

June 10, 2025

A regular meeting of the Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Kurt Peterson in the Trebian Conference Room in MCC's Donald C. Burns Administration/Library Building in Sidney.

Trustees present: Dr. Esther Combs (left 10:14 a.m.)  
Carol Deuling-Ravell, Vice Chairperson  
Joyce Kitchenmaster, Secretary  
Robert Marston  
Kurt Peterson, Chairperson

Trustees Absent: Karen Carbonelli  
Joshua Stump, Treasurer

Others present: Ryan Clingenpeel, MCC Student Athlete (arrived 9:16 a.m., left 9:34 a.m.)  
Doug Harkema, MCC Head Men's Golf Coach (left 9:34 a.m.)  
Lisa Herald, MCC Executive Assistant, President's Office  
Taylor Male, MCC Director of Operations (left 9:34 a.m.)  
Francisco Ramirez, MCC Dean of Student & Enrollment Services  
Cory Smith, *The Daily News* Reporter  
Connie Stewart, MCC Senior Vice President Chief Operating Officer  
Shelly Strautz-Springborn, MCC Communications & Public Relations Director  
Kevin Wagenmaker, MCC Vice President for Academic Affairs

The Trustees reviewed the minutes from their 5/13/25 and 5/27/25 meetings.

The Trustees reviewed financial reports.

Mr. Harkema shared his background as a varsity boys and girls coach before being hired as MCC's Head Men's Golf Coach. He also discussed creating the golf team and program from the ground up.

Mr. Clingenpeel discussed his education background and how he became an MCC student athlete.

Ms. Stewart gave an MCC update.

Mr. Peterson called the truth-in-taxation meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Upon motion duly made by Marson and supported by Deuling-Ravell, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That an increase of 0.0997 mills in operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2025 is approved.

Mr. Peterson closed the truth-in-taxation meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Upon motion duly made by Deuling-Ravell and supported by Combs, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That Dr. Bradley J. Barrick is Montcalm Community College's 2025-26 President Director, Trustee Carol Deuling-Ravell is MCC's 2025-26 Trustee Director and Trustee Dr. Esther Combs is MCC's 2025-26 Alternate Trustee Director to the Michigan Community College Association Board of Directors.

Upon motion duly made by Deuling-Ravell and supported by Marston, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the resolution authorizing public entity membership in the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool (WMHIP) for a minimum three-year period is approved.

Mr. Peterson appointed Mr. Marston, chair; Ms. Deuling-Ravell and Mr. Stump to the president compensation committee.

Upon motion duly made by Deuling-Ravell and supported by Marson, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the contract for Montcalm Community College Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin Wagenmaker for 7/1/25 through 6/30/27, contract for MCC's Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Connie Stewart for 7/1/25 through 6/30/27 and contract for Montcalm Community College President Dr. Bradley J. Barrick is approved.

At 10:23 a.m., Marston moved that the meeting adjourn. Deuling-Ravell supported the motion, which carried unanimously.