ATTACHMENT 10a

MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
UTICA AND ROME, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 17, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Mohawk Valley Community College Board of Trustees held in the Stetson Boardroom, Payne Hall, Room 300, of Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, New York was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chair Waters on Monday, August 17, 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 trustees to disclose any potential conflicts related to the August agenda items. No conflicts of interest were reported.

3. Chair's Report

Chair Waters reported on several awards and accolades celebrated by the College. Student Trustee Minajla Ibrahimi participated in the Second Annual SUNY Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion/EOP Undergraduate Summer Research Symposium; Trustees Tony Colon and Anna D'Ambrosio have been selected as members of the 2026 Richard W. Couper Living Legends Induction Class, Frank DuRoss has been selected to receive the Leading EDGE Christopher Destito Award and the Genesis Joseph R. Carucci Legacy Award; and the MVCC Board of Trustees has been selected to receive the Association of Community College Trustees 2026 Northeast Regional Impact and Success Award. Chair Wendy Waters expressed appreciation to the College's faculty and staff, noting that the Board's recent recognition was a direct result of their dedication and contributions. She then called for the Treasurer's Report.

4. Treasurer's Report

Interim Vice President Parry reported on the College's financial position as of July 31, 2026. The College remains in a strong financial position. Year-to-date revenues exceed expenses by approximately $6.39 million, including grant activity, and overall liquidity remains strong. Revenue is currently trending below budget; however, overall expenses remain within budget despite increases associated with higher enrollment and expanded operations. Higher-than-budgeted expenses in non-credit programs continue to be offset by stronger-than-expected

program revenue.

Interim Vice President Parry further reported significant progress in reconciling financial accounts and reviewing prior fiscal years. While Fiscal Years 2022 through 2024 remain under review, key accounts have been balanced and substantial adjustments have been completed. To facilitate timely year-end closure, the Board was asked to authorize a year-end adjusting entry of approximately $150,000 if the remaining difference has not been identified by fiscal year-end. The entry will not end the reconciliation process but will allow for the College to close the year without adding the complexity of carrying this difference forward.

5. Student Trustee Report

There was no Student Trustee report.

6. Committees and Affiliations

Nominating Committee

Committee Chair Frank Dubeck reported that the committee met on August 5 to review and recommend the following slate of officers for the 2026-2027 academic year:

MVCC Board of Trustees
President, Randall J. VanWagoner
Chair, Dana Jerrard
Vice Chair, Bill Calli
Secretary, Gloria Karol
Treasurer, Colin Mackey

President VanWagoner asked for a motion to pull Consent Agenda 10m: Colin Mackey, Executive Director of Budget & Finance/Chief Financial Officer.

Motion to pull Consent Agenda Item 10m was made by Trustee Frank Dubeck and seconded by Trustee William Calli. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item 10m: Colin Mackey, Executive Director of Budget & Finance/Chief Financial Officer was made by Trustee Frank Dubeck and seconded by Trustee William Calli. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approved the 2026-2027 Slate of Officers as recommended by the Nominating Committee was made by Trustee Elaine Falvo and seconded by Trustee Anna D'Ambrosio. Motion passed unanimously.

Dormitory Corporation (DC)

DC Chair Anna D'Ambrosio reported that the DC Board met prior to the Board of Trustees meeting. The Board reviewed financial and occupancy reports, noting that the fiscal year concluded ahead of budget. An update was provided on the ongoing refinancing process and recent summer residence hall facility improvement projects. The DC Board also approved a new Resident Director and its slate of officers for the coming year. Appreciation was expressed for the efforts of the facilities staff in supporting the residence halls.

Foundation

Executive Director Ferro-Aurience reported that the Foundation is nearing the end of its fiscal year and has raised more than $2.0 million in support of the College. This total does not include the $1.6 million Fabmatics in-kind gift presented separately on the Board's consent agenda.

The Foundation also reported that its investment portfolio managed by Strategic Financial Services had a market value of approximately $13.4 million and had achieved a 12.1% return year-to-date.

The Foundation provided an update on MV Gives, its first fundraising appeal of the new fiscal year, which will launch in mid-September and focus on areas of greatest need and student support. Additional information will be shared at a future Board meeting.

The Foundation also highlighted several upcoming events, including the Wilcox Presidential & Exceptional Scholarship Luncheon, Alumni Day, Hall of Fame Reception and Ceremony, and the annual Board Holiday Gathering, as well as its upcoming committee and Foundation Board meetings.

ACCT/NYCCT

Trustee Tony Colón provided an update on federal policy developments affecting community colleges, including the implementation of Workforce Pell, new federal earnings-accountability measures, proposed improvements to federal student outcome reporting, and congressional funding proposals for higher education and workforce programs. The report also highlighted developments involving federal grant policy, health-care workforce education, and emerging opportunities in artificial intelligence, critical-minerals workforce development, internships, and cross-sector partnerships. MVCC will continue monitoring these developments, reviewing relevant short-term workforce programs, and engaging in federal advocacy as appropriate.

