



Monroe Community College Board of Trustees Minutes

Monday June 1, 2026
MCC Downtown Campus, High Falls A/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: Carla M. Palumbo, Esq., Vice Chair and Chair, Personnel and Programs Committee
Gladys Pedraza-Burgos, Secretary
Angelica Perez-Delgado - Remote
Dale R. Rehkopf II, Chair, Finance and Facilities Committee
Tashanda Thomas
Grace S. Tillinghast
Connie O. Walker, Esq., Chair, Risk Management Committee
Parker Werven, Student Trustee

Dr. DeAnna R. Burt-Nanna, President
Linda M. Hall, Executive Assistant, Board of Trustees

Excused: John B. Baynes
Allen K. Williams, Chair

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Introduction and Opening Remarks

Carla M. Palumbo, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order, and a quorum was established at 4:00 pm.

Consent Agenda

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

Board of Trustees

- Minutes of the April 27 Executive Session, April 27 Board Meeting, May 7 Personnel and Programs Committee Meeting, May 18 Risk Management Committee Meeting

Finance & Facilities

- Operating disbursements totaled \$14,392,592.80 for the month of March 2026, subject to final audit. (A detailed listing is available upon request.)
- Accept the Interim Financial Report as of March 31, 2026
- Purchases of items over \$20,000 as listed for the month of March 2026

Personnel & Programs

- Approves the following Certificate program, subject to the approval by the State University of New York: Teaching Assistant – Professional Certificate.
- Accepts an amendment to the Spring 2027 Academic Calendar to amend the dates of spring recess to align with spring recess for the Rochester City School and surrounding district calendars, March 21-28, 2027.
- Approves leave for professional advancement in accordance with Article 13 of the contractual agreement between Monroe Community College and the Faculty Association for the following:
 - Little, Johnathon; Chemistry & Geosciences; Spring 2027
 - Salsburg Taylor, Judi; English & Philosophy; 2026-2027 Academic Year
- Approves the Consent Calendar

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Monroe Community College adopt the consent agenda effective June 1, 2026. (T06-2026)

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

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Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, Parker Werven has served faithfully as the Student Trustee of the Monroe Community College Board of Trustees during the 2025-26 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Parker Werven has served diligently and with sincere devotion as a member of the Finance and Facilities Committee of the Board; as well as the Student Trustee Advisory Committee of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) during his term of office; and

WHEREAS, Parker Werven enhanced his learning experience as a student trustee by attending the ACCT National Legislative Summit and New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT) Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS, Parker Werven has contributed to the betterment of the College by expressing the student perspective while serving as a dedicated representative of his fellow students; and

WHEREAS, Parker Werven has positively impacted the lives of his fellow students through his leadership, academic achievement, and involvement in co-curricular activities, standing as a role model for current and future students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Board of Trustees of Monroe Community College, hereby express our deep appreciation for his leadership and service to the College and extend to him best wishes for continued happiness and success in the years ahead. (T07-2027)

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Finance & Facilities

- RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Monroe Community College approves the Operating Budget for the fiscal year September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 in the amount of \$124,200,000. (F02-2026)

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

- RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Monroe Community College approves the Schedule of Tuition and Fees for the fiscal year September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 (F03-2026)

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

Motion was carried unanimously.

Student Success

- Student Testimonial by Connor Klute
- Student Government Association Shared Governance Update – written report
- Student Trustee Shared Governance Update – Parker Werven
- Student Success Dashboard with Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Measurements
 - William Dixon, Chief Data Officer and AVP, Institutional Research and Assessment

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College Updates

- Monroe Community College Foundation Report – Chair, Marty Birmingham
- 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 – Julie Babulski
 - 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
 - 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 – written report
 - CSEA – written report

Information Items

Finance and Facilities

- CIP Status Report as of May 11, 2026
- Grants Report from April 2 to June 1, 2026

Personnel and Programs

- None

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- Staff Recognition

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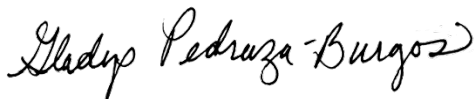
Summary

