

Meeting Minutes

Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees

August 12, 2025, Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees was called to order at 9 a.m. by Chairperson Kurt Peterson at The Rusty Nail, in Carson City, Michigan.

Trustees present: Dr. Esther Combs, Trustee
Carol Deuling-Ravell, Vice Chairperson
Joyce Kitchenmaster, Secretary
Kurt Peterson, Chairperson
Bob Byram, Trustee

Trustees absent: Robert Marston, Trustee
Joshua Stump, Treasurer

Others present: Dr. Bradley J. Barrick, MCC President
Chris Copp, Owner of Carson City Lumber
Kyle Crowley, apprentice student from Aggressive Tool and Die
Nan Hagerman, City Administrator with the City of Carson City
Gavin Heether, apprentice student from Aggressive Tool and Die
Lisa Lund, Executive Director of the MCC Foundation
Beth O'Grady, Director of the Carson City Public Library
Dayna Neff, Executive Director of the Montcalm Economic Alliance
Francisco Ramirez, MCC Dean of Student & Enrollment Services
Cory Smith, Daily News Senior Staff Writer
Connie Stewart, Senior Vice President and COO
Shelly Springborn, Assistant Board Secretary
Jason Teegardin, Owner of 180 Designs
Kevin Wagenmaker, Vice President for Academic Affairs

The Trustees reviewed minutes from their July 8, 2025, regular meeting. Mr. Peterson said the minutes stand approved as read.

The Trustees reviewed minutes from their July 21, 2025, special meeting. Mr. Peterson said the minutes stand approved as read.

The Trustees reviewed financial reports.

The Carson City community leaders introduced themselves and discussed with the Trustees their area interests and initiatives.

Beth O'Grady, Director of the Carson City Public Library, talked about the resources available at the Carson City Crystal libraries, as well as programming planned for the fall. She also thanked the college for its community partnerships and support of the One Book One County Montcalm program.

Jason Teegardin, owner of 180 Designs, talked about his business and the types of products and services they offer.

Chris Copp, owner of Carson City Lumber, gave some background about their business, as a 4th generation owner/operator. He also asked about MCC's partnership with Carson City-Crystal Area Schools. Discussion continued regarding MCC's partnership with CC-C for direct admission and dual enrollment.

Nan Hagerman, City Administrator with the City of Carson City, talked about her transition from township and county government to city government, as well as current projects in Carson City.

Dayna Neff, Executive Director of the Montcalm Economic Alliance, talked about community engagement and how MCC has been supportive of the MEA and Dayna during her first year in this role.

Kyle Crowley and Gavin Heether, both apprentice students from Aggressive Tool and Die, shared their student experiences at MCC.

Dr. Barrick thanked guests for attending. All guests departed at 9:46 a.m., except for Dayne Neff, who stayed for the remainder of the meeting.

Dr. Barrick shared his president's report including welcoming newly appointed Trustee Bob Byram, providing a fall enrollment update, and providing a legislative update.

The MCCA Summer Conference attendees, including Chairperson Kurt Peterson, Treasurer Josh Stump, Secretary Joyce Kitchenmaster, and Trustee Dr. Esther Combs, provided a conference report.

MCC Foundation Executive Director Lisa Lund gave a report from the MCCF Pancake Breakfast.

Sue Moss provided a 2025 Summer Camps report.

The Trustees reviewed the upcoming dates.

At 10:38 a.m. Carol Deuling-Ravell moved that the meeting adjourn. Joyce Kitchenmaster supported the motion, which carried unanimously.