September 22, 2026 Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes

Oakland Community College
9/22/2026 6:00 PMEDT

@ The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 6:00 p.m., at the Auburn Hills Campus, Room M236, 2900 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan.

This meeting will include a request for a closed session under Michigan's Open Meetings Act, pursuant to MCL 15.268(c), and MCL 15.268(d), to discuss and receive an update on labor negotiations, and discussion about OCC Orchard Ridge campus lease or sale of property.

1. Call to Order

   Chair Bertolini called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Attendance

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

3. Approval of Agenda

   Motion:
   Move to amend the agenda to split item 6 into 6A for discussion about the OCC Orchard Ridge lease or sale of property and 6B for an update on OCCFA labor negotiations.

   Motion moved by Edward Callaghan and motion seconded by Pamala Davis. Motion passed.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

   No new declarations of conflict of interest.

5. Community Comments

   Gina Mandas, OCCFA President, on contract negotiations.
   Pete Ogg, Waterford resident, on the Highland Lakes campus.

6. Consider Moving Into Closed Session

   Chair Bertolini made the request for a closed session under Michigan's Open Meetings Act, pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss and receive an update on the Orchard Ridge LCAAA ground lease.

   Motion:
   Move to continue Orchard Ridge discussion in closed session.

Motion moved by MiVida Burrus and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson. Motion failed. Roll Call Vote: AYES: K. Bertolini, S. Bryant, M. Burrus, P. Jackson, NAYS: E. Callaghan, P. Davis, M. Lambert

A majority (2/3) vote is required to move into closed session per the Michigan Open Meeting Act under MCL 15. 267 (d).

Motion:
Move to continue the Orchard Ridge LCAAA ground lease discussion in open session.

Motion moved by Kathleen Bertolini and motion seconded by MiVida Burrus. Motion passed. Roll Call Vote: AYES: K. Bertolini, S. Bryant, M. Burrus, P. Jackson, NAYS: E. Callaghan, P. Davis, M. Lambert

Craig Hammond and Michael Lusardi from Dickinson Wright presented the contract changes.
As an outcome of discussion, Chair Bertolini requested updated contract documents with the minor changes to be provided to the board by October 5. She requested the trustees come prepared to discuss the contract at the October 20 board meeting. In addition, Mr. Hammond and Mr. Lusardi requested questions in advance in order to prepare answers. It was determined that Trustees send questions by October 12 to Chair Bertolini and OCC VC for Legal Affairs & General Counsel, Beth Rae, and they will forward to Dickinson Wright. Trustees are instructed to not copy anyone else on their email per the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

7. Consider Moving into Closed Session

Chair Bertolini made the request for a closed session under Michigan's Open Meetings Act, pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss and receive an update on labor negotiations.

Motion:
Move into closed session under Michigan's Open Meetings Act, pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss and receive an update on labor negotiations.

Motion moved by MiVida Burrus and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson. Motion passed unanimously. Roll Call Vote: AYES: K. Bertolini, S. Bryant, M. Burrus, P. Jackson, E. Callaghan, P. Davis, M. Lambert

Entered into closed session at 7:33 pm.

Motion:
Move to return to open session.

Motion moved by Pamala Davis and motion seconded by Pamela Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.

Returned to open session at 8:38 pm.

8. Required Approvals

8.1. Faculty Bargaining Unit Labor Agreement 2026-2029

Motion:
Move that the Board of Trustees approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Oakland Community College Faculty Association covering the period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2029.

Motion moved by Meg Lambert and motion seconded by MiVida Burrus. Motion passed unanimously. Roll Call Vote: AYES: K. Bertolini, S. Bryant, M. Burrus, E. Callaghan, P. Davis, P. Jackson, M. Lambert

9. Board Comments

Trustee Lambert - Thanked both sides and commented that interest-based bargaining is working.
Trustee Jackson - Thanked everyone for working as team, and provided the trustees with some SEMCOG information.
Trustee Bryant- Shared she is happy the OCCFA agreement passed.
Chair Bertolini - Thanked trustees for a good discussion and noted she appreciates how the board is working together to move the college forward.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Motion:
Move to adjourn meeting.

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

Rebecca Journigan
2026-10-28 17:43 UTC

Kathleen Bertolini
2026-10-29 16:06 UTC