

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

May 11, 2026

TRUSTEES

PARTICIPATING: 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	Mrs. Susan Morgan	Ms. Lisa Wynn

OTHERS

PARTICIPATING: Dr. Scott Alsobrooks	Mrs. Christina Vernon	Dr. Michael Busby
Dr. James Rush	Mr. Tony Montgomery	Mr. Kyle Younger
Dr. Nikita Ashford-Ashworth	Ms. Tammie Holmes	Mrs. Susan Baird
Ms. Ashley Walker-via Teams		Attorney Rod Hickman

The regular meeting of the East Mississippi Community College Board of Trustees was held on May 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Communiversity and via Teams.

Ms. Ashley Walker attended via Teams. All other participants were physically present.

Chairman Dyess called the meeting to order at 6:06p.m. The invocation was given by Dr. Keith Gaskin 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 April 13, 2026;
- Claims Docket for May 2026 and Sole Source Purchases, if any;
- Approval of Personnel Approval/Updates, X. A. 1-2
- Approval of recommended inventory deletions, if any; X. B.

A motion for approval of the consent agenda made by Mr. Ed Mosley 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 recognizing several important updates and accomplishments across the institution, including belated Mother's Day wishes and congratulations to Tony Montgomery on his retirement. Position changes effective June 1 was announced, along with updates on spring graduation activities. The ABE program was recognized for receiving a \$10,000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, and employee recognitions were given to Todd Gibson as the April 2026 Employee of the Month and Arianna Love as the May 2026 Employee of the Month. MCCLA graduates Cade Wilkerson and Jeremy Tate were acknowledged for their achievements, and upcoming events and activities were also shared with attendees.

IX. Old Business

A. Communiversity Report-Dr. Busby

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

XII. Approval of special claims. Dr. Keith Gaskin made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Mr. Bobby McDade. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Approval of EMCC full-time faculty (by name) to be employed for the FY 2026-2027 school year, subject to change based on college needs, availability of funds, and in accordance with EMCC Reduction in Force Policy. Mr. Tim Heard made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Ms. Lisa Wynn. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Initial review of the 2026-27 College Catalog with the allowance for curriculum changes to be made at a later time, which may include, but is not limited to, course title and description changes based on the final approval of the 2026 Uniform Course Numbering System and Career and Technical program curriculum validation for the 2026-27 academic year. Approval will be presented in June.

XV. Initial review of the 2026-27 EMCC Student Handbook with the allowance for changes to be made that are based on federal and state regulations. Approval will be presented in June.

XVI. Approval of new course: SOC 2223 – Perspectives on Child Maltreatment and Child Advocacy beginning Fall 2026. Ms. Lisa Wynn made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Mr. Bud Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

XVII. Approval of the revised Athletic Drug Testing Policy. Mr. Bud Brown made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Ms. Lisa Wynn. The motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. Initial review of the 2026-2027 Policies and Procedures Manual, new policies 5.20.11 and 6.1.4. Approval will be presented in June.

XIX. Approval to grant right-of-way access and utility easement to the Kemper County Board of

Supervisors. Dr. Keith Gaskin made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Mrs. Evelyn Murray. The motion passed unanimously.

XX. Attorney Rod Hickman did not have a report.

XXI. Other Business

- A. Evaluation of Board Meeting by the Board of Trustees
- B. Evaluation of the President by the Board of Trustees
- C. The Board set the June Board meeting for June 1, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at Mary Mahoney's in Biloxi, MS. This meeting is in conjunction with the MACCT Conference June 1-3, 2026 at the Beau Rivage.

XXII. Mrs. Evelyn Murray made the motion to adjourn and for payment of honorarium and travel. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hazel Johnson and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Dyess adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Secretary

APPROVED:


Chairman

DATE: June 1, 2026

