Garden City Community College
Board of Trustees
May 20, 2025

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

Absent: Shanda Smith, Chair

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
Mason Taylor, Campus Police
Sam Darroch, GCPD Police
Meghan Flynn, Garden City Telegram Reporter
Helen Weeks, Associate Professor of English
Alexa Weeks, Community Member
Veronica Goosey, Associate Professor of English

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Rupp called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

A. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Congratulations to the April Bustin' Buster Kurt Landgren.

B. Report from SGA
No Report

C. New Employees
No New Employees

D. Report from Faculty Senate
No Report

E. Five-Year Department Review: Chemistry
Move to another month – Dr. Kristalyn not present

F. Five-Year Department Review: English
Helen Weeks reported on highlights, strengths, and challenges within the English Department. Veronica Goosey reported on outreach instructors and liaisons.

II. Executive Session

Move that the Board recess into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the open meetings exception for personnel matters of non-elected personnel which if discussed in open meeting might violate their right to privacy and that Vice President Karla Armstrong and President Ruda be included. The open meeting will resume here in the Omar D. Angeles Endowment Room in <u>twenty (20)</u> minutes.

Motion: Merilyn Douglass
Second: Leonard Hitz

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

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

Trustees moved to Executive session at 6:17 pm.

The open meeting resumed at 6:37 pm.

Move to recess again into executive session to continue discussion on an individual employee's performance. The open meeting will resume in the Omar D. Angeles Endowment Room in twenty (20) minutes.

Motion: Merilyn Douglass
Second: Leonard Hitz

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

Motion Carried: 5 – 0

Trustees moved to Executive session at 6:40 pm.

The open meeting resumed at 7:00 pm.

No action taken.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustees requested to remove Items D, F, H, I, and J.

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

Motion: Merilyn Douglass
Second: Leonard Hitz

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

Motion Carried: 5 – 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.) 2025-1 Resolution Non-Renewal
(Supporting documents filed with official minutes) Trustee Clifford requested that this item be removed for individual vote.

Move to approve Item D.

Motion: Merilyn Douglass
Second: Leonard Hitz

Ayes: Rupp, Douglass, Hitz, Larson,
Nays: Clifford

Motion Carries: 4-1

(E.) 2025-2 Resolution Non-Renewal
(Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

(F.) Approval of President's Contract
(Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

Move to approve the contract for President Ryan Ruda starting on July 1, 2025, the salary will remain the same as the current year, which is $225,000 with benefits.

Motion: Merilyn Douglass
Second: Leonard Hitz

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

Motion Carries: 5-0

(H.) Approval of Course Fees

(Supporting documents filed with official minutes)
Dr. Ruda and Dr. Malone clarified numbers and course information.

Motion to approve the 2025- 2026 course fees as presented.

Motion: Merilyn Douglass
Second: Bob Larson

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

Motion Carries: 5-0

(I.) Cengage Contract

(Supporting documents filed with official minutes)
Dr. Ruda reported on the contract and cost savings.

Move to approve the three-year contract with Cengage at an annual rate of $225,000 in Years 1 and 2, and an annual rate of $235,000 in Year 3, paid through student fees collected.

Motion: Merilyn Douglass
Second: Jean Clifford

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

Motion Carries: 5-0

(J.) Naming Fire Science Classroom

(Supporting documents filed with official minutes)
Dr. Ruda reported on the recommendation to name a Classroom for Larry Pander.

Move to recommend approval to name the Fire Science Classroom building after Larry Pander for distinguished service to GCCC, following the college policy.

Motion: Merilyn Douglass
Second: Bob Larson

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

Motion Carries: 5-0

IV. CONFIRMATION OF MONITORING REPORTS:

A. **Monitoring Reports and ENDS**…… **Consensus Approval**
A-1. Executive Limitations, Treatment of People
Trustees accept the monitoring report as presented.

B. **Review Monitoring Reports**
No reports to review

V. OTHER

A. Open comments from the public

No open comments

B. Presidents Report

Dr. Ruda reported on the RMA Partnership, Dual Credit Students, Enrollment Update, and an Enrollment Update. Dr. Ruda discussed the trustees the Annual Report that was available at their seats, plus the scorecard. Dr. Ruda reported on the legislative session and changes that are happening with the Pell Grant and Student Support Services.

C. Incidental Information

No comments

D. Report from FCEDC

Vice Chair Rupp reported on stats and social media posts. (Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

E. Report from KACC

Trustee Douglass reported that the next meeting is May 30.

VI. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

Chair Hitz requested a report on Level Up Kansas. Dr. Ruda reported that the intent and purpose of Level Up is a legislatively funded initiative for technical education.

GED Graduation is at 10:00 am.

Trustee Clifford confirmed that the Annual Report is a product of campus. She congratulated the PR department.

Trustee Douglass attended three advisory meetings: Allied Health, Cosmetology and Nursing.

Trustee Douglas proposed presenting at the City and County Commissioner meetings. Trustees agreed to have Jodie set up meetings during the summer months. Trustee Clifford asked Administration to inquire about touring the refinery.

Dr. Ruda clarified that the Board of Trustees meeting will continue on the third Tuesday of each month.

The BAA Golf tournament is coming up this Friday at 1:00 pm.

VIII. Adjournment

Vice Chair Rupp adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

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