

Marion Technical College
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 2025
Health Technologies Center Conference Room

Call to Order

Chair Fogle called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Roll Call

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Trustees present were Chair Kit Fogle, Vice Chair Michael McCleese, Mr. Tim Anderson, Ms. Jude Foulk, Ms. Mary Fox, Mr. Don Plotts, and Ms. Roxane Somerlot.

Ms. Vidya Iyengar was absent.

Introduction of Guests

Guests present included MTC employees Dr. Ryan McCall, Dr. Bob Haas, Ms. Rhonda Ward, Dr. Lindsey Knapp, Dr. Stacie Campbell, Mr. Steve Duvall, and Ms. Laura Woughter. Also present was Dr. Jennifer Schlueter, Ohio State Marion.

Dr. McCall introduced Dr. Schlueter as the new Dean and Director of Ohio State Marion, and Dr. Schlueter emphasized her intent to collaborate with Marion Tech. Chair Fogle lauded Marion Tech and Ohio State Marion as significant assets to the community.

Dr. McCall introduced Dr. Campbell as the incoming Chief Academic Officer effective July 1st. Dr. Campbell, currently serving as Associate Dean of Nursing, has been with Marion Tech since 2015.

Major Discussion Topic

Mr. Duvall, Executive Director of IT, provided the Board with an update on the College's compliance with the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act with respect to information security protocol.

Dr. McCall provided an overview with the Board about the current status of the state operating budget, noting the versions (Executive, House, Senate) were generally positive with some differences. Dr. McCall noted there is still lingering confusion about an amendment added in the

Senate omnibus related to removal of funds from the state share of instruction for the Eastern Gateway closeout; Dr. McCall and OACC are seeking clarification on whether the remaining funds to be returned to the general revenue fund is the remainder of their entire allocation or a small amount (\$2.9 and \$2.6 million) being used for closeout. Dr. McCall noted the College's proposed FY26 budget plans for all of Eastern Gateways annual subsidy share to be removed as a worst-case scenario. Dr. McCall noted the College's projected FY26 subsidy, excepting some potential budget added provisions, is the seeing

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of preceding meeting minutes
2. Approval of Senate Bill 1 – Faculty Evaluation Policy

Ms. Woughter noted the policy is a requirement under state law to be approved by the Board of Trustees, codified by Senate Bill 1. It will complement the College's existing administrative policy on employee performance appraisals.

Vice Chair McCleese made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Ms. Foulk seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the consent agenda was approved.

President's Report

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

- The College is hosting a number of summer camps in IT, engineering, esports, and healthcare, including the first camp in Wyandot County in esports.
- The College is poised to receive an increase in subsidy for FY26 between \$1.1 and \$1.7 million, dependent on which budget provisions are approved. The increase will be the largest subsidy increase for the College under the performance-based funding model.
- The College's annual golf outing raised \$42,000 and will be used as matching funds for eight new endowed scholarships, with interest growing in those opportunities.

Chair Fogle asked what Dr. McCall thought was driving the College's subsidy increase, and Dr. McCall highlighted the work being implemented on guided pathways to improve student outcomes. The formula is based on a three-year average that is lagging. Dr. McCall noted the importance of continuous improvement to maintain progress in increasing the College's share of the funding, as other colleges will also try to increase their shares.

Monitoring Reports

EL 4.5 Financial Condition

Ms. Ward highlighted the following from her written report:

- Summer enrollment continues to look strong.
- Ms. Ward anticipates a revenue surplus for the year of approximately \$900,000 due to strong revenue.
- The College has seen a significant increase in the number of students in the correctional facilities being categorized to Pell, largely due to a dedicated staff member processing FAFSA applications, which has been a challenge in the facilities.
- Increases in expenses for salary and benefits is a direct result of growing enrollment, with positions needed in instruction and supporting enrollment in the various populations (e.g., CCP, corrections).
- Ms. Ward noted leave payouts are tracking higher than budget due to resignations and retirements.
- Ms. Ward noted the funds for purchase of Marion Tech Downtown from the Small Business Administration has impacted the College's financial statements.

EL 4.6 Financial Planning

Ms. Ward presented the FY26 proposed budget, with the following assumptions:

- Flat enrollment for all three populations;
- \$5 per credit hour tuition increase (to \$215);
- Flat student fees;
- A subsidy increase of \$1,088,438 over FY25 (excluding some potential state budget additions);
- A return on investments of 3.9%;
- Lease revenue for Marion Tech Downtown of \$345,542;
- 3% raise for employees and institutional performance pay based on subsidy increase;
- Absorption of grant funded Title III employees and additional positions in areas of need;
- Absorption of 0.5% of employees' health insurance premium increase to help limit the impact to employees;
- Changes to operating costs related to the new ERP, scholarships, the new early childhood education program, absorption of the cost of the Student Resource Navigator (funded previously by state funds and eliminated in the state operating budget), prison textbooks, changes in liability and property insurance, and a small increase in the College's grant partnership with Columbus State;
- Inclusion of an operational contingency (\$120,000) and a new health insurance contingency (\$75,000).

Mr. Anderson asked about the College's budget for Marion Tech Downtown, and Ms. Ward noted the College will no longer have lease payments (approximately \$100,000 annually) and will earn lease revenue from tenants, but will take on the cost of utilities and a maintenance technician to manage the building.

Ms. Ward projected a surplus of \$715,280 for FY26. She reviewed in additional detail the operating budget and allocations for particular areas, including operating expenses by source. Ms. Ward also provided a comparison for tuition rates for community colleges. Dr. McCall noted a \$5 per credit hour increase in tuition equates to \$130,000.

Mr. Plotts, in relation to the College's grant for semiconductor technology, asked for an update on the Intel plant in Columbus. Dr. McCall noted there is not a lot of information being provided, but there is a lot of change within Intel.

Vice Chair McCleese made a motion to approve the monitoring report and the proposed FY26 budget. Mr. Plotts seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the report and budget were approved.

Policy Review/Governance Issues

EL 4.9 Treatment of Students

Ms. Somerlot reviewed the policy with the Board and highlighted evidence provided in the most recent report. No changes were requested.

EL 4.10 Treat of Employees

Vice Chair McCleese reviewed the policy with the Board and highlighted evidence provided in the most recent report. No changes were requested.

Draft Remote Board Meeting Policy

Dr. McCall provided a draft policy to the Board to allow for trustees to attend Board meetings remotely, so long as a third of trustees attend the same meeting in person.

Ms. Somerlot made a motion to adopt the Board policy as presented, and Mr. Plotts seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote, the motion was approved. Ms. Woughter will begin implementation of the policy for the next Board meeting in August, and will provide guidance to the trustees.

Informational Items

Dr. McCall shared an updated on the College's conversion to 8-weeks for fall for most first-year courses. Dr. McCall noted the changes is focused on student outcomes, supported by internal and national completion and persistence data. With proposed changes to Pell eligibility by the U.S. House of Representatives, and later removed by the U.S. Senate, Dr. McCall noted time to completion will continue to be a talking point at the state and nationally, and moving to 8-weeks can help students complete faster.

Ms. Fox asked how 8-week courses will be structured, and Dr. McCall explained the course mapping and professional development provided to faculty to assist in the transition. Students

will be able to take fewer classes concurrently, but completing the same number of credits in a full semester.

The College is hosting a ribbon cutting for Marion Tech Downtown on July 17th, and will also serve as host for the Third Thursday on that date.

Executive Session

No executive session was held.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair McCleese moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Somerlot seconded the motion. The Board adjourned at 1:33 p.m.