- Vice Chair Palumbo gavelled in the meeting at 4:00 pm.
- Student Connor Klute provided his testimonial. The Board of Trustees and President Burt-Nanna thanked Connor for sharing his story.
- Student Government Association provided a written report.
- Student Trustee Parker Werven reflected on a busy and fulfilling final month, balancing academic success with major campus events and leadership responsibilities. Highlights included organizing a campus-wide clothing drive, participating in Spring Fling events, attending ceremonies, and engaging with community leaders. The Student Government Association was honored with the President's Leadership Award, and Parker participated in key celebrations, including Honors Convocation and Commencement. He also expressed gratitude to mentors and peers while welcoming the incoming Student Trustee. Overall, the experience is described as transformative, filled with growth, service, and lasting impact.
- William Dixon, Chief Data Officer and AVP, Institutional Research and Assessment, provided an update on the Student Success Dashboard and Key Performance Indicator Measurements. This meeting highlighted Student Outcomes: 3 Year Success Rate, KPI 3 of the Strategic Plan. Highlights included the definition of success (federal vs internal/state), current student graduation rates, student early transfer information, and KPI 3: incoming student goals.
- Marty Birmingham, Board Chair, MCC Foundation, gave the MCC Foundation report. Chair Birmingham highlighted that \$2.12M in scholarship awards has been granted this year, and as of April 30, a total of \$2.72M has been transferred to the College in support of scholarship and program funding. The MCC Foundation raises just over \$750,000 each year for the Be a Healthy Hero Summer Camp, which serves 750 K-5 students at the Brighton Campus over five weeks. The Board was invited to visit the camp on July 8, July 21, or July 30; the visits start at 9 am at the PAC center lobby. The 42nd Annual Scholarship Open, being held on June 22, is sold out, but is still securing non-golfing sponsorships and gifts for the scholarship call.
- Faculty Senate President Julie Babulski gave the Faculty Senate report. Faculty and staff have been actively supporting students through finals, advising, and graduation while celebrating their achievements. Faculty Senate discussions highlighted ongoing work in student support, curriculum development, shared governance, and strategic initiatives across the College. Professional Development Week showcased the institution's commitment to growth and innovation through numerous sessions focused on teaching, student success, and emerging challenges. The community also honored excellence through events like the Carmen Powers Legacy Lecture and the Employee Recognition Ceremony. Overall, the College reflects a strong culture of collaboration, dedication, and commitment to student success.
- 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.
- CFO and VP of Administrative Services Craig Ross gave the Joint Finance and Operations Report. Dr. Ross provided a status update on the March results, highlighting enrollment, revenues, expenses and fund balance.

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- President Burt-Nanna began her report by highlighting MCC's ongoing impact and recognizing the exceptional contributions of trustees, employees, and students since April. Special recognition was given to Trustee Carla Palumbo for her nomination by Senator Jeremy Cooney for the Women of Distinction honor and for being inducted into the Rochester Business Journal Circle of Excellence, and to Trustee Connie Walker for receiving the Adolph J. Rodenbeck Award. Faculty and staff achievements were also celebrated, including Bethany Gizzi's service as Faculty Association President, as well as earning special recognition from NYS Assemblymember Harry Bronson. Recognition was given to employees honored at the recent Employee Recognition Ceremony, as well as to those who received Board approval for appointments, reappointments, promotions, title changes, and retirements. The College proudly celebrated Commencement for an anticipated 1,600 graduates, acknowledging the efforts of those who made the event a success and congratulating the Class of 2026. Dr. Robin Cole was selected for the Aspen Institute Rising Presidents Fellowship. MCC will gain national visibility through participation in a governance partnership with the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) and New America to advance workforce and economic development practices. Finally, the College is actively developing its next strategic plan, building on Vision2027, with plans to engage stakeholders and present a draft to the Board by June 2027.
- President Burt-Nanna's shared governance report recognized the significant contributions of the College's shared governance groups, including the Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty Senate, Support Staff Planning Council, and Student Government Association. The year was marked by major milestones, most notably a successful accreditation self-study and site visit. These collective efforts strengthened the College's mission and reinforced the value of shared governance. The President expresses gratitude to all for their service and dedication.
- Faculty Association provided a written report.
- CSEA provided a written report.
- Vice Chair Palumbo expressed her gratitude in recognition of the work being done every day by MCC employees and announced that two College Forums will be scheduled in the Fall semester. The Board looks forward to these opportunities to hear from college employees.
- The Board meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Gladys Pedraza-Burgos
Secretary, Board of Trustees