Chair Wendy Waters, Chair-Elect of the New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT), provided an update on NYCCT activities. She reported that the NYCCT Annual Conference will be held September 16-18 at the Saratoga Casino Hotel and noted that she will assume the role of NYCCT Chair in September.

SUNY/NYCCAP

President Randall J. VanWagoner reported on SUNY's coordinated response to recent federal higher education developments. He also noted that MVCC received approval for approximately $277,000 in workforce development funding and that the College's workforce plan has been approved.

7. President's Report

President Randall J. VanWagoner reported that U.S. Secretary of Education recently issued a national call to action encouraging higher education institutions and governing boards to reaffirm their commitments to academic excellence, research, and public service. He noted that, based on discussions with SUNY leadership, SUNY is developing a coordinated systemwide response and has advised campuses and local boards not to respond individually at this time. President VanWagoner also reported that MVCC has received approval for approximately $277,000 in workforce funding and that the College's workforce development plan has been

approved, consistent with the framework previously reviewed by the Student Success Committee in June. He further provided an update on discussions with Congressman Mannion's office regarding potential federal funding opportunities to support healthcare workforce training and related educational initiatives.

President VanWagoner reviewed the August Key Performance Indicator (KPI), "MVCC is Committed to Student Success Through Transfer Pathways," noting that approximately 20% of students ultimately earn a bachelor's degree or higher. He also highlighted the addition of a new measure tracking dual-credit students who enroll at MVCC after high school graduation, providing a more complete view of the student transfer pathway.

College Senate

There was no Senate report, as the College Senate had not yet met for the academic year.

President VanWagoner concluded his report by asking for an executive session with no further action following the board meeting to discuss personnel matters.

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 Ibrahim Rosic, Director of the Learning Commons, who provided an overview of Learning Commons services, student engagement, and initiatives supporting academic success. The presentation highlighted the Learning Commons' proactive approach to student support through embedded tutoring, structured study sessions, AI literacy, services for adult learners, and data-informed strategies to enhance student success and retention.

9. Discussion Items

Board Goals

The Board discussed the proposed Shared Goals for the Board and the President and expressed support for the goals as presented, with no modifications recommended.

Futures Signals

President Randall J. VanWagoner led a discussion on a proposed framework for incorporating regular future-focused discussions into Board meetings. Trustees expressed interest in receiving Cabinet input as part of future conversations, and President VanWagoner will explore options for incorporating that feedback into the process.

10. Consent Agenda

Attachment a. Minutes of June 22, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting
Attachment b. Minutes of July 27, 2026 Special Board of Trustees Meetings
Attachment c. Treasurer's Report (25-26 Budget Amendment & Year-End Adjusting Entry)
Attachment d. Revised 2026-27 Annual Plan: KPI Metrics
Attachment e. Fabmatics Training Lab Equipment: MVCC Foundation to Mohawk Valley Community College
Attachment f. Capital Project Increase: Dental Hygiene Project
Attachment g. December Break: 2026-27 Academic Year
Attachment h. Salary Increases for Excluded Administrative Staff

Attachment i. Revised Sabbatical Leave: Shahida Dar
Attachment j. Amend Staffing Plan: DuWayne Engram, GEAR UP Program Specialist
Attachment k. Laura Goff, Assistant Vice President of Learning and Academic Affairs
Attachment l. NeDavius Ladmirault, Senior Multimedia Designer
Attachment m. Amend Staffing Plan: Colin Mackey, Executive Director of Budget & Finance/Chief Financial Officer
Attachment n. Amend Staffing Plan: Christopher Maxwell, Instructor School of STEM – Career
Attachment o. Golsa Mirbagheri, Instructor School of STEM – Career
Attachment p. Mary Beth Murphy, Controller
Attachment q. Nicole Ollerenshaw, Instructor School of Public and Human Services
Attachment r. Mary Jane Parry, Interim Vice President of Administrative Services
Attachment s. Mary Randall, Instructor School of Art
Attachment t. Amend Staffing Plan: Cody Turk, Technical Assistant School of STEM – Transfer
Attachment u. Capital Project Increase: Payne Hall Office & Furniture Upgrades

A motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items 10a-10l and 10n-10u was made by Trustee William S. Calli and seconded by Trustee Frank Dubeck. Discussion was held regarding Consent Agenda Item 10d, the Revised 2026-27 Annual Plan: KPI Metrics, specifically the addition of several metrics intended to provide a more complete view of institutional performance and student outcomes. Following discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Motion for an executive session with no further action to discuss personnel was made by Trustee Elaine Falvo and seconded by Trustee Anna D'Ambrosio.
Unanimously approved.

The Board of Trustees entered into executive session at 5:40 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 6:14 p.m.

11. Adjournment
Motion was made by Trustee William S. Calli and seconded by Trustee Elaine Falvo to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Unanimously approved.