July 21, 2026 Board of Trustees Special Meeting

Minutes

Oakland Community College
7/21/2026 6:00 PM EDT

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 6:00 p.m., at the Auburn Hills Campus, Room G240, 2900 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan.

This meeting will include a request for a closed session under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

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1. Call to Order

   Chair Bertolini called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

2. Attendance

   PRESENT: K. Bertolini, M. Burrus, P. Davis, S. Bryant, P. Jackson, M. Lambert ABSENT: E. Callaghan

3. Approval of Agenda

   Motion:
   Move to approve agenda.

   Motion moved by MiVida Burrus and motion seconded by Meg Lambert. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

   4.1. May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

   Motion:
   May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

   Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by MiVida Burrus. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Trustee Burrus disclosed a company with which she is a consultant has OCC as customer, and stated she has no decision authority, nor will she be involved in activities with said company and OCC.

6. Monitoring CEO Performance

6.1. EL-08 Communication & Support to the Board

Motion:
Move that the Board of Trustees have assessed the updated monitoring report for the policy EL-08 Communications & Support to the Board and finds that it demonstrates compliance with a reasonable interpretation of the policy.

Motion moved by MiVida Burrus and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson.
Motion passed unanimously.

6.2. EL-04 Planning (resubmittal from May meeting feedback)

Motion:
Move that the Board of Trustees have assessed the updated monitoring report for the policy EL-04 Planning and finds that it demonstrates compliance with a reasonable interpretation of the policy.

Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by MiVida Burrus.
Motion passed unanimously.

7. Self-evaluation - Meeting Governance Process

Chair Bertolini provided a brief summary of the results from last month's post meeting survey.

8. Community Comments

Robert Pawlowski, the OCC Student Government President, provided an update.
Robin McGregor, a Waterford community member, expressed appreciation to OCC.
Farmington Hills Mayor Theresa Rich, advocated for the Orchard Ridge Athletic Complex utilizing the public/private partnership and city's desire to collaborate with OCC
Nicolas Marinelli, a Waterford resident, stressed value of Waterford grounds to community and mentioned property history.
Pete Ogg, a Waterford community member, shared his thoughts on the northern portion of the Highland Lakes campus.
Nancy Critori, a Waterford community member, expressed her desire for green open space and trades training at the Highland Lakes campus.

Joseph Williams, a Waterford resident and OCC alumni voiced his opinion regarding Highland Lakes campus.

9. Chancellor's Insight

Chancellor Provenzano provided his remarks, and introduced OCC retiree Dean Spann, Reith Jones Advisors, City of Southfield, and OCC Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Beth Rae.

9.1. Orchard Ridge Campus Public Private Partnership Athletic Complex Update (Presenters: Reith Jones Advisors)

9.2. Southfield Campus - City of Southfield Easement

9.3. Highland Lakes Campus - Potential Purchase of Property with Easement for Waterford Township

10. Consider moving into closed session.

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Motion:
Move into closed session under Michigan's Open Meetings Act, pursuant to MCL 15.268(c), MCL 15.268(d), MCL 15.268(h), to receive an update on labor negotiations, and to receive an update on OCC Campus properties sale/lease, and to consider material exempt for discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, specifically a written legal opinion of counsel that is protected by the attorney-client privilege.

Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by MiVida Burrus. Roll Call Vote - AYES: S. Bryant, M. Burrus, P. Jackson, K. Bertolini, P. Davis, M. Lambert NOS: None

Entered into closed session at 7:59 pm.

Motion:
Move to return to open session.

Motion moved by Meg Lambert and motion seconded by Pam Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.

Returned to open session at 9:32 pm.

11. Required Approvals

11.1. Board of Trustees MCCA Representative and Alternate

Motion:
Move to have Trustee Davis appointed as MCCA Board of Directors Representative to the MCCA Board of Directors for a term beginning July 21, 2026 and ending July 14, 2027.

Motion moved by Meg Lambert and motion seconded by Pamala Davis. Motion failed. 2-Ayes to 4-Nos

Motion:
Move to have Trustee Jackson appointed as MCCA Board of Directors Representative to the MCCA Board of Directors for a term beginning July 21, 2026 and ending July 14, 2027.

Motion moved by Kathleen Bertolini and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson. Motion passed. 4-Ayes to 2-Nos

Motion:
Move to have Trustee Davis appointed as MCCA Board of Directors Alternate Representative to the MCCA Board of Directors for a term beginning July 21, 2026 and ending July 14, 2027.

Motion moved by Meg Lambert and motion seconded by Pamala Davis. Motion passed unanimously.

11.2. Teamsters Contract Approval

Motion:
Move that the Board of Trustees approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters Local Union No. 214 covering the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030.

Motion moved by Meg Lambert and motion seconded by MiVida Burrus. Motion approved unanimously.

11.3. Southfield Campus - City of Southfield Easements Phase II - 9 Line Project

Motion:
Move to grant the easements requested by the City of Southfield and move to waive the compensation for the use of the easements.

Motion moved by Pamela Jackson and motion seconded by Meg Lambert.
Motion approved unanimously.

11.4. Highland Lakes Campus - Potential Purchase of Property with Easement for Waterford Township

Motion:
Move to authorize the Chancellor to negotiate the sale of the approximate 11.5 acres of land abutting Cooley Lake Road and negotiate and execute a purchase agreement with Waterford Township supporting the sale of said property at the fair market value.

Motion moved by MiVida Burrus and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson.
Motion approved unanimously.

11.5. Orchard Ridge Public Private Ground Lease (OCC/LCAAA)

Motion:
Move to enter into a ground lease with LCAAA with such terms and provisions that have been presented to our Board and in open session tonight, and further authorize the Chancellor to execute the ground lease. In the event there are any terms inconsistent or materially adverse to this agreement, the ground lease must come back to this Board prior to execution.

Motion moved by MiVida Burrus and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson.
Motion passed.

12. Board Comments

Trustee Davis noted her opinion that others should share Board roles.
Trustee Burrus extended welcome to OCC new staff and expressed appreciation for OCC staff service over the years.
Trustee Lambert shared that her family was selected to be interviewed regarding being a family that attended college debt free.
Trustee Jackson congratulated emeritus and distributed SEMCOG bags with information and safety items.
Chair Bertolini introduced history of Elmer video from Inside OCC website.

13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Motion:

Move to adjourn meeting.

Motion moved by MiVida Burrus and motion seconded by Shirley Bryant. Motion passed unanimously.



Kathleen Bertolini
2026-09-30 18:45 UTC



Amy Pepper
2026-09-30 16:59 UTC