

KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday, July 16, 2026, 4:30 P.M.
B.A. Jensen Board Room

MINUTES

Present: Doug Bannon, Steve Caves, Peggy Doerge [Zoom; joined at 4:31 pm], Alan Jensen [Zoom], Tracy Pearson, Keith Stamp, Joel Thys, Lorraine Williams, and Leslie Wright.

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 Williams and Thys moved and seconded approval of the July 16, 2026, agenda. Motion carried: 8-0

No public comments.

Chair Pearson declared the public hearing open at 4:31 p.m., regarding the East Hall renovations. Hearing no questions or comments, Trustees Bannon and Wright moved and seconded to close the public hearing at 4:31 p.m. Motion carried: 9-0.

Student Perspectives

Dane Dermody, Faculty in Welding, introduced Kirkwood student, Tristan Flores. Tristan is a Welding major enrolled in Kirkwood's Advanced Welding Program and began his studies in Fall 2023. This summer, he participated in Kirkwood's study abroad program to Brazil, *From Iowa to Brazil: An Adventure in Manufacturing and Culture*. Tristan shared that he is excited to bring the knowledge and global perspective he gained through this experience back to Kirkwood and Iowa, and to apply those insights into his future career in the welding industry.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Kirkwood Report

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

- Alex Duncan, Interior Design and Interior Architecture student, has been named July Student of the Month.
- On June 24, the college hosted its annual Presidential Networking Reception, bringing together business partners, community leaders, and college representatives to strengthen relationships and foster new collaborations.
- The Kirkwood Regional Center at the University of Iowa recently celebrated the opening of its new Learning Commons, a welcoming space on the building's lower level designed to support student learning, collaboration, and academic success.
- On July 22–23, Kirkwood will host one of its largest healthcare simulation exercises to date at the Katz Family Healthcare Simulation Center and surrounding campus locations. The exercise will provide students and community partners with valuable hands-on experience responding to complex, real-world healthcare scenarios.
- Recent Kirkwood graduate Arrianna Kula received the Juror's Choice Award in the League for Innovation in the Community College 2025–26 International Student Art Awards competition, recognizing the exceptional quality of her artistic achievement.

Summer Enrollment

Melissa Payne, Vice President-Student Services, reported on the current enrollment for the Summer 2026 term based on data at census as internally reported. The official enrollment data will be finalized as part of the full academic year in September. Summer 2026 overall enrollment is at 4,778 up 3.2% over Summer 2025. Regular enrolled students increased 2.8% and CCHS enrolled students increased 6.5%. AY 2025-26 is looking to end about 2% above 2024-25.

Fall enrollment is progressing on track, but we still have a way to go before fall census date.

New Student Orientation and Registration

Nick Kettmann, Director of Admissions, and Tyler Poldervaart, Associate Director of Admissions, provided an overview of New Student Orientation & Registration, including the strategic transition of the program to the Admissions Department in Fall 2023. They discussed the intentional alignment of Orientation within the student onboarding process to create a seamless transition from recruitment through student success, highlighted enhancements to the program designed to strengthen the student and supporter experience, and shared participation and satisfaction outcomes demonstrating the program's reach and impact.

Financial Report

Treasurer Dunning provided a high-level review of changes to the FY26 projected revenues for operating Fund 1 at the July 2026 Board meeting for the period of July 2025 through May 2026. Through May 2026, credit tuition is projected to exceed budget by \$1.80M. Contracted Training and NonCredit Tuition is projected to exceed budget by \$87K. Investment income is projected to exceed budget by \$1.24M due to higher-than-expected interest rates. The College does not plan to request any revenue from the Kirkwood Community College Foundation to cover their operating expenses, which had been budgeted at \$923k of revenue for FY2026. Overall, actual revenue is projected to exceed budget revenue by \$2.50M.

Overall expenses for operating Fund 1 are projected to remain within budget for FY2026. Key expense savings include Salaries and Benefits savings of \$2.40M due to savings from unfilled open positions. Operating Expenses are projected to end the year within budget in aggregate. Overspends in categories are adequately covered through savings in other categories. Overall Operating Expenses are projected to provide savings of \$772K compared to budget.

Fund 1 net income is projected to be \$3.50M due to the combination of better than budgeted revenues and savings in payroll and operating expenses. Fund 3 net income is projected to end the year in line with budget.

