdoff, Ms. Alloyd Blackmon and Mr. John Grover

SETTING OF AGENDA

Chair Grover requested that the Trustee Membership item be moved to the top of the agenda, before the President's Report section.

MINUTES FROM AUGUST 25, 2026

The meeting minutes from the August 25 , 2026, Board meeting was approved as presented with a voice vote by all trustees present.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2026–2027 Resident Assistants were introduced to the Board, along with the following faculty members: ***Chad Collofello***, Art Lecturer; ***Libby Megna***, Biology,

Anatomy, and Physiology; ***Kristen Robinson***, History; and ***Shoshana McIntosh***, Philosophy.

Dr. Flowers also shared that LMC is in its third consecutive semester with a faculty member on sabbatical. Last spring, ***Kristi Lefrenz***, used her sabbatical to further develop the Professional Communications course, incorporating content on performing when it matters and integrating AI into the curriculum.

NEW BUSINESS

Cisco Infrastructure, DNA and Security EA

The College has the opportunity to secure fixed pricing for our comprehensive Cisco Networking, Security, and Collaboration Suite Licensing through August 31, 2031. This Enterprise Agreement (EA) 3.0 consolidates multiple legacy contracts into a single, manageable framework.

Cisco infrastructure serves as the backbone of the College's digital environment, supporting wired and wireless networking, data center operations, and campus-wide security protocols. This renewal ensures continued access to essential software updates, advanced security features (ISE and Secure Firewall), and the Webex Collaboration suite, which are vital to daily institutional operations and student connectivity.

The proposed agreement with Insight Public Sector, Inc. includes support for the College's wired and wireless network infrastructure, data center operations, network security environment, and ongoing Cisco software subscription support, ensuring continued access to critical updates, licensing, and vendor-supported functionality through the agreement term. The total five-year term cost is $428,115.20. Unlike traditional models with variable annual increases, this agreement secures a flat annual billing of $85,623.04. This structured pricing provides long-term budget predictability while ensuring the College remains current with evolving cybersecurity and networking requirements.

Action: We recommend the Board of Trustees approve the Cisco Infrastructure, DNA, and Security Enterprise Agreement with Insight Public Sector, Inc. for the period of September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2031.

Motion by Ms. Burghdoff with support by Ms. Blackmon to approve the Cisco Infrastructure, DNA, and Security Enterprise Agreement with Insight Public Sector, Inc. for the period of September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2031.

Roll Call Vote - Chair Grover asked the board secretary for a roll call vote.
Yeas: Mr. Grover, Ms. Tomisini, Ms. Burghdoff, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Blackmon
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Community College Local Strategic Value Resolution

Section 230 of PA 103 of 2023, the Fiscal Year 2026 community colleges appropriations bill contains the qualifications that must be met to receive the portion of each college's performance funding appropriation earmarked for local strategic value. The statute lists 15 separate best practices for community colleges to achieve. Institutions must satisfy 4 of 5 best practices in each of 3 different categories.

To demonstrate eligibility for this funding, Section 230 requires that each community college certifies compliance to the State Budget Office by means of a board of trustees resolution certifying that the college has met 4 of 5 best practices in each category. Further, each board resolution "shall provide specifics as to how the community college meets each best practice measure within each category."

Action: It is recommended that the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees approve the following resolution, as presented, which provides specifics as to how Lake Michigan College meets the best practice measures within each category to prove its Local Strategic Value for the region it serves.

Motion by Ms. Blackmon with support by Ms. Tomasini to approve the resolution, as presented, which provides specifics as to how Lake Michigan College meets the best practice measures within each category to prove its Local Strategic Value for the region it serves.

Roll Call Vote - Chair Grover asked the board secretary for a roll call vote.
Yeas: Ms. Johnson, Ms. Blackmon, Ms. Burghdoff, Mr. Grover, Ms. Tomasini
Nays: None

Motion Approved

Trustee Membership

Action: The Trustees recommend the appointment of Dr. Melinda Gruber to fill the Trustee vacancy and serve on the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees.

Motion by Ms. Tomasini with support by Ms. Johnson to recognize the nomination of Dr. Melinda Gruber to the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees.

Roll Call Vote - Chair Grover asked the board secretary for a roll call vote.

Yeas: Ms. Burghdoff, Ms. Tomasini, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Grover, Ms. Blackman
Nays: None

Motion Approved

POLICIES SECOND READ – APPROVAL

The following policies were presented to the Board of Trustees as a second read for review and/or approval:

- Lobbying - Compliance with Federal and State Law
- Naming of Facilities, Programs and Support Funds
- Resignation

Action: College Administration recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the policies as presented.

Motion by Ms. Tomasini with support by Ms. Burghdoff to approve the policies as presented.

Roll Call Vote - Chair Grover asked all those in favor of the motion to indicate by saying aye and any opposed to the motion to indicate so verbally stating nay.

No Opposition Voiced

Motion Approved

POLICIES FIRST READ – FOR REVIEW

Chair Grover asked the Board to review the policies outlined in the agenda (and listed below) and be ready for discussion and/or approval at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

- Authority to Bind the College to External Agreements
- Clery Act Compliance
- Transfer of College Credit

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Academic Affairs Department Report
Student Affairs Department Report
Dr. LaToya Mason, Provost

Dr. Mason began her report by sharing her excitement about having students back on campus. She highlighted the Health Science Simulation Team's recent conference attendance and noted that ***Barbara Craig*** and ***Jay Bauer*** are building new partnerships and strengthening connections with employers. She also recognized Student Life for its outstanding efforts to welcome students back to campus, including helping students navigate campus and ensuring they felt welcomed.

*Please reference the Board agenda to review the full department report.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Tomasini to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees at 5:24 pm.

Alloyd Blackmon
Lake Michigan College Board Secretary