

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
EAST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

February 9, 2026

**TRUSTEES**

<b>PARTICIPATING:</b> Mr. Bud Brown	Mr. Tim Heard	Dr. Sean Owen
Mr. W.T. Davis	Mrs. Hazel Johnson	Mr. Ed Mosley
Mrs. Kathy Dyess	Mr. Bobby McDade	Mrs. Evelyn Murray
Dr. Keith Gaskin-Teams	Mrs. Susan Morgan	Ms. Lisa Wynn

**OTHERS**

<b>PARTICIPATING:</b> Dr. Scott Alsobrooks	Ms. Tammie Holmes	Dr. Michael Busby
Dr. James Rush	Mrs. Christina Vernon	Mr. Kyle Younger
Dr. Nikita Ashford-Ashworth	Mr. David Montgomery	Ms. Patricia Trainer
Jamonica Johnson	Ashley Walker-Teams	

The regular meeting of the East Mississippi Community College Board of Trustees was held on February 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Scooba Campus and via Teams.

Dr. Keith Gaskin and Ashley Walker attended via Teams. All other participants were physically present.

Chairman Dyess called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Dr. Michael Busby and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Chairman Dyess requested the Trustees to review the Agenda and note any changes or additional items to be included.

There being no further changes or additions to the Agenda, Chairman Dyess requested the items noted with an asterisk on the Agenda be approved as the "consent agenda," and approved as one item, the following:

- Board Minutes from the meeting on January 12, 2026;
- Claims Docket for February 2026 and Sole Source Purchases, if any;
- Approval of Personnel Approval/Updates, X. A. 1
- Approval of Out-of-State Travel Requests, X. B. 1-8
- Approval of recommended inventory deletions, if any;

A motion for approval of the consent agenda made by Mr. Ed Mosely and seconded by Mrs. Hazel Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Board Chair's Report**

Chairman Dyess did not have a report.

**VII. President's Report**

Dr. Alsobrooks' report included welcoming Susan Morgan to the EMCC Board of Trustees, MACCT plans, employee of the month recognition, updates on the legislative session, SACSCOC, buildings/projects, as well as upcoming events.

**VIII. Old Business**

Dr. Nikita gave a Spring 2026 enrollment report.

XI. Financial Report and Review of Investment Activity. CFO Holmes did not have a report on this matter.

XII. Approval of special claims. Ms. Lisa Wynn made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Mrs. Hazel Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Approval of emergency purchases. Ms. Lisa Wynn made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Mr. Tim Heard. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Final approval of the revised travel policy (6.2). Mr. Bobby McDade made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Ms. Lisa Wynn. The motion passed unanimously.

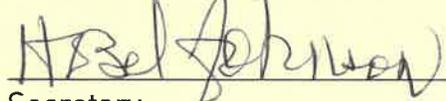
XV. Attorney Rod Hickman did not have a report.

XVI. The Board set the March Board meeting for March 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lion Hills Center.

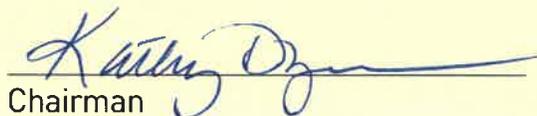
XVII. Mrs. Hazel Johnson made the motion to adjourn and for payment of honorarium and travel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bud Brown and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Dyess adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

  
Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
Chairman

**DATE:** March 2, 2026