

KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday, August 13, 2026, 4:30 P.M.
Tippie Business Event Room

MINUTES

Present: Steve Caves, Peggy Doerge, Alan Jensen, Tracy Pearson, Keith Stamp, Joel Thys, Lorraine Williams, and Leslie Wright.

Absent: Trustee Doug Bannon

Also Present: Kristie Fisher, President; Casey Dunning, Treasurer; Peg Sprengeler, Secretary; Ted Weiland and Chad Little, KFA Representatives; Raymona Taylor, KSA Representative.

Chair Pearson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Trustees Wright and Doerge moved and seconded approval of the August 13, 2026, agenda. Motion carried: 8-0

No public comments.

Student Perspectives

Melissa Payne, Vice President-Student Services, introduced Kaitlyn Wilburn, a recent graduate of Kirkwood's Nursing program who completed her studies last week. Kaitlyn has been a valued member of the Student Services team for the past two years, most recently serving in a role supported through an AmeriCorps contract. During her time on campus, she was actively involved in a variety of student activities and organizations. Kaitlyn is now prepared to begin her career in the healthcare industry.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Kirkwood Report

Justin Hoehn, Director of Media Relations and Communications, provided the Kirkwood report, which included:

- Michel-Ange Cikomola, an international student from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, studying liberal arts, has been named August Student of the Month.
- Kirkwood will once again showcase its programs and services at the 2026 Iowa State Fair, August 13-23, with a booth in the Varied Industries Building.
- Kirkwood's KICK (*Kids on Campus at Kirkwood*) program completed another highly successful summer season, welcoming 1,194 enrollments across 151 in-person camps and 23 online camps. The camps provided young learners with hands-on opportunities to explore a variety of interests, skills, and career pathways.
- KCCCK's annual *Jazz Under the Stars* concert series is underway, bringing free live jazz performances to the community each Thursday evening throughout August at Noelridge Park.
- On July 22 and 23, students from Kirkwood's Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, and Paramedic programs participated in one of the college's largest interprofessional healthcare simulations to date, gaining valuable experience collaborating in realistic patient-care scenarios.

Accommodation Services

Amanda Thompson, Accommodation Services Supervisor, provided an overview of Kirkwood Community College's Accommodation Services, highlighting the office's role in ensuring students with disabilities have equitable access to educational opportunities through reasonable accommodation and compliance with federal accessibility laws. Amanda outlined the accommodations process, the students

served, and the department's collaborative partnerships while demonstrating significant growth in demand for services over the past several years. The presentation emphasized proactive student support, faculty education, emerging accessibility requirements, and the use of technology to foster an inclusive and accessible learning environment.

Fall Semester Technology Prep

Jon Neff, Vice President–Technology Services, provided an overview on semester preparations. Each semester brings the opportunity to support faculty and students with their technology needs. Kirkwood has designed four programs to proactively prepare for the new semester and help students and faculty get off to a great start and continue to an excellent semester:

- Classroom Great Start
- Student Great Start
- Classroom Software Updates
- Proactive Maintenance

Financial Report

Treasurer Dunning provided an update on credit tuition rates for AY2026-27 including a comparison of rates for all community colleges and year over year changes. He also provided a high-level review of the cash balance report. Typically, the months of July and August have seen decreases in cash balances due to less revenue being collected during these months, annual payments paid at the beginning of the new fiscal year, and reimbursements from fiscal year end not being received until September. However, due to a change to FY27 State General Aid distribution timing, the decrease is less than historically expected as funding from the State is now received on a quarterly pre-paid basis. Cash balances remain strong with the College having 162 days of unrestricted days reserve at the end of July 2026, when compared to a KPI of 90 days.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustees Thys and Wright moved and seconded approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried: 8-0.

- A. Personnel (as attached to these minutes)
- B. Synopsis of Bills
 1. Kirkwood Community College pages 1 through 67 for a total of \$8,799,811.29
 2. The Hotel at Kirkwood Center pages 1 through 5 for a total of \$332,825.73
- C. Board minutes from July 16, 2026

NEW BUSINESS AGENDA

Administration

No new business to report.

