NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
Monday, June 22, 2026
Timothy J. Nelson Innovation Center
Room 106/107

CALL TO ORDER—Chair Mark B. Keely called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present: Mark B. Keely, Laura J. Oblinger, Kennard R. Weaver, Kenneth E. Warner, Andrew K. Robitshek, Jody N. Lundquist, Pamela T. Horne

Trustees absent: None

Also present: President Nick Nissley, Lynne Moritz, Troy Kierczynski, Todd Neibauer, Stephen Siciliano, Jason Slade, Kyle Morrison, Katharine Marvin, Hollie DeWalt, Becca Richardson, Laura Stevens, David Grams

REVIEW OF AGENDA—The agenda was accepted as presented.

Budget Hearing–The regular meeting was closed and the budget hearing opened at 5:32 p.m. on a motion by Pam Horne, seconded by Jody Lundquist, with the following roll call vote: Yes-Jody Lundquist, Laura Oblinger, Ken Warner, Pam Horne, Andy Robishek, Kennard Weaver, Mark Keely; No-none.

FY27 Budget Review–Vice President of Finance and Administration Troy Kierczynski reminded the Board of the proposed tax millage rate, balanced FY27 budget, and recommended tuition rates for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Budget Hearing Public Input—There was public input offered by David Grams.

Budget Hearing Adjournment–A motion was made by Laura Oblinger, seconded by Ken Warner, that the budget hearing be closed and the regular meeting reconvened. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Yes–Kennard Weaver, Ken Warner, Pam Horne, Andy Robitshek, Laura Oblinger, Jody Lundquist, Mark Keely; No–none; and the regular meeting reconvened at 5:38 p.m.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mission & Values–Zinnia Burks shared her NMC story, which included earning her associates/LPN, engaging in the Experiential Learning Endorsement and ASR. Burks will next transfer to the University of Michigan.

Faculty Report: Lieutenant Morgan Houseal described the Strategic Sealift Midshipment Program. She completed the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in 2017. Working as a merchant mariner, Lt. Houseal served with the U.S. Navy in the Middle East, providing logistics support. The Strategic Sealift Midshipmen program includes Naval Science courses, Leadership and Ethics, additional training in the Naval Science Lab, physical training, and drill practice. The SSMP has been commissioning Navy Officers at GLMA since 1994, averaging 6 commissioned officers each year. Community involvement includes Color Guard at NMC Commencement and hosting Kingsley High School's Junior ROTC.

Public Input–There was no general public input offered.

UPDATES

President's Update—President Nick Nissley commended Vice President Kierczynski for his leadership of the FY27 budget given uncertainty at the state level. Vice President for Educational Services Stephen Siciliano has been named the MCCA's Outstanding Staff Award Winner for 2026. As the planning phase continues for the NMC Foundation's comprehensive campaign, President Nissley congratulated Vice President for Advancement Katharine Marvin for her in this important time.

Board Chair Update—Chair Mark Keely recognized five years of service to the Board of Trustees byTrustee Andy Robitshek.

MCCA Board of Directors Update–Pam Horne, Trustee Representative to the Michigan Community College Association, shared updates from the recent MCCA Spring Board of Directors meeting at Muskegon Community College.

CONSENT ITEMS–On a motion by Laura Oblinger, seconded by Andy Robitshek, the following items were approved unanimously without discussion

- Minutes of the May 18, 2026, regular meeting
- Enrollment Report—*Todd Neibauer, Vice President for Student Services and Technologies*
- Financial Report—*Troy Kierczynski, Vice President of Finance and Administration*
- PRMC Report—*Diana Fairbanks, Associate Vice President of Public Relations, Marketing, and Communications*
- Advancement Report—*Katharine Marvin, Vice President of Advancement*
- Presidential Performance and Compensation Committee
- Policy Committee
- Audit Committee
- Executive Committee Report

ACTION ITEMS

Certification of Taxes—On a motion by Kennard Weaver, seconded by Pam Horne, the Board adopted a resolution to authorize the millage rate of 1.9788 mills be levied for operation purposes of FY27. The motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of Budgets and Tuition Rates–Laura Oblinger made a motion, seconded by Jody Lundquist, recommending adoption of budget resolutions and budgets based upon the tuition and fee rates for the FY27 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Bond Sale Ratification Resolution–On a motion by Ken Warner, seconded by Laura Oblinger, the Board unanimously adopted the bond sale ratification resolution as prepared by bond counsel and presented by the administration, related to the 2026 Community College Facilities Bonds.

Blanket Purchase Orders–Laura Oblinger made a motion, seconded by Pam Horne, to authorize administration to create blanket purchase orders for each vendor identified on the presented spreadsheet for the total of the estimated FY27 costs. It was confirmed that the total amount for FY26 blanket purchase orders was approximately $6.4 million. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Policies–Laura Oblinger recommended adoption of the following Board policies on a first-reading basis:

- **A-103.00 Board of Trustees Committees** – *amended*
- **D-501.01 Dennos Museum Center Code of Ethics** – *no revisions*
- **D-504.05 Dennos Museum Center Collections Management Policy** - *amended*
- **D-700.01 Political Activities** – *amended*

Ken Warner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Foundation Board Appointments–On a motion by Laura Oblinger, seconded by Jody Lundquist, the Board unanimously approved the reappointment of Matt Desmond, Peg Jonkhoff, Jayne Mohr, Pat Warner, and Mary Pelcher for additional three-year terms to the NMC Foundation Board, commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029.

Closed Session–Laura Oblinger made a motion, seconded by Kennard Weaver, to adjourn the open session and consider in closed session, pursuant to Subsection 8[a] of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, the annual mid-year performance evaluate on of the president, per his request for a closed session. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Yes–Pam Horne, Ken Warner, Andy Robitshek, Kennard Weaver, Jody Lundquist, Laura Oblinger, Mark Keely; No-none; and the closed session began at 6:17 p.m.

Reconvene Open Meeting–A motion was made by Laura Oblinger, seconded by Jody Lundquist, that the closed session be adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Yes–Andy Robitshek, Pam Horne, Jody Lundquist, Kennard Weaver, Ken Warner, Laura Oblinger, Mark Keely; No–none; and the regular meeting reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

Confirmed requests made by the Board that require administrative follow-up for information to be provided to the Board at a later date.

- **Scheduling of Board Study Session to include AI amongst other topics before the end of the calendar year**

ADJOURNMENT—The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Recorded by Lynne Moritz, Executive Director of the President's Office and Board Operations.

SIGNED________________________________
Mark B. Keely, Chair

ATTESTED________________________________
Pamela T. Horne, Secretary