Garden City Community College
Board of Trustees
July 15, 2025

Trustees Present: Shanda Smith, Chair
David Rupp, Vice Chair
Dr. Merilyn Douglass, Trustee
Leonard Hitz, Trustee
Bob Larson, Trustee
Jean Clifford, Trustee

Others Present: Dr. Ryan Ruda, President
Karla Armstrong, Vice President for Administrative Services/CFO
Dr. Marc Malone, Vice President for Instructional Services/CAO
Colin Lamb, Vice President for Student Services/AAD
Madilyn Limberg, Executive Director, Marketing and PR
Jodie Tewell, Executive Assistant to the President
Meghan Flynn, Garden City Telegram Reporter

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Congratulations to PTK for the donation from the Frazee Foundation for the campus beautification project.

B. New Employees

No New Employees

C. Open Comments from the Public

No comments

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustees requested to pull Items D, E, and F.

Move to approve Consent Items A, B, and C.

Motion: Leonard Hitz
Second: Bob Larson

Ayes: Smith, Douglass, Clifford, Hitz, Rupp, Larson
Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

(A) Approval of minutes of previous meetings
(Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

(B) Approval of personnel actions- Human Resources
(Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

(C) Approval of Financial Information
(Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

(D.) Resolution 2025.3
Dr. Ruda reported information regarding the negotiated agreement and the liquidated damages clause within the document. (Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

Move to approve the resolution as presented.

Motion: David Rupp
Second: Leonard Hitz

Ayes: All
Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

(E.) Revenue Neutral Rate Intent

Dr. Ruda reported that the estimated valuation for the 2026 Budget is $652,072,977 less TIF/RHID Current Assessed Valuation of $34,050,759. Net estimated valuation being $618, 022,238. This totals an estimated valuation increase of $31,274,579. At the current mill levy, this would result in an estimated General Fund increase of $869,475 and Capital Outlay increase of $46,912.

Move to approve the intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

Motion: Leonard Hitz
Second: David Rupp

Ayes: Smith, Rupp, Douglass, Hitz, Larson, Clifford
Nays: None

Motion Carries: 6-0

(F.) Naming Rights for the Baseball Field

Dr. Ruda clarified that the recommendation is to name the field, not the stadium. Dr. Ruda highlighted the investments and funding sponsored by Scooter's Coffee.

Move to approve the recommendation to name the baseball field Scooter's Coffee Field.

Motion: Merilyn Douglass
Second: Bob Larson

Ayes: Smith, Rupp, Douglass, Hitz, Larson, Clifford
Nays: None

Motion Carries: 6-0

III. CONFIRMATION OF MONITORING REPORTS:

A. **Monitoring Reports and ENDS**…… **Consensus Approval**

A-1. Annual, Mission

Trustees reviewed the report.

A-2. Annual, Budgeting/Financial Planning/Forecasting #1 and #2

Trustees reviewed the report.

A-3. Annual, Financial Condition

Trustees reviewed the report. Trustees appreciate the percentage of cash reserves.

A-4. Bi-Annual, Executive Constraints #7 and #8

Trustees reviewed the report. Trustee Douglass commented on #8, and appreciates that the program reviews go through different levels, then to the board as an informational item.

A-5. Annual, Academic Advancement

Dr. Ruda and Dr. Malone highlighted the stats presented in the report and clarified data.

Consensus to accept reports as presented.

B. **Review Monitoring Reports**

B-1. Annual, Asset Protection

Updated #5 to remove "and (b) over $150,00. #6 add without board approval.

B-2. Annual, Compensation and Benefits

No suggestions for change.

IV. OTHER

A. Presidents Report

Dr. Ruda reported on summer camps, and the Student Support Services TRIO Grant has received funding. Dr. Ruda also discussed the Big Beautiful Bill's impact on Adult Education.

B. Incidental Information

No comments

C. Report from FCEDC

No report this month.

D. Report from KACC

There was no meeting this month, but trustees are advocating to State Legislators.

V. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

Chair Smith highlighted upcoming dates.

Chair Smith, Trustee Douglass, and Trustee Rupp will be attending the ACCT.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Signature:	Signature:	Signature:
Jodie Tewell	Dr. Ryan Ruda	Mrs. Shanda Smith
Deputy Clerk	President	Chairman of the Board