MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BI-MONTHLY MEETING

Southwestern Community College

May 26, 2026 - Jackson Campus

Attending:

Trustees		*College Staff*
Howard Allman	Mark Letson	Don Tomas
Toby Allman	Cory McCall	Scott Baker
Jeff Cloer	Gerald McKinney	Tyler Goode
Joyce Cooper	Brett Rogers	Evan Hatch
J.K. Coward	Betty Waldroop	Kathy Posey
Ken Henke	Cynthia Womble	Barb Putman
Jenny Holland	Brooklyn Frizzell (student representative)	Tina Wilson
Mark Jones		

Absent:

Jack Debnam
Patrick McGuire

The Board of Trustees of Southwestern Community College (SCC) met for their bi-monthly meeting on May 26, 2026, in the Slagle Board Room of the Conrad G. Burrell Building on the Jackson campus.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark Jones called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and read the Conflict-of-Interest Statement. Mr. Brett Rogers identified a conflict regarding the upcoming Workforce Continuing Education Plan approval and committed to abstaining from the associated vote. A quorum was present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jeff Cloer made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Jenny Holland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Chairman Jones asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of March 24, 2026. Mr. Toby Allman made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Jenny Holland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Tomas reported that commencement ceremonies were held on May 16 with 371 students graduating across three ceremonies. The American Association of College Presidents Summer Institute is scheduled for July 13-15 in Asheville and Dr. Tomas plans to attend. Dr. Tomas notified the board of an upcoming leave of absence in late June, noting that the college will be managed by the vice presidents during this period.

CURRICULUM AND STUDENT SERVICES
Mr. Ken Henke asked Dr. Barb Putman to report. Dr. Putman provided an update on the SACSCOC reaccreditation process. The in-person SACSCOC visit is scheduled for October 5-8, 2026.

Dr. Putman presented an annual update for the workforce continuing education, public safety and basic skills programs, confirming that the college is meeting or exceeding state and federal performance measures. Mr. Toby Allman made a motion to approve the Workforce Continuing Education Accountability and Integrity Plan as presented. Ms. Jenny Holland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Putman presented a new policy, 6.01.04 Professional Licensure and Certification Disclosure. She also presented revisions to Policy 6.04.05 Student Clubs and Organizations. Mr. Howard Allman made a motion to approve the new policy and as well as the revisions to Policy 6.04.05 as presented. Ms. Jenny Holland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FINANCE AND CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT
Chairman Jones asked Ms. Tina Wilson, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services, to provide a report on Local Revenue Analysis and State Budget Expenditures.

Ms. Wilson presented the Local Revenue Analysis and State Budget Expenditures Reports.

Under action items, Ms. Wilson presented the Budget Allocations and Transfers. Following review and discussion, Mr. Brett Rogers made a motion to approve the Budget Allocations and Transfers as presented, which was seconded by Ms. Jenny Holland and passed unanimously.

Ms. Wilson presented revisions to Policy 4.01.05 Employment Salary Plan. After review and discussion, Ms. Betty Waldroop made a motion to approve the revisions as presented. Ms. Jenny Holland seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS
Dr. Tomas provided an update on the Learning Commons renovation on the Jackson Campus, the Fire Rescue Training building and the Indoor Firearms Training Facility in Macon County.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Chairman Jones reminded the board that every member is expected to complete the board retreat survey. Chairman Jones presented the Nominating Committee recommendations from the Executive Committee (Howard Allman, Jeff Cloer and Jenny Holland). Mr. J.K. Coward made a motion to approve the Nominating Committee recommendations as presented. Ms. Betty seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS
The spring retirement reception is scheduled for May 28. We will be hosting a Summer Cookout for employees on June 8. There is a 2026-2027 meetings calendar in everyone’s packet as well as a Calendar of Duties and Board Contact List.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:55pm Chairman Mark Jones asked for a motion to move into Closed Session to discuss Privileged Information (G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) and Personnel (G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6). Dr. Tomas left the meeting. Mr. Jeff Cloer made a motion to move into Closed Session which was seconded by Mr. Brett Rogers and approved unanimously. Ms. Tina Wilson joined the Closed Session meeting at 6:00pm. Ms. Betty Waldroop made a motion to exit Closed Session and return to Open Session at 6:37pm. Mr. Howard Allman seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Upon return to Open Session, Chairman Jones reported that two actions items were approved in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT
With no other business before the Board, Chairman Jones adjourned the meeting at 6:37pm.

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Mark Jones, Chair	Don Tomas, Secretary
Board of Trustees	Board of Trustees