Cash balances remain strong with the College having 168 days of unrestricted days reserve at the end of May 2026, when compared to a KPI of 90 days.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustees Wright and Williams moved and seconded approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried: 9-0.

- A. Personnel (as attached to these minutes)
- B. Synopsis of Bills
 - 1. Kirkwood Community College pages 1 through 58 for a total of \$10,919,690.34
 - 2. The Hotel at Kirkwood Center pages 1 through 4 for a total of \$321,766.78
- C. Board minutes from June 18, 2026
- D. Approval – Career & Technical Education Consultant Shared Personnel Agreement

NEW BUSINESS AGENDA

Administration

Trustees Caves and Stamp moved and seconded the approval for the general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$88,000,000 and directed the board secretary to forward the public measure language related to general obligation bonds to the Linn County Auditor for inclusion on the November 3, 2026, election ballot. Motion carried: 9-0.

Trustees Caves and Thys moved and seconded directing the President or appropriate Vice President to sign 28E Agreements and underlying agreements approved by the Board of Trustees. Motion carried: 9-0

Trustees Wright and Williams moved and seconded the approval of the Concurrent Enrollment-Annual Enrollment Form and WLC Annual MOU agreement with Empowering Excellence Charter School. Motion carried: 9-0

Board

Trustees Williams and Bannon moved and seconded moving the September 24, 2026, Fall Board Retreat to November 19, 2026. Motion carried: 9-0.

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

President's Report

- The Fall kick-off is scheduled for August 19, 2026, in Ballantyne Auditorium.

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 is scheduled for August 13, 2026.
- Summer hours end on Friday, July 31, 2026.

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 5:59 p.m. Motion carried: 9-0

Respectfully submitted by:

Peg Sprengeler, Board Secretary

Approved by Board on August 13, 2026:

Tracy Pearson, Chair

**Board of Trustees' Agenda
July 16, 2026**

Replacements/New Positions

Name	Title	Department	Effective Date	Replaces/New
Braja Servin	Department Assistant	Arts & Humanities	07/06/2026	NEW
Staci Valenta	Department Assistant	Math Science	07/06/2026	Matthew Kempf
Anthony Nicol*	Program Manager, Seidler Foundation	Foundation	07/01/2026	NEW
Tressa Burnett*	Department Coordinator	Continuing Ed	07/20/2026	Maria Taylor
Monica Wetton	Executive Assistant	Operations	07/06/2026	NEW
Mirnes Kukic	Academic Coach	Academic Affairs	08/03/2026	Katie Strand

*Internal Promotion

**Internal Transfer

Separation of Employment

Name	Title	Department	Effective Date
Tonya Saddoris	Academic Advisor	Academic Advising	07/01/2026
Megan Thole	Senior Director	IE/IR	07/15/2026
Jolene Bruno	Finance Manager- Facilities	Facilities	06/26/2026
Dianne Gregory	Dean	AISD	06/30/2026
Angela Sagan	Program Advisor- TRIO	Student Services	07/24/2026
Justin Kavanagh	Test Center Supervisor	Learning Commons	06/30/2026
Jack Kelley	Environmental Specialist	Facilities	07/10/2026
Brianne Hildebrandt	Professor	Nursing	08/30/2026
Maddison Elvidge	Instructor	Nursing	08/14/2026

Change in Status

Name	Title	Department	Effective Date	Status Change	Replaces
Adam Rairden	Instructor	Industrial Tech	08/03/2026	Temp to Regular	Nick Yoder
Daniel Jirak	Instructor	Industrial tech	08/03/2026	Temp to Regular	Jeff Sherman

Retirements Under Retirement Incentive Program

Name	Title	Department	Effective Date
Andrew Freeman	Program Director, TRIO	Engagement & Student Support	12/31/2026
Lisa Gibbs	Senior Financial Aid Specialist	Financial Aid	12/31/2026
Nicholas Sagan	Professor	Math/Science	12/31/2026
Todd Saville	Professor	Business and Information Technology	12/31/2026
Richard Searce	Associate Professor	Industrial Technologies	12/31/2026
Mark Schmidt	Compliance Reporting Analyst II	Institutional Effectiveness/Research	12/31/2026
Peg Sprengeler	Executive Assistant to the President	President's Office	12/31/2026
Amy Troendle	Operations Specialist III	Secondary Programs	12/31/2026
Mary Jo Washburn	Operations Coordinator	Finance	12/31/2026
Cynthia Wiese	Library Technical Specialist	Library Services	12/31/2026