

Marion Technical College
Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026
Health Technologies Center Conference Room

Call to Order

Chair Kit Fogle called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Introduction of Guests

Guests present included MTC employees Dr. Ryan McCall, Dr. Amy Adams, Dr. Bob Haas, Ms. Rhonda Ward, Ms. Cretia Johnson, Ms. Amy Stahl, Mr. Mike Stuckey, Ms. Kristy Taylor, Ms. Laura Emerick, Ms. Stacie Campbell, and Ms. Laura Woughter.

Major Discussion Topic

Ms. Ward and Ms. Johnson presented to the Board on the College's proposed revision to its alternative retirement plan (ARP). The College has employees in both State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) and School Employees Retirement System (SERS), and a select number of employees in an ARP. Ohio State University (OSU) manages the statewide ARP master plan document, and ensures compliance through the plan document. The College is responsible for adopting amendments sent by OSU. Only certain vendors are qualified for state institutions, and are vetted by OSU. The Board adopted participation in the ARP in 1999. The College is also responsible for its own record keeping to be in compliance with ARP requirements. The College is in the process of adding approved vendors to its offerings, in addition to VOYA. The Board will need to approve a resolution to amend the plan document to bring it up to date with the Secure Act of 2019 and CARES Act of 2020. As the College has not been current in its ARP, the College was assigned special counsel through the AG's Office. The College will be accepted under the umbrella of OSU's plan as of July 1, 2025; any items prior to that time, the College will be operating under its own plan.

Ms. Iyengar asked if OSU administers the plan for Marion Tech based on their co-located status, or for all institutions, and Ms. Ward responded they administer the plan for all community colleges and universities.

Mr. Anderson made a motion to approve the resolution and Ms. Somerlot seconded the motion. Chair Fogle – aye, Vice Chair McCleese – aye, Mr. Anderson – aye, Ms. Foulk – aye, Ms. Fox – aye, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Mr. Plotts – aye, Ms. Somerlot – aye. By a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Consent Agenda

1. Preceding meeting minutes – September 2025 and November 2025

Vice Chair McCleese made a motion to approve the Board minutes from September 2025 and November 2025 and Ms. Iyengar seconded the motion. Chair Fogle – aye, Vice Chair McCleese – aye, Mr. Anderson – aye, Ms. Foulk – aye, Ms. Fox – aye, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Mr. Plotts – aye, Ms. Somerlot – aye. By a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

2. Resolution 2026-02 – Tuition Raise and Waive

Dr. McCall shared the College is planning to raise tuition \$10 per credit hour, in allowance with state law for the biennium, but requesting to waive \$5 per credit hour for savings for students. The College could, at a later time, eliminate the waiver and have the authority to realize the additional \$5 per credit hour. Mr. Plotts asked if there was a risk of ODHE removing the authority in the future, and Dr. McCall noted it has previously been honored and felt the Chancellor's approval would ensure

Mr. Plotts made a motion to approve the resolution and Ms. Somerlot seconded the motion. Chair Fogle – aye, Vice Chair McCleese – aye, Mr. Anderson – aye, Ms. Foulk – aye, Ms. Fox – aye, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Mr. Plotts – aye, Ms. Somerlot – aye. By a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

President's Report

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

- The College's Title III grant concluded at the end of 2025. Improvements were noted in seven of eight categories, with several targets exceeded. Dr. McCall was proud of the increased persistence of part-time students from 28% to 63%, exceeding the 40% goal.
- The transition from PowerCampus to Colleague Simplify continues, with updates to financial aid systems and registration upcoming. The Business Office modules went live

in the beginning of January. Dr. McCall touted the work being done by many employees to complete the transition.

- Additional sponsors have been named for the Forge competition. Dr. McCall also highlighted the College’s sponsors for the Connections Center and annual golf outing.
- The College restructure has been underway, with many positions filled and a few remaining searches ongoing. The restructure incorporates succession planning at the leadership level.

Monitoring Reports

EL 4.4 Services

The College’s services align with its mission and strategic plan to ensure student success. Included for review was the strategic plan, and Dr. McCall highlighted the alignment of game plans to services offered by the College. Also included was results from the Noel Levitz survey, a dashboard of services provided by the Student Resource Navigator, and feedback on programming through Workforce Solutions. Dr. McCall also touted the success of the College’s partnership with Columbus State for grant writing service, and the return on that investment since 2018.

