

GCCC Board of Trustees

Date: January 19, 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

Jean Clifford, Trustee

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

Madilyn Limberg, Executive Director, Marketing and PR

Jodie Tewell, Executive Assistant to the President

Oscar Rivera, Computer Support Specialist

Kristin Sekavec, Lewis, Hooper, and Dick LLC

Tiffany O'Rourke, Lewis, Hooper, and Dick LLC

Kellee Munoz, SGA Student Advisor

Mindy Russell, Accounting Services and Grant Compliance Manager

Kim Harrison, Comptroller

Key Actions and Motions

- Consent Agenda approved Items A, B, and C. Pulled D for further review.
Motion: Douglass | Second: Rupp | Vote: 6-0

- Item D. Liquidated Damages Mark Hensley
Motion: Douglass | Second: Rupp | Vote: 6-0

- Executive Session
Motion: | Second: | Vote

- **Election of Officers:**
 - o Chair: Shanda Smith
 - Motion: Rupp | Second: Douglass | Vote: 6-0

 - o Vice Chair: David Rupp
 - Motion: Larson | Second: Douglass | Vote: 6-0

 - o Clerk: Ryan Ruda

- KACC Rep: Douglass
 - Motion: Smith | Second: Larson | Vote: 6-0
- FEDCE Rep: Rupp
 - Motion: Douglass | Second: Larson | Vote: 6-0
- Approval of Appointments, Depository Designations for 2026, and Professional Service Provider.
Motion: Douglass | Second: Rupp | Vote: 6-0
- Monitoring Reports (A-1 – A-4) approved.
Motion: Douglass | Second: Larson | Vote: 6-0
- Executive Session (10 minutes – property).
Motion: Rupp | Second: Mesa | Vote: 6-0
- Returned to open session at 1:31 p.m.
Action: Administration authorized to negotiate the sale of Martin Trailer Park.
Motion: Douglass | Second: Rupp | Vote: All Ayes
- Monitoring Reports accepted as printed
Motion: Douglass | Second: Larson | Vote: 6-0

Highlights & Reports

Called to Order: 12:01

Swearing in of newly elected Trustees: Douglass, Larson, Mesa

Chair Comments: Cybersecurity, email updates, annual forms, MLK event

SGA Report: Ten fall events; MLK event at 7:30 p.m.

New Employees Introductions: No introductions

Open Comments: No comments

FY 2025 Audit: Clean, unmodified opinion; one material weakness (Endowment Funds).
Findings presented with no questions or concerns from Trustees.

Item D. Liquidated Damages:

- Instructor accepted a job in Minnesota; gave notice in December.
- Administration recommended waiving liquidated damages due to transparency.
- Replacement lead already identified.

Review of Monitoring Reports: No Reports

President's Report – Dr. Ruda

- Dr. Ruda reported Meat Judging stats and enrollment updates.
- Provided Board with response letter opposing Bill 2452 (municipal elections shifting to even years).

FCEDC Report– FCEDC Annual Meeting is on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 11:30 in the Omar D. Angeles Endowment Room.

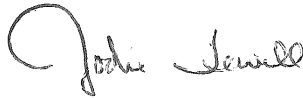
KACC Report – State and federal funding discussion

Ownership Linkage: Reviewed upcoming events.

Adjournment: 1: 33 pm

Approval Signatures

Jodie Tewell, Deputy Clerk:



Dr. Ryan Ruda, President:



Mrs. Shanda Smith, Chairman of the Board:

