Marion Technical College
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2026
Health Technologies Center Conference Room

Call to Order

Chair Michael McCleese called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Trustees present in-person were Chair Michael McCleese, Mr. Tim Anderson, Ms. Vidya Iyengar, and Ms. Roxane Somerlot.

Vice Chair Mary Fox attended virtually.

Ms. Jude Foulk was absent.

Board Membership

Dr. McCall shared Mr. Kit Fogle resigned from the Board effective September 15, 2026. He noted Mr. Fogle cited time constraints as a factor in his decision.

Additionally, Ms. Cassondra McEldowney of Wyandot County was officially appointed to the Board of Trustees on September 4, 2026. Her anticipated first meeting will be in November. Dr. McCall will hold new trustee onboarding for Ms. McEldowney on October 12, 2026.

Introduction of Guests

Guests present included MTC employees Dr. Ryan McCall, Dr. Amy Adams, Dr. Bob Haas, Dr. Stacie Campbell, Ms. Laura Emerick, Mr. Mike Stuckey, and Ms. Laura Woughter. Ms. Holly Welch and Mr. Frank Zamary from the Ohio Attorney General's Office were also present.

Major Discussion Topic

Ms. Welch presented to the Board on the State of Ohio's Ethics Laws as part of the Board's annual ethics training. Included within the training was information on conflicts of interest, use of authority, gifts from improper sources, recusal, unlawful interest in public contracts, nepotism. Ms. Welch provided hypothetical scenarios to the Board to demonstrate ethics scenarios.

Chair McCleese asked a question about serving on other private boards related to student scholarships. Ms. Welch explained how to manage roles on multiple boards in where there may be an intersection.

Mr. Anderson asked what the limit is for competitive bidding, and Ms. Welch noted it had been $50,000 but has increased to $79,000 due to increases to costs of goods and services.

Consent Agenda

1. Preceding meeting minutes – August 2026
2. FY26 ODHE Efficiency Report

Mr. Anderson made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Ms. Iyengar seconded the motion. Chair McCleese – aye, Vice Chair Fox – aye, Mr. Anderson – aye, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Ms. Somerlot – aye.

President's Report

Dr. McCall highlighted the following from the President's Report:

- The Connections Center can now order food directly from the Mid-Ohio Food Collective as a partner, and ordered 2,500 lbs. of food for $390. This partnership will allow the College to offer more quantity and variety to students.
- The College's program review process is conducted annually to review academic programs for resource allocation, enrollment, and outcomes. Three programs (Occupational Therapy Assistant, Surgical Technology, and Criminal Justice) in the 2025-2026 academic year were deemed low enrolled. Program leaders presented to the executive leadership team on program constraints and goals to improve program enrollment.

At this time, Vice Chair Fox had to leave the meeting. The meeting still had a quorum and continued.

- The College's TRIO Talent Search Program was renewed for five years. With uncertainty at the federal level, the College was wary about the likelihood of renewal. Additionally, the State of Ohio was also awarded a system TRIO grant.
- The College was notified as of today it will receive a sub awardee Title III grant in partnership with Columbus State Community College (CSCC).

- The College is a regional winner of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Impact Award for its partnership with CSCC. The College will learn if it wins the national award at the annual conference in October.

Ms. Iyengar asked about the College's planned dental hygiene program, and Dr. McCall shared information about the awarded Delta Dental Foundation grant to start the program. He noted the College is still working through a partnership with the Center Street Clinic to utilize their clinic in Mt. Gilead. The plan is to begin offering classes in fall 2027.

Monitoring Reports

EL 4.11 Presidential Vacancy

Dr. McCall shared the updated presidential vacancy plan to include the three new Associate Vice President's. The Cabinet is maintained as the collaborative body to work with the Board of Trustees in the event the Executive Leadership Team is unavailable.

EL 4.3 Organizational Structure

Dr. McCall highlighted the work the College does to support an educated workforce, including engagement with advisory committees, providing no-cost business classes through the Forge, offering credit to incumbent workers at Vaughn Industries, and experiential learning.

Ms. Somerlot made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Policy Review/Governance Issues

EL 4.10 Treatment of Employees

Ms. Somerlot reviewed the policy with the Board, and highlighted the College's work to solicit employee feedback and engage employees in shared governance in decision making. She recommended no changes to the policy. Dr. McCall shared the work the Cabinet is doing to review the results of the College's employee satisfaction survey. The group will review what the College is currently doing, has done, and can do to respond to employee feedback.

Informational Items

No informational items were shared.

Executive Session

Following a motion from Ms. Somerlot and a second by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted to convene into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official: Chair McCleese – aye, Vice Chair Fox – aye, Mr. Anderson – aye, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Ms. Somerlot – aye. The Board convened into executive session at 6:57 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 7:26 p.m. following a motion from Mr. Anderson.

Special Board Meeting

Chair McCleese indicated the Board would like to call a special meeting, likely in October, to consider Dr. McCall's compensation package. Chair McCleese requested all trustees be in attendance. He also requested, if possible, Ms. McEldowney be sworn in at the special meeting to allow her to participate as well. Chair McCleese provided a list of requests to Ms. Woughter to compile for the Board to consider. Ms. Woughter will solicit to trustees dates they are available for a special meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Somerlot moved to adjourn the meeting. The Board adjourned at 7:33 p.m.