EL 4.12 Conflict of Interest

Dr. McCall noted the importance of ensuring no conflicts of interest exist when governing and operating the College. He provided the College’s ethics policy, overview of Ohio ethics law, and his annual financial disclosure filing as evidence of compliance.

EL 4.5 Financial Condition

Ms. Ward highlighted the following from her written report:

- Enrollment for spring semester continues to look strong. Headcount continues to break records, with total headcount as of January 12, 2026 at 3,815 students.
- Personnel costs are up year over year, and Ms. Ward noted additional grant hirings and meeting enrollment growth impact the year over year review.
- Cash and investments are down year over year, with the \$1.5 million holding for the downtown location being held in cash last year. Star OHIO is paying at 3.96% currently.
- Ms. Ward noted the College utilized a portion of capital reserves to cover furnishings for the renovations to the advising suite. She was hopeful the capital funding from the state will cover the remainder of furnishings for academic spaces in the renovation.
- For FY25, the College completed its audit; the auditors filed for a 30-day extension, and will likely complete the audit by the end of January. Revenue was expected to be ahead of FY24 by \$786,000 for tuition and \$775,000 for subsidy. Investment income was ahead of FY24 by \$339,000.

Mr. Anderson made a motion to approve the monitoring reports and Vice Chair McCleese seconded the motion. Chair Fogle – aye, Vice Chair McCleese – aye, Mr. Anderson – aye, Ms. Foulk – aye, Ms. Fox – N/A, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Mr. Plotts – aye, Ms. Somerlot – aye. By a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Ms. Ward provided a third revised budget to the Board for review and approval. Included in the request were two positions to meet increased demand: HR/Business Generalist and Prison Program Coordinator. Additional funds were also requested for increases to the College's insurance for the downtown location, support for the TRIO grant in its final year due to an under award from the U.S. Department of Education, conference travel costs for a team preparing for the College's reaffirmation of accreditation, minor grant writing costs for a FIPSE grant

Ms. Somerlot made a motion to approve the budget revision as presented and Ms. Foulk seconded the motion. Chair Fogle – aye, Vice Chair McCleese – aye, Mr. Anderson – aye, Ms. Foulk – aye, Ms. Fox – N/A, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Mr. Plotts – aye, Ms. Somerlot – aye. By a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Policy Review/Governance Issues

EL 4.7 Funding

Ms. Somerlot reviewed the policy with the Board and highlighted the evidence provided in the most recent report to demonstrate compliance. She did not feel any changes were needed to the policy.

EL 4.8 Asset Protection

Vice Chair McCleese reviewed the policy with the Board and highlighted the evidence provided in the most recent report to demonstrate compliance. He did not feel any changes were needed to the policy.

Informational Items

Dr. McCall expressed a desire to host a Board retreat in April to prepare for the Board's review of the College's general education curriculum, as required by House Bill 96 of the 136th General Assembly. Dr. McCall felt a full day retreat may be needed to review the full requirements of the legislation. Ms. Woughter will send out possible dates for the Board's review; Dr. McCall anticipated the retreat to be in Marion.

Executive Session

Ms. Foulk motioned to convene in executive session to discuss the compensation of a public employee. Ms. Somerlot seconded the motion. Chair Fogle – aye, Vice Chair McCleese – aye, Mr. Anderson – aye, Ms. Foulk – aye, Ms. Fox – aye, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Mr. Plotts – aye, Ms. Somerlot – aye. By a unanimous vote, the motion was approved. Ms. Iyengar did not join executive session, as she had to leave for another meeting.

The Board entered executive session at 1:00 p.m.

At 1:16 p.m., Vice Chair McCleese motioned to return to open session. Ms. Somerlot seconded the motion. The Board returned to open session at 1:16 p.m.

Ms. Somerlot moved to increase the College's contribution to President McCall's 457 deferred compensation account 1% each year of his contract, effective January 1st of each year of the contract. Ms. Foulk seconded the motion.

Chair Fogle – aye, Vice Chair McCleese – aye, Mr. Anderson – aye, Ms. Foulk – aye, Ms. Fox – aye, Ms. Iyengar – aye, Mr. Plotts – aye, Ms. Somerlot – aye. By a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair McCleese moved to adjourn the meeting. The Board adjourned at 1:18 p.m.