ATTACHMENT 10a

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
UTICA AND ROME, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 22, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Mohawk Valley Community College Board of Trustees held at the ThINCubator, 326 Broad Street, Utica, New York was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by Chair Waters on Monday, June 22, 2026.

Members Present

Wendy Waters
Dana Jerrard
Camille Kahler
Anna D'Ambrosio
David Mathis
Anthony (Tony) Colón
William S. Calli
Elaine Falvo
Frank Dubeck

Members Excused

Minajla Ibrahimi, Student Trustee

2. Call for Conflicts of Interest

Chair Waters invited members to disclose any potential conflicts related to the June agenda items. No conflicts of interest were reported.

3. Chair's Report

Chair Waters reported briefly and then moved directly to the Treasurer's Report.

4. Treasurer's Report

Interim Vice President Parry reported on the College's financial position as of May 31, 2026. Overall, revenues exceeded expenses by approximately $12 million, including grant activity, reflecting a strong financial position and continued liquidity.

Revenue trends remain slightly below budget overall, though summer out-of-state tuition performed above expectations and helped offset lower-than-anticipated spring revenue. Expenses are higher than the prior year, consistent with increased enrollment and expanded operations, but remain within budget. Higher non-credit expenses continue to be offset by corresponding program revenue.

5. Student Trustee Report

There was no Student Trustee report.

6. Committees and Affiliations

Student Success Committee

Committee Chair Tony Colón reported that the committee met on June 22 ahead of the board meeting. The committee received curriculum updates, including new microcredentials in Substance Use Counselor Assistant and Peer Support Specialist to address regional workforce needs, the deactivation of select Workplace Success (WS) courses, and revisions to the Computer Information Systems AAS program to improve student progression and alignment with industry needs.

The committee also received a presentation on MVCC's proposed response to SUNY's 2026–2027 Operating Aid allocation, outlining plans to invest approximately $277,000 in support of workforce-aligned program expansion, enrollment growth, and student access, with emphasis on compliance requirements and data-informed planning.

An overview of Financial Aid operations was also provided, including staffing transitions, FAFSA trends, and strategies to increase completion rates. Additional updates included SUNY Reconnect, student loan processes, cohort default rates, and compliance related to academic progress and student success initiatives.

Facilities and Campus Safety Committee

Committee Chair Dana Jerrard reported that the committee met on June 10 and received updates on Public Safety staffing, recruitment, succession planning, and ongoing equipment and technology enhancements, including body-worn cameras and a new patrol vehicle. An introduction was provided by Director of Compliance Suada Ikeljic, who outlined her role and initial priorities.

The committee also reviewed progress on the Rome Dental Hygiene and ATD Building projects, both of which remain on schedule, and discussed current capital projects and future facilities priorities. The committee supported the multi-year capital framework and recommended the 2026–2027 capital project requests to the full Board for approval.

Trustee Elaine Falvo made a motion to accept the 2026-2027 capital projects as reviewed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Frank Dubeck and unanimously approved.

Dormitory Corporation (DC)

DC Chair Anna D'Ambrosio reported that the Dormitory Corporation Board of Directors met on May 21. The Board received updates on planned brick repair work, which is expected to commence, as well as ongoing operational matters including occupancy and facilities projects. The Board also reviewed its annual audit, which resulted in an unmodified (clean) opinion, and approved acceptance of the audit and authorization to file the IRS Form 990.

Foundation

Executive Director Ferro-Aurience reported on MVCC Foundation activities, including ongoing fundraising and development efforts. Updates were provided on naming and sponsorship opportunities for the Applied Technology Center and Dental Hygiene Lab, which are being developed to engage donors and support future program sustainability.

The Foundation reported strong fundraising performance, with year-to-date contributions exceeding the prior year and projected to surpass $2 million. Scholarship support has increased,

with growth in both total awards and the number of students served. The Foundation's investment portfolio remains strong, and the upcoming annual golf tournament was noted as sold out and expected to yield strong proceeds

ACCT/NYCCT

Trustee Tony Colón provided an update on recent Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) activity, highlighting a rapidly evolving federal policy environment impacting community colleges. Updates included both proposed increases to key student aid and workforce programs, as well as concerns regarding potential reductions to other affordability and support programs. The report also outlined federal grant opportunities aligned with MVCC priorities, ongoing changes to student aid and accountability requirements, and the importance of monitoring issues such as financial aid fraud prevention and enrollment trends. Trustees were encouraged to remain engaged in advocacy efforts and to consider participation in the ACCT Leadership Congress in October.

NYCCT Board Chair-Elect Wendy Waters provided an update on New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT) activities, noting that the Annual Conference will be held September 16–18 at the Saratoga Casino Hotel. She reported that NYCCT leadership, including George Cushman, along with herself and Trustee Grant Valentine, recently testified before the SUNY Board of Trustees, presenting a unified message on behalf of SUNY community colleges that emphasized the sector's collaboration and commitment to student success. Trustees were encouraged to review the testimony highlighted in the NYCCT update, noting in particular the compelling student story shared by a recent Onondaga Community College graduate, which underscored the impact community colleges have on students' lives. Trustee Wendy Waters also encouraged continued advocacy following the enactment of the New York State budget by thanking legislative representatives. She concluded by congratulating Trustee Tony Colón on his nomination for an NYCCT award and on his candidacy for ACCT Secretary-Treasurer.