Board

Trustees Doerge and Williams moved and seconded the first reading of Board Policy 216: President Emeritus. Motion carried: 8-0.

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

President's Report

- President Fisher shared a few upcoming events for trustees to consider. Both events promise to be wonderful, and attendance is optional.
 - The Presidential Scholarship dinner is scheduled for September 3rd.
 - Etiquette Luncheon is scheduled for October 6.

Secretary's Report

- The 2026 ACCT Leadership Congress will be held in Chicago, Illinois, October 21-24.

- The Joint meeting with Grant Wood Area Education Agency was held on August 13, 2026, along with the Annual All Board Summer Social.
- The first day of classes is Monday, August 24, 2026.
- The Fall Kick-off is Wednesday, August 19, 2026, in Ballantyne Auditorium.

Report of Board Members

No report.

There being no further business coming before the Board, Trustees Stamp and Wright moved and seconded the meeting be adjourned at 5:34 p.m. Motion carried: 8-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Peg Sprengeler, Board Secretary

Approved by Board on September 10, 2026:

Tracy Pearson, Chair

**Board of Trustees' Agenda
August 13, 2026**

Replacements/New Positions

Name	Title	Department	Effective Date	Replaces/New
Lindsey Neuhaus**	Instructor	Health Programs	08/03/2026	LJ Herdrich
Adam Peterson	Instructor	Ag Science	08/03/2026	Rhonda Clough
Meg McMullen	Program Specialist (195 day)	Workplace Learning Connection	08/17/2026	Carole Hebl
Kelsey Portwine	Internship Coordinator	Workplace Learning Connection	08/17/2026	Rochelle Sowers
Sadie McBride**	Department Assistant	Academic Advising	08/03/2026	Dawn Stastny
Nancy Williams	Department Assistant	Academic Advising	08/03/2026	Heidi Hudson
Joshua Rave	Instructor	Industrial Technology	08/03/2026	Mark Lansing
Michael Russell	Instructor	Industrial Technology	08/03/2026	Austin Flugum
Brandon Brokel	Instructor	Industrial Technology	08/03/2026	Chad Daugherty
Stephanie Sandlin	Operations Director	KCCCK	08/31/2026	George Dorman
Jordan Eastburn**	Center Coordinator	Jones County Regional	08/03/2026	Jane Lawrence
Michelle Jones	Department Assistant	Student Engagement- TRIO	08/03/2026	Tia Slippy
Ethan Kronlage	Academic Advisor	Academic Advising	08/03/2026	Jakob Westpfahl
Emily Bartels**	Finance Coordinator	Facilities & Public Safety	08/03/2026	Jolene Bruno
Nia Martinez**	Academic Advisor	Academic Advising	08/17/2026	Greg Stokes
Lucas Herrig	Academic Advisor	Academic Advising	08/17/2026	Tonya Saddoris
Colin Looker	Maintenance Technician	Facilities & Public Safety	08/17/2026	NEW
Amber Spicher**	College Navigator, Seidler Foundation	Foundation	08/17/2026	NEW
Kristina Moneypenny	Instructor	Industrial Technology	08/03/2026	Dan Jirak
Matthew Severin	Instructor	Industrial Technology	08/03/2026	Steve Long
Emily Majerus	Instructor	Health Programs	08/17/2026	Brianne Hildebrandt
Kelly Joseph	Instructor	Health Programs	08/17/2026	Maddison Elvidge
Frank Williams III*	Test Center Supervisor	Academic Services	08/24/2026	Justin Kavanagh

*Internal Promotion

**Internal Transfer

Separation of Employment

Name	Title	Department	Effective Date
Vaclav Hasek	Senior Graphic Designer	Marketing	07/11/2026
Doris Nyaga	Director, Grants	Continuing Ed	07/09/2026
Serena Tarr	Associate Professor	Social Science	08/31/2026
Austin Flugum	Instructor	Industrial Tech	08/21/2026
Jakob Westpfahl	Academic Advisor	Academic Advising	08/07/2026