Garden City Community College
Board of Trustees
September 16, 2025

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

Others Present: Dr. Ryan Ruda, President
Karla Armstrong, Vice President for Administrative Services/CFO
Dr. Marc Malone, Vice President for Instructional Services/CAO: joined by TEAMS
Colin Lamb, Vice President for Student Services and Athletics
Madilyn Limberg, Executive Director, Marketing and PR
Jodie Tewell, Executive Assistant to the President
Oscar Rivera, Computer Support Specialist
Meghan Flynn, Garden City Telegram Reporter
Mark Scheopner, Print Production Manager, Campus Security
Renee Harbin, Professor of Business
Helen Weeks, Associate Professor of English, Faculty Senate President
Alexa Weeks, Community Member
Susan Ortega, Professor of Business
Mike Pilosof, Athletic Director
Kellee Munoz, Director of Title IX, SGA
Raquel Cuevas, SGA President
Veronica McCallum, SGA Secretary
Kamdyn Carr, SGA Public Relations
Reyna Garcia, SGA Vice President
Brenda Barrett, Dean of Institutional Research & Data Support
Renee Harbin, Professor of Business

Erika Rivas, Residential Life Advisor
Jennier Cranston, Academic Advisor
Taylor Deniston, Admissions Representative/Campus Visit Coordinator
Michael Cole, Technical Recruiter/Advisor
Vianeit Lugo, Community Education Coordinator/Admin Assistant for Tech Ed Division

I. CALL TO ORDER Revenue-Neutral Budget Hearing

Chair Smith called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
No public comments.

Move to pass Resolution 2025-5. (Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

Motion: Merilyn Douglass

Roll Call Vote:

Bob Larson: Yes
Leonard Hitz: Yes
David Rupp: Yes
Merilyn Douglass: Yes
Jean Clifford: No
Shanda Smith: Yes

Motion Carries: 5-1

Adjourned: 6:04

II. CALL TO ORDER 2025-2026 BUDGET HEARING

Chair Smith called the Board Meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
No public comments

Adjourned: 6:04

III. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the Board Meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

A. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Congratulations to Sara McClure for receiving the Bustin' Buster Award for September.

B. SGA Report

Kellee Munoz, advisor for SGA, reported on the executive team's process in selecting the executive team this year.

Veronica McCallum, Secretary
Kamdyn Carr, Public Relations
Reyna Garcia, Vice President
Raquel Cuevas, President
Ty Schuler, Treasurer

Raquel reported on upcoming events.

C. Introduction of New Employees

Erika Rivas, Residential Life Advisor
Jennifer Cranston, Academic Advisor
Taylor Denistorn, Admissions Representative/Campus Visit Coordinator
Michael Cole, Technical Recruiter/Advisor
Vianeit Lugo, Community Education Coordinator/Admin Assistant for Tech Ed Division

D. Faculty Senate Report

Helen Weeks introduced herself as the President of the Faculty Senate

E. Five-Year Department Review: Business

Renee Harbin reported on the economic impact of the program, professional development, and community partnerships (Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

F. Five-Year Department Review: IR

Brenda Barret, Institutional Research, reported that IR is responsible for all reporting for state, federal, and all internal campus reporting. Discussed succession plan. (Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

G. Open Comments
No open comments

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion: David Rupp
Second: Leonard Hitz

Ayes: Smith, Douglass, Hitz, Rupp, Larson, Clifford
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.) Women's Wrestling Program
(Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

(E.) Approval of 2025-2026 Budget
(Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

V. CONFIRMATION OF MONITORING REPORTS:

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

A-1. Work Force Development

Trustee Douglass commended Dr. Ruda on his report.

A-2. Board Job Description #6

Dr. Ruda proposed that a trustee be ex officio on the Endowment Board and BAA Board. He also proposed having a member of each of those boards report to the trustees annually. The policy states that trustees will monitor the outcomes. This change still allows trustees to monitor; it only shifts how it is done.

Consensus is no change in policy, just a change in practice.

B. **Review Monitoring Reports**

B-1. Board Job Description #8

No suggested changes

IV. OTHER

A. President's Report

Dr. Ruda reported that GCCC was named Best Community College in Kansas by Niche, and on the new partnership with Germann Homes, Inc., Dr. Ruda discussed the strategic plan survey and handed out information cards. Dr. Ruda will be traveling to Union, MO, for the RCCA Conference.

Trustee Rupp requested an update on achievements and awards over the past few years.

B. Incidental Information

C. Report from FCEDC

Trustee Rupp reported on social media highlights, the progress of the apartments on Palace Drive, and the progress of the ICON Cinema complex.

D. Report from KACC

The next meeting is in December at GCCC.

V. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

No reports

Board retreat topics: Trustees will let Chair Smith know what they are interested in

Discussed upcoming advisory boards and board meetings.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session

VII. Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.

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