SUNY/NYCCAP

President VanWagoner reported that the SUNY Chancellor will visit campus on Wednesday as part of the SUNY Reconnect tour, with participation from students and an industry partner. He also noted that the Chancellor's Presidents Retreat will be held in July; however, he will attend only a portion of the program in order to return for the Oneida County Board of Legislators meeting, where action will be taken on the MVCC budget.

7. President's Report

The President reviewed the June Key Performance Indicator (KPI), derived from the College's Mission Statement, "MVCC has a vibrant organizational culture to support its mission." Employee climate survey results continue to indicate a positive organizational culture. In Spring 2026, 93.9% of employees said they were proud to be part of MVCC, and 88.7% said they generally look forward to coming to work each day. Job satisfaction has also remained high, with 90.3% of employees reporting satisfaction in Fall 2025 and 93.4% in Fall 2024. Retention remains strong as well, with the annual turnover rate falling from a five-year high of 13.1% in 2022-2023 to 9.1% in 2024-2025, the lowest rate in the five-year period.

President VanWagoner also reported on recent activity related to ONRAMP. President VanWagoner along with Sarah Lam and Adam Palmer will be attending the All-Partners meeting in Syracuse on June 23.

College Senate

There was no Senate Report for June. President VanWagoner acknowledged that Professor Shahida Dar has been elected as the new Senate Chair and the Senate is in the process of identifying individuals to serve as the College's Faculty Council of Community Colleges representatives.

8. Vice President Reports

There were no questions from the Board regarding the written reports submitted by the Vice Presidents. The Vice President Spotlight was presented by Todd Kubica, Andrew Carpenter-Brockway, Susan Johnston, and Kaitlyn Mars from the Student Affairs division. The presentation highlighted the College's opportunity programs that include STEP, Upward Bound, Gear UP, EOP, and Pre-ETS. Each program highlighted their core focus, primary population and how each program has evolved, expanded, and supported student success.

9. Discussion Items

ThINCubator Update

The Board received a report on MVCC's thINCubator, which continues to serve as a regional hub for entrepreneurship through training, mentorship, and business development programming. During FY2025–2026, the thINCubator reported serving 105 unique clients, supporting the creation of 21 new business ventures, and hosting 18 events and workshops with approximately 950 attendees year to date.

In conjunction with this work, the Board also received a report on the Mohawk Valley Small Business Development Center, which provides no-cost advising, training, and research support to entrepreneurs and small businesses in the region. In FY2025, the center reported 35 new business starts, counseled 576 clients—including 458 from underserved communities—and helped facilitate $5.8 million in business investment.

July Retreat

The Board discussed the upcoming July Retreat with possible locations and agenda topics.

10. Consent Agenda

Attachment a. Minutes of May 18, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting
Attachment b. Treasurer's Report (25-26 Budget Amendment)
Attachment c. Revised Strategic Framework: Pillar 1 to Increase Student Success and Pillar 4 to Improve Operational Effectiveness
Attachment d. Revised 2026-27 Annual Plan: Pillar 1 to Increase Student Success and Pillar 4 to Improve Operational Effectiveness
Attachment e. Revised 2026-27 Tuition and Fee Schedule: Library Fees and International Student Health Insurance
Attachment f. Distinguished Retiree, Kathy Kotary
Attachment g. Emerita, Alison Doughtie
Attachment h. Emeritus, George Searles
Attachment i. Emeritus, James Lynch
Attachment j. Board Policy Revision: 3015. Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault and Sexual

Misconduct (formerly Title IX Grievance (Sexual Violence))

Attachment k. Board Policy Revision: 2015. Employee Sexual Harassment Prevention (formerly Sexual Harassment)

Attachment l. New Microcredential Proposal: Peer Support Specialist Microcredential

Attachment m. New Microcredential Proposal: Substance Use Counselor Assistant Microcredential

Attachment n. 2026-27 Adjunct Minimal Qualifications Matrix

Attachment o. Melissa Barlett, Dean of the School of STEM – Transfer

Attachment p. Ahmed Hrustanovic, Instructor School of Health Sciences

Attachment q. Matthew Maloy, Technical Assistant School of STEM – Career

Attachment r. Kristen Rasmussen, Instructor School of Public and Human Services

Attachment s. Simon Vangel, Instructor School of Humanities

Attachment t. Md Ataul Mamun, Instructor School of STEM – Career

Attachment u. Jessica Kelly, Instructor School of STEM – Transfer

A motion to approve remaining Consent Agenda Items 10a-10u was made by Trustee Frank Dubeck and seconded by Trustee David Mathis. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee William S. Calli and seconded by Trustee Elaine Falvo to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. Unanimously approved.