

GCCC Board of Trustees

Date: September 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. Marilyn Douglass, Trustee

Bob Larson, Trustee

Jean Clifford, Trustee

Absent:

Reynaldo Mesa, Trustee

Others Present:

Dr. Ryan Ruda, President

Karla Armstrong, Vice President for Administrative Services/CFO

Colin Lamb, Vice President for Student Services and Athletics

Dr. Lance Hawvermale, Vice President for Instructional Services

Jodie Tewell, Executive Assistant to the President

Madilyn Limberg, Executive Director, Marketing and PR

Oscar Rivera, Computer Support Specialist

Tanya Bradley, Campus Police Office

Laren Robinson, Dual Credit Coordinator/Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Academics

Dr. Karen Lackey, Assistant Professor of Business

Tyler Browning, Assistant Professor of Music,/Orchestra Director

Robert Scrivner, Associate Professor of CJ and Public Safety/Faculty Senate President

Alexis Saenz, Director of Human Resources/Payroll

Scott Kedrowski, Dean for Advancement and Alumni Relations

Keth VenJohn, Endowment Board

Beth Koksai, Endowment Board

Beth Tedrow, Endowment Board

Key Actions and Motions

- Revenue Budget Hearing: Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate
Motion: David Rupp| **Second:** Marilyn Douglass | **Vote Carried:** 4-1
- 2026-2027 Budget Hearing
No Public Comments
- Consent Agenda: Amended to include Naming Rights of Construction Trades Shop and Naming Rights of Electrical Shop.
Motion: David Rupp | **Second:** Bob Larson | **Vote Carried:** 5-0
- Move to Approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, C.
Motion: Marilyn Douglass| **Second:** David Rupp | **Vote Carried:** 5-0
- Move to Approve Item IV – D. Approval of 2026-2027 Budget
Motion: Marilyn Douglass| **Second:** Bob Larson | **Vote Carried:** 4-1
- Move to Approve Item IV – E. Approval of KP&F Retirement Plan
Motion: Marilyn Douglass| **Second:** Bob Larson | **Vote Carried:** 5-0
- Move to Approve Item IV – F. Approval of 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement
Motion: David Rupp| **Second:** Marilyn Douglass | **Vote Carried:** 5-0
- Move to Approve Item IV – G. Approval of Naming Rights:
Motion: Marilyn Douglass| **Second:** Bob Larson | **Vote Carried:** 5-0
- Monitoring Reports:
Consensus to accept language change
- Review of Monitoring Reports:
Chair Smith and Trustee Douglass will provide updates next month.

Call to Order Revenue Budget Hearing

Call to order at 12:00

Chair Smith read Resolution 2026-2. The Board of Trustees shall exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of 28.953 mills by approving a mill levy of 29.227 mills

Motion: David Rupp
Second: Marilyn Douglass

Roll Call Vote

Roll Call Vote

A Roll Call Vote of the _GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE_ To Levy
a Property Tax Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate
Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate held on _14th_ September
2026__
Resolution No. 2026-2

Governing Body Member	Yes	No	No Vote
Jean Clifford		X	
Dr. Marilyn Douglas	X		
Reynald Mesa (absent)			X
Bob Larson	X		
David Rupp	X		
Shanda Smith	X		
TOTAL	4	1	

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

Motion Carried: 4-1

Adjourned 12:04

Call to Order 2026-2027 Budget Hearing

Called to order 12:04
No public comments

Adjourned 12:05

September 14, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting

Call to order 12:05

Highlights & Reports

Vice Chair Comments: Called meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Reported on the Niche Rankings: GCCC 1 Best Community College in Kansas. Also ranked 14th in America.

SGA Report: Reyna Garcia, President, and Veronica McCallum, Vice President, reported on summer work with SGA officials, beginning-of-semester events, and upcoming events for September and October.

New Employees: Introduced four new employees.

Faculty Senate Report: Robert Scrivner, Faculty Senate President, introduced himself and Cayla Thomlinson, Vice President. Reported on Faculty Senate meetings, policy work, learning communities, and upcoming meetings.

Open Comments: None

Consent agenda:

Move to amend the agenda to include Item IV – G. The naming rights for the Construction Trades Shop and the Electrical Shop.

Motion: David Rupp

Second: Bob Larson

Ayes: Douglass, Clifford, Smith, Rupp, Larson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

Vice Chair Rupp pulled Items D, E, F, and G to discuss separately.

