



Monroe Community College Board of Trustees Minutes

Monday April 27, 2026
MCC Brighton Campus, Monroe B
4:00 pm

Mission: Monroe Community College transforms lives and communities, fostering the success of diverse students through affordable and innovative academic, career, technical, and workforce development programs. Our shared work inspires and champions excellence in higher education and builds global engagement and understanding.

- Present: Allen K. Williams, Chair
Carla M. Palumbo, Esq., Vice Chair and Chair, Personnel and Programs Committee
John B. Baynes
Angelica Perez-Delgado
Tashanda Thomas
Grace S. Tillinghast
Connie O. Walker, Esq., Chair, Risk Management Committee
- Dr. DeAnna R. Burt-Nanna, President
Linda M. Hall, Executive Assistant, Board of Trustees
- Excused: Gladys Pedraza-Burgos, Secretary
Dale R. Rehkopf II, Chair, Finance and Facilities Committee
Parker Werven, Student Trustee

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Introduction and Opening Remarks

Allen K. Williams, Chair, Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order, and a quorum was established at 4:06 pm.

Consent Agenda

The following items were proposed to be adopted and approved by consent:

Board of Trustees

- Minutes of the March 2 Board Meeting

Finance & Facilities

- Operating disbursements totaled \$6,441,345.90 for the month of January 2026, and \$13,099,408.91 for the month of February 2026, subject to final audit. (A detailed listing is available upon request.)
- Accept the Interim Financial Reports as of January 31, 2026, and February 28, 2026
- Purchases of items over \$20,000 as listed for the month of January 2026
- Approves the MCC Foundation's recommendation that the CNC Lab within the Sydor Optics Advanced Technology Lab be named the Gene Haas Lab for CNC as of April 27, 2026
- Approves the MCC Foundation's recommendation that the Tooling and Machining Lab within the Sydor Optics Advanced Technology Lab be named the Gene Haas Lab for Tooling and Machining as of April 27, 2026

Personnel & Programs

- Approves the Conflicts of Interest College Officers and Non-Contract Employees Policy
- Approves the College Administration Policy
- Approves the Digital Content Accessibility Policy
- Approves the Student Attendance Policy
- Approves the Consent Calendar

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Monroe Community College adopt the consent agenda effective April 27, 2026. (T04-2026)

MOTION was made and seconded that the above resolution be adopted.
Motion was carried unanimously.

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Personnel and Programs

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Monroe Community College appointed DeAnna R. Burt-Nanna as the sixth president of Monroe Community College, as approved by the Trustees of the State University of New York, effective May 10, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the amendment of the employment agreement with President DeAnna R. Burt-Nanna to extend the contract term to August 31, 2031, and authorizes the chair of the Board of Trustees to amend the employment agreement upon such terms as the Board of Trustees and President DeAnna R. Burt-Nanna mutually agree. (P04-2026)

MOTION was made and seconded that the above resolution be adopted.

Motion was carried unanimously by roll call:

John Baynes - yes

Carla Palumbo - yes

Angelica Perez-Delgado - yes

Tashanda Thomas - yes

Grace Tillinghast - yes

Connie Walker - yes

Allen Williams – yes

Trustees were invited to offer comments, all of which commended the President for her performance and MCC's progress under her tenure.

Student Success

- Student Testimonial by Rokhan Ahmadzai
- Student Government Association Update – provided by Elle Reeves, Club and Organizations Senator
- Student Trustee Update – written report
- Student Success Dashboard with Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Measurements
 - William Dixon, Chief Data Officer and AVP, Institutional Research and Assessment

College Updates

- Monroe Community College Foundation Report
- Shared Governance Updates
 - Linda M. Hall, Executive Assistant to the Board of Trustees, called on the shared governance groups for their updates. The following groups shared an update:
 - Faculty Senate – provided by April Daniels, Vice President of Teaching Faculty
 - Support Staff Planning Council – written report
- Selected Executive Leadership Team Updates
 - Dr. Robin Cole Jr., Economic & Workforce Development & Career Technical Education
 - Dr. Calvin Gantt, Vice President, Diversity, Equity and Belonging and Executive Director, Downtown Campus
 - Dr. Michael Jacobs, Provost & Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

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- Dr. Craig Ross, CFO/Vice President, Administrative Services
- Gretchen Wood, Vice President, Institutional Advancement and Executive Director, MCC Foundation
- Joint Finance and Operations Report
 - Dale R. Rehkopf II, Chair, Finance and Facilities Committee
 - Dr. Craig Ross, CFO/Vice President, Administrative Services
- President's Update
- Administrative Shared Governance Update
- Union Updates
 - Linda M. Hall, Executive Assistant to the Board of Trustees, called on the union groups for their updates. The following groups shared an update:
 - Faculty Association – Bethany Gizzi
 - CSEA – written report

Information Items

Finance and Facilities

- CIP Status Report as of March 27, 2026
- Grants Report from February 6 to April 1, 2026

Personnel and Programs

- Academic Department Chairs 2026-2027

Board of Trustees

- Biographies
- Staff Recognition

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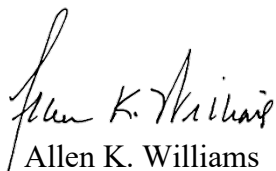
Summary

