

GCCC Board of Trustees

Date: July 14, 2026

Location: Omar D. Angeles Endowment Room

Chair: Shanda Smith

Recorder: Jodie Tewell

Attendance:

Trustees Present:

Shanda Smith, Chair

David Rupp, Vice Chair

Dr. Merilyn Douglass, Trustee

Bob Larson, Trustee

Reynaldo Mesa, Trustee

Trustees Absent:

Jean Clifford, Trustee

Others Present:

Dr. Ryan Ruda, President

Karla Armstrong, Vice President for Administrative Services/CFO

Colin Lamb, Vice President for Student Services and Athletics

Jodie Tewell, Executive Assistant to the President

Madilyn Limberg, Executive Director, Marketing and PR

Oscar Rivera, Computer Support Specialist

Jarely Orozco, Help Desk Administrator and Level 1 Tech Coordinator

Ada Herrera, Computer Support Specialist

Claudia Horney, Director of Adult Education and Literacy Program

Chuck Pfiefer, Dean of Technical Education and Workforce Development

Samantha Sanger, Director of Institutional Effectiveness/Accreditation Liaison Officer

Matt Horney, Community Member

Meghan Flynn, Garden City Telegram Reporter

Key Actions and Motions

- Consent Agenda: Approve as presented minus Item D. Revenue Neutral Rate Intent.

Motion: Merilyn Douglass | **Second:** Reynaldo Mesa | **Vote Carried:** 5-0

- Approval of Item D. Revenue Neutral Intent
Motion: David Rupp| **Second:** Bob Larson| **Vote Carried:** 5-0
- Monitoring Reports: Approved reports as presented
- Review of Monitoring Reports: Consensus - no changes
- Strategic Plan Update: Information presented by Samantha Sanger
- Website Update: Information presented by Madilyn Limberg

Highlights & Reports

Chair Comments: Chair Smith welcomed Dr. Lance Hawvermale.

New Employees: No introductions

Non-Academic Program Review, GCCCA: Claudia Horney, Director of Adult Education and Literacy Program, reported on student success, enrollment, multilingual services, online GED, outcomes, and community impact. Reviewed alignment with GCCC mission, KPIs/SLOs, and major projects (new facilities, RFP, data system transition). Goals: advisory board, stronger student transfer pathways, expanded IET opportunities, and continued partnerships/outreach.

Dr. Ruda reported that GCCCA served 750 students last year and remains a key pipeline to GCCC. Highlighted a new Kansas Health Foundation-funded brochure to increase program awareness.

Open Comments: None

Consent agenda:

David Rupp requested to pull Item D. Revenue Neutral Intent

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented minus Item D. Revenue Neutral Rate Intent.

Motion: Marilyn Douglass

Second: Reynaldo Mesa

Ayes: Smith, Rupp, Douglass, Mesa, Larson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

Item D. Revenue Neutral Rate

The estimated valuation for the 2027 Budget is \$657,163,192 less the TIF/RHID Current Assessed Valuation of \$36,429,398. The net estimated valuation is \$620,733,794. This totals an estimated valuation increase of \$2,711,556. At the current mill levy, this would result in an estimated General Fund increase of \$77,615 and a Capital Outlay increase of \$4,190.

If the Board chose to remain revenue neutral, we would not see a gain in the General Fund or Capital Outlay. We will not be able to adjust the budget without exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. This has nothing to do with the mill levy. This does not change the mill levy but allows the mill levy to apply to new property evaluations.

The intent is to keep a flat mill levy. This can impact state funding by about \$900,000.

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

Motion: David Rupp

Second: Bob Larson

Ayes: Smith, Rupp, Douglass, Mesa, Larson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

Monitoring Reports:

A.1 Annual Mission Statement:

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

A.3 Annual, Financial Condition

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

Approve reports as presented.

Review of Monitoring Reports

B.1 Annual, Asset Protection: Consensus to keep the report as written.

B.2 Annual Compensation and Benefits: Consensus to keep reports as written.

B.3. Annual, Academic Advancement:

Trustees discussed student counseling, KPIs, transfer pathways, opportunities for advanced degrees, and trained advisors that keep students on track.

Recommend no changes in language.

President's Report: Dr. Ruda provided updates on deferred maintenance and campus projects, including Student Services exterior repairs from hail damage. Patio project (initiated by PTK) and outdoor classroom project are progressing. Street improvements, football field lighting replacement, and north end zone goal post replacement are underway. Students return in one month

Strategic Planning Presentation: Samantha Sanger reported on the new strategic plan which is the guiding document for the institution. Highlighted changes, Pillars, and KPIs. (Document filed with official minutes.)

GCCC Website Update:

Madilyn Limberg provided an overview of the college's website redesign. Website launch is scheduled for August 23, 2026.

FCEDC: Trustee Rupp reported on the handout presented to Trustees: social media posts and stories. KSN is doing highlights on the drone program. The summit of the data center. Lona Duvall will be a panelist. (Handout filed with official minutes.)

KACC: Trustee Douglass provided a summary of July meeting. Approved the bylaw changes to allow technical colleges to join KACC. Three community colleges hired new presidents. Economic Impact Study approved. Each Gubernatorial candidate has spoken to the group.

Heather Morgan submitted the KACC Budget to KBOR. Work continues to introduce Performance-based Funding considerations to the 2027 legislature's Higher Education Committee.

Next meeting August 2 -3 at Barton Community College.

Ownership Linkage

Accolades to the college for allowing a bus and driver for the Wind Baseball team.

Discussed calendar dates.

ACCT conference:

Merilyn and Steve Douglass

Shanda Smith

Jean and Bill Clifford

Advisory Board Meetings:

Reynaldo for electrical tech

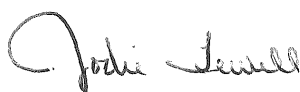
Reynaldo – construction board

Adjournment

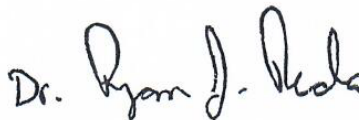
Time: 7:35 pm

Approval Signatures:

Jodie Tewell, Deputy Clerk: _____



Dr. Ryan Ruda, President: _____



Mrs. Shanda Smith, Chairman of the Board: _____