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

Motion: Marilyn Douglass

Second: David Rupp

Ayes: Douglass, Clifford, Smith, Rupp, Larson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

Item IV -D. Approval of 2026-27 Budget:

Move to approve and adopt the 2026-27 budget. Certify the 2026 Tax to be levied at \$17,212,812 (27.730 mills) General Fund and \$929,491 for Capital Outlay (1.497 mills).

Motion: Marilyn Douglass

Second: Bob Larson

Ayes: Douglass, Smith, Rupp, Larson

Nays: Clifford

Motion Carried: 4-1

Item IV -E. Approval of Kansas Police and Firemen's Retirement System (KP&F) Program

Alexis Saenz, Director of Human Resources/Payroll, reported on the proposed program.

Move to approve Administration's proposal that Garden City Community College affiliate with the Kansas Police & Firemen's Retirement System (KP&F) for eligible Campus Police Officers and the Chief of Police.

Motion: Marilyn Douglass

Second: Bob Larson

Ayes: Douglass, Clifford, Smith, Rupp, Larson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

Item IV -F. Approval of 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement

Dr. Ruda provided a high-level overview.

Motion: David Rupp

Second: Marilyn Douglass

Ayes: Douglass, Clifford, Smith, Rupp, Larson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

Item IV- G. Approval of Naming Rights for Construction Trades Shop and the Electrical Shop

Dr. Ruda provided information at the Trustees' seats. There are two separate requests for naming rights.

Move to approve naming the Construction Trades Shop after the Finnup Foundation and the Electrical Shop after Triple Oak Power.

Motion: Marilyn Douglass

Second: Bob Larson

Ayes: Douglass, Clifford, Smith, Rupp, Larson

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

Monitoring Reports

Chair Smith amended agenda to allow Endowment to present their report for Monitoring Report: A.2 Board Job Description #6 Endowment

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Scott Kedrowski introduced Keith VenJohn, Endowment Board President, who presented annual financial and scholarship statistics, highlighted Endowment growth, and discussed future goals.

A.1 Workforce Development

Dr. Hawvermale highlighted 17 bachelor's degrees now available on campus and the college's responsiveness to workforce and community needs.

A.3 Annual Financial Condition (revaluation from August Meeting)

Admin has provided supplemental information for the August report. Line A. is 20% of the previous year's general fund operating expenses.

Financial Condition A.

Fail to maintain a cash reserve at least 20% of the previous year's general fund operating expenses

Consensus to accept language change.

Review of Monitoring Reports

B.1 Board Job Description #8

Finalize Board goals and add to the evaluation each month. Reevaluate every 4 months. Robust discussion on updating and editing evaluation questions.

Chair Smith and Trustee Douglass will meet to finalize board goals and add them to the monthly evaluations.

Need to be diligent with connecting with the community.

President's Report:

Dr. Ruda highlighted: Reported on RCCA Conference this week, the National Workforce Development and Innovation Award, and soccer stats. Dr. Ruda invited Trustees to the Golden Guild Luncheon on September 25.

Incidental Information:

The new bus is in use and will be branded soon.

FCEDC:

Trustee David Rupp reported on Sandsage Drive, including the open house dedication, Scooter's initiative, a new endowment scholarship, and alumni spotlights, all of which were featured on social media. (Handout filed with official minutes.)

KACC:

Trustee Marilyn Douglass provided a legislative update including a projected \$250,000 funding reduction for GCCC. Tuition and property tax policy discussions remain ongoing. (Handout filed with official minutes.)

Ownership Linkage

Calendar Events:

Shanda Smith – requested to be registered for the Chamber breakfast

Board Evaluation – Chair Smith and Trustee Douglass will provide updates at next meeting

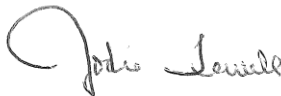
Trustee David Rupp commended Robert Scrivner and Brandy Unruh for their great job on the 9.11 ceremony.

Adjournment

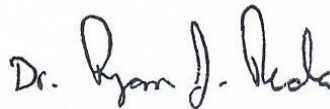
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Approval Signatures:

Jodie Tewell, Deputy Clerk: _____



Dr. Ryan Ruda, President: _____



David Rupp, Vice Chairman of the Board: _____

