

**Garden City Community College
Board of Trustees
September 10, 2024**

Trustees Present:	Leonard Hitz	Chair
	Shanda Smith	Vice Chair
	Dr. Marilyn Douglass	Trustee
	David Rupp	Trustee
	Jean Clifford	Trustee
	Bob Larson	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
	Joshua Guymon	Computer Support Specialist
	Shelby Hanneman	Computer Support Specialist
	Conner Balmer	SGA
	Zevin Little	SGA
	Ty Scheler	SGA
	Amina Xasan	SGA
	Leah Baker	SGA
	Raquel Cuevas	SGA
	Britnie Novack	Student Activities Coordinator
	Dru Saddler	Assoc. Prof. of Social Science/Faculty Senate President
	Godwin Izibili	Assistant Professor of Business
	Stacey Carr	Associate Professor of Speech
	Savannah Sanburg	Assistant Professor of Communication
	Stephen Gestenslager	Community Member
	Russ Komlofske	Community Member
	Michelle Komlofske	Community Member

I. CALL TO ORDER REVENUE-NEUTRAL BUDGET HEARING:

Chair Hitz called the Revenue-Neutral Budget Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments: Steven Gestenslager, Michelle Komlofske, and Russ Komlofske addressed the Board to either hold or stay as low as possible with the Revenue Neutral Rate.

Closed hearing on Revenue Neutral Rate at 6:12 pm.

II. CALL TO ORDER 2024-2025 BUDGET HEARING

Chair Hitz called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:12 pm.

Public Comment: Steven Gestenslager addressed the board to reconsider the budget.

Closed hearing on the 2024-2025 Budget at 6:15 pm.

III. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chair Hitz called the Board Meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

A. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Hitz invited everyone to the 911 Ceremony tomorrow at 9:00 am. He also discussed upcoming athletic games.

B. Report from SGA

Britnie introduced the new members of SGA and discussed the success of SGA events. Raquel Cuevas, SGA President updated the trustees on upcoming events.

C. New Employees

Godwin Izibili, Assistant Professor of Business
Victor Salazar, Assistant Professor of Physics/Physical Science
Savannah Sanburg, Assistant Professor of Communication
Shelby Hanneman, Computer Support Specialist

D. Report from Faculty Senate

Dru Saddler, Faculty Senate President, reported on professional development. The Faculty Senate will meet next week.

E. Five-Year Program Review – Communications

Stacey Carr reported on the Communications program review and the background on the development of the program. We offer more communication courses, majors, and opportunities like GC3 media, sports podcasts, a virtual magazine, and community partners.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Move to pull Items A, B2, D, E, and F and approve Items B1 and C.

Motion: David Rupp

Second: Marilyn Douglass

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

(A) Approval of minutes of previous meetings

Amend minutes to state that Chair Hitz opened the September meeting. (Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

Move to approve Item A as amended.

Motion: Marilyn Douglass
Second: David Rupp

Ayes: All
Nays: None

Motion carried: 6 – 0

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

Move to amend the rate for credit hours to \$721/hour for adjuncts.

Motion: David Rupp
Second: Bob Larson

Ayes: All
Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

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

(D) Approval of 2024-25 Budget

Move to approve Item D as presented.

Motion: Marilyn Douglass
Second: David Rupp

Dr. Ruda explained how campus construction was paid for over the past few years. JD Building – State and Federal Grants. STEM Building – Title III Grants. GCCC has used several mechanisms and tools to remove the burden of tax dollars.

Trustee Clifford asked for consideration of reducing the mil levy.

Chair Hitz, Trustee Rupp, Trustee Larson, and Trustee Douglass stated they are sensitive to the needs of the community and they appreciate the public comments.

Ayes: Hitz, Smith, Douglass, Rupp, Larson

Nays: Clifford

Motion Carried: 5-1

(E) Negotiations

Trustees reviewed a copy of the redlined version of the approved negotiated agreement

Move to approve Item E as presented

Motion: Marilyn Douglass

Second: Bob Larson

Ayes: All

Nays: none

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

(F) MOU Agreement with USD 363

Dr. Ruda reported that USD 363 approved this Agreement during their board meeting.

Move to approve Item F. MOU Agreement with USD 363

Motion: Marilyn Douglass
Second: David Rupp

Ayes: All
Nays: none

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

V. CONFIRMATION OF MONITORING REPORTS:

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

A-1. Annual, Workforce Development

Trustee Douglass commented that the report reflects the successful relationships we have made with partners and businesses.

The Trustees accept the report as presented.

B. Review Monitoring Reports

B-1. Annual, Board Job Description

No changes. Trustees accept the report as written.

VI. OTHER

A. Open comments from the public

No comments

B. Presidents Report

Dr. Ruda reported on the renewed partnership with Empirical. This is a \$300,000 addition to the initial \$300,000 that launched the IMM Program. Dr. Ruda updated on enrollment statistics. As of this morning, we are about 80 hours of surpassing our highest credit hours in history. Reminder of 911 Remembrance tomorrow at 9:00 am.

C. Incidental Information

Dr. Ruda explained the removal of the plumbing instructor position from job openings.

D. Report from FCEDC

Trustee Rupp reported on social media, admission and enrollment information, and the Veterans Memorial Monument addition.

E. Report from KACC

Trustee Smith reported on the August KACC meeting, tour, and presentations.

F. Board Self Assessments.

Dr. Ruda asked if the assessment tool needed any changes. Pam is available to meet in Seattle. Dr. Ruda will contact Coleen to finalize the assessment this week.

VII. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

Trustee Douglass discussed the idea of meeting with service area school boards. Trustees will ask the boards what data would be helpful for them to use. Trustees will take copies of the annual report. They will plan to start with Holcomb and USD 457. Jodie Tewell will get a schedule set up. Trustees would like Dr. Ruda to attend the meetings.

At the June Board meeting trustees discussed engaging students during lunch in the cafeteria. After discussion, the Trustees agreed to include questions on the student assessments. This allows for better data collection for HLC reporting. Dr. Ruda will include the information in assessments.

Trustee Clifford requested a list of names of all the area school board members.

Chair Hitz reviewed upcoming dates.

VIII. Executive Session

No executive session

Trustees filled out monthly assessments.

IX. Adjournment


Chair Hitz adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm



Jodie Tewell
Deputy Clerk



Dr. Ryan Ruda
President



Mr. Leonard Hitz
Chairman of the Board