- Chair Williams gaveled in the meeting at 4:06 pm.
- Student Rokhan Ahmadzai provided his testimonial. The Board of Trustees and President Burt-Nanna thanked Rokhan for sharing his story.
- Student Government Association Club and Organizations Senator Elle Reeves, presented on behalf of the Student Government Association (SGA). Over the past few weeks, the team has been actively engaged in campus initiatives, including participating in the Sustainability Club's Earth Day event, collaborating with other organizations, and contributing to a campus cleanup. They have also been preparing for the upcoming SGA elections through tabling efforts and distributing informational materials to raise student awareness. On March 23rd, the team met with Middle States representatives to discuss academics and student life as part of the accreditation process. Additionally, new members were interviewed and welcomed, including the addition of a Downtown Vice President to expand representation. Finally, on April 10th, the team attended the SUNY Student Assembly Conference, where they collaborated with student leaders statewide and successfully supported the adoption of two resolutions proposed by their Clubs and Organizations Senator.
- Student Trustee Parker Werven provided a written report.
- William Dixon, Chief Data Officer and AVP, Institutional Research and Assessment, provided an update on the Student Success Dashboard and Key Performance Indicator Measurements. Highlights from this meeting included an overview of graduation rates over time, student momentum metrics with definitions, and momentum by student descriptors.
- Gretchen Wood, Vice President, Institutional Advancement and Executive Director, MCC Foundation, gave the MCC Foundation report. The Foundation announced that two labs at the Sydor Optics Advanced Technology Center will be named in recognition of a historic \$1 million investment from the Gene Haas Foundation. The labs will be called the Gene Haas Lab for Tooling and Machining and the Gene Haas Lab for CNC. The Gold Star Gala raised a record-breaking net total of \$400,000, the highest in the gala's 28-year history. The next Gold Star Gala is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2027, at The Country Club of Rochester. Looking ahead, the 42nd Annual Scholarship Open golf tournament will be held on Monday, June 22, at The Country Club of Rochester.
- Faculty Senate Vice President of Teaching Faculty April Daniels gave the Faculty Senate report. The Faculty Senate remains actively engaged in shared governance, academic policy development, and curriculum oversight, with a consistent focus on transparency, equity, and student success. Recent work has centered on campus climate and shared governance, including discussions with SUNY leadership about federal policy uncertainty, funding, and support for vulnerable student populations, while reaffirming the strength of MCC's student support systems. Highlights were provided on the committees' continued work. The Senate continues to play a key role in institutional affairs through review of administrative reorganizations, participation in leadership searches, preparation for upcoming elections, and support for professional development and strategic planning. Feedback was also provided on the Policy on Policies.
- Support Staff Planning Council provided a written report.
- Divisional highlights were shared with the Board and delivered by selected members of the President's Executive Leadership Team.
- VP of Administrative Services Craig Ross gave the Joint Finance and Operations Report. Dr. Ross provided a status update on the February results, highlighting enrollment, revenues, expenses and fund balance.

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- President Burt-Nanna began her report by thanking the Trustees for their sustained confidence in her leadership. She is honored to continue serving this incredible institution of higher education and remains committed to its success. Thanks were given to the Trustees for their stewardship of the contract negotiation process as a priority. Recognition was given to trustees for various awards and recognitions: Trustee Palumbo for the Rochester Business Journal Circle of Excellence; for being honored by Congressman Joe Morelle at the first Women's History Month Recognition Ceremony, and for receiving The Jaime Saunders Shine the Light Award at the Willow Ball; Trustee Walker for being recognized by the Monroe County Bar Association with the Adolph J. Rodenbeck Award and Student Trustee Parker Werven for being selected as a recipient of the 2026 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. President Burt-Nanna acknowledged the work of the entire college, co-chairs, Drs. Natasha Chen and William Dixon, and all who contributed in any capacity to preparing for, executing, and participating in the Middle States accreditation self-study and site visit, March 22-25. In the opinion of the site evaluation team, MCC meets the requirements for reaffirmation of accreditation on all seven standards; the final determination rests with the Commission, which is anticipated in June. Special thanks were given to the Trustees for their participation in various ways throughout the process. Recognition was given to Faculty Association President Bethany Gizzi for her leadership and many years of service to MCC as FA President, as she moves into a different leadership role within the union. Amanda Colosimo will replace Bethany, and the President looks forward to continued collaboration for the betterment of the institution. Highlights were also provided on a visit to campus by SUNY Vice Chancellor Valerie Dent, President Burt-Nanna's visit to the Guon Child Care Center to express appreciation to its staff, and a tour by Trustees and MCC ELT of the Sydor Optics Advanced Technology Center. The President expressed appreciation as we end the semester for everyone's work across the College, including that of its governance partners, for their continued and sustained cooperation and investment in MCC.
- Faculty Association President Bethany Gizzi gave the Faculty Association Report. April is Community College Month, during which the Faculty Association participated in NYSUT's social media campaign to promote the value of New York's community colleges and advocate for fair state funding. April also marks the announcement of Faculty Association Council elections. After fifteen years as President, President Gizzi has announced plans to step down and run for Executive Vice President, noting that this is her final Board meeting as FA President. President Gizzi expresses gratitude to the Board for its leadership and for a collaborative, respectful relationship that supports shared governance, collective bargaining, equity, and student success.
- CSEA provided a written report.
- Chair Williams expressed his gratitude in recognition of the work being done every day by MCC employees and announced the next College Forum will take place on May 13. The Board looks forward to these opportunities to hear from college employees.
- The Board meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Allen K. Williams
Chair, Board of Trustees