

**Delta College**  
**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**Delta College Board Room (B-151)**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**BOARD PRESENT** A. Baldwin, A. Clark, S. Gannon, B. Handley-Miller, M. Nash, M. Rowley, A. Thomas, M. Wood

**BOARD ABSENT** D. Middleton

**OTHERS PRESENT** R. Battinkoff, M. Brown, T. Brown, M. Carter, W. Childs, P. Clark, R. Curry, C. DeEulis, J. Foco, M. Gavin, L. Govitz, D. Hopkins, T. Johnroe, L. Lawrason, G. Luczak, D. McQuiston, E. Merkle, E. Muhaxhiri, J. Perry, D. Phelps, S. Raube, K. Schuler, S. Shinkel, E. Suniga, C. Thomas, M. Thomas, M. Thomas, N. Thomas, A. Ursuy, R. Young

**PRESS PRESENT** None

**CALL TO ORDER** Vice Board Chair Gannon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE** Vice Board Chair Gannon asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

**AGENDA**

M. Nash made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Rowley seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**A. OATH OF OFFICE** Board Secretary, Andrea Ursuy, administered the oath of office to Stacey Gannon, Midland County Trustee (6-year term, beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2030), Mike Rowley, Bay County (6-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2030), and Alexis Thomas, Saginaw County (6-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2030).

**B. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS (BA5572)** It is the recommendation of the Nominating Committee that the Board of Trustees approve the following slate of officers for 2025 and 2026.

Trustee Stacey Gannon – Chair  
Trustee Arshen Baldwin – Vice Chair  
Jonathan Foco, Treasurer  
Andrea Ursuy, Secretary

M. Wood made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Nash seconded the motion.

Motion passed with a vote of 7 in favor, 1 against. A. Clark voted in opposition to the motion.

**APPROVAL OF THE ASSISTANT BOARD SECRETARY (BA5573)** Arshen Baldwin, Chair of the Nominating Committee said that, Dr. Gavin has recommended that the Board approve Talisa Brown to continue in her role as Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

M. Wood made a motion to approve the recommendation. B. Handley-Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2025 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE (BA5574)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule.

M. Gavin noted that there was one change from the preliminary schedule that was approved in November 2024. The locations for the May and October meetings were switched to accommodate training sessions that were already scheduled at the Downtown Midland Center in May.

B. Handley-Miller made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Board Chair Gannon called for public comment.

Marcia Thomas, former Board Chair and a Saginaw County resident, welcomed Stacey Gannon as the incoming Board Chair. She welcomed her cousin, Alexis Thomas, to the Board. She wished the Board all the best as they begin their work in 2025.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

J. Foco said that the Board has received the College financial statements as of December 31, 2024. At this time, there are no significant variances to report.

Budget Cabinet will begin meeting next week to work on tuition and fees.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Chair Gannon called for approval of the consent agenda.

A. Clark made a motion to approve the consent agenda. A. Baldwin seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda resulting in:

A. Acceptance of Minutes:

1. Board Dinner Meeting, November 12, 2024
2. Board Regular Meeting, November 12, 2024
3. Board Special Meeting, Nominating Committee, November 25, 2024

B. Acceptance of Closed Meeting Minutes

1. November 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

**APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF PEOPLEADMIN SOFTWARE (BA5575)**

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase for a three-year renewal of PeopleAdmin software in the amount of \$110,631.

A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the recommendation. M. Wood seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF REVISED K-WING**

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the budget of \$6,725,900 for the construction renovation of K-Wing where the State of Michigan

**RENOVATION  
BUDGET  
(BA5576)**

will be covering the cost of \$2,423,195 and Delta would be responsible for the remaining amount of \$4,302,705.

M. Wood made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**STUDENT SUCCESS:  
STUDENT VOTER  
REGISTRATION**

The Student Success Report entitled “2024 Voter Engagement at Delta College” was presented by Lisa Lawrason, Political Science Professor; Marcie Carter, Manager of Downtown Midland Center; Dorian Phelps, Downtown Saginaw Center Coordinator; and Eliana Muhaxhiri, Delta student.

They discussed the election engagement efforts they coordinated during fall semester. Delta has been actively supporting civic engagement and became a founding member of the Democracy Commitment in 2012. In 2022, Delta had the highest voter registration of any 2-year college in Michigan and a 45% voter turnout rate.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**Enrollment Report**

The winter semester began on January 4. As of today, 8,344 students are registered. We projected 72,225 contact hours for the semester and are currently at 111% (80,226 contact hours).

**Personnel Report**

- A warm welcome to new employees Rob Young, Director of Facilities Management, and Dr. Walaa Awad, Associate Dean of the Health and Wellness Division.

**Information Sharing**

- In transfer agreement news, we had a renewal with Central Michigan University, 3+1 articulation agreement for Delta’s Associate of Applied Science (AAS), Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, and a new institutional articulation agreement with Western Michigan University and a new agreement of Delta’s Associate of Applied Science, Health Fitness Specialist to Western’s Bachelor of Science, Exercise Science.
- Congratulations to Dr. Angela Guy-Lee, Associate Professor in Sociology. She is the recipient of the 2025 Spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award sponsored by Delta’s Black Faculty and Staff Association. The award will be presented at the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Unity Luncheon event on Monday, January 20. The keynote speaker for this year’s celebration is the Honorable Amos O’Neal, State Representative, 94<sup>th</sup> District, with the theme of “Mission Impossible: Protecting Freedom, Justice, and Democracy in the Spirit of Nonviolence.”
- Congratulations to our women’s soccer coaching staff for receiving the national coaching staff of the year award from the United Soccer Coaches organization.
- Thanks to Trustee Wood for attending the Police Academy graduation in December.
- Please see the new Fantastic Faculty newsletter uploaded to your BoardBook.

- Happy Birthday to Alex Clark, January 6 and Mike Nash, January 10.
- Dr. Gavin requested a timing shift in creating his goals. Moving from June to March would allow for more alignment with the goal development across the college.

### **Upcoming Events**

- The Great Lakes Bay Regional Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at SVSU, Wednesday, January 22, dinner 5pm with program 7pm, keynote speaker is Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu, race & gender justice activist.
- MLK Scholarship Breakfast at the Trillium Banquet Center in Saginaw, Saturday, January 25, 10am, keynote speaker is Mike Gavin.
- Next board meeting is Tuesday, February 4.
- Winter Learning Day, Friday, February 21, 8am-4pm.
- In addition to the MLK Scholarship Breakfast, Dr. Gavin noted that he'll be speaking at several other upcoming conferences and events including a Duke University "Leaders Defending American Higher Education" virtual panel discussion on January 17, the American Association of College and University conference January 23-24 and the Saginaw CEIC Symposium on January 29.

### **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

A. Clark wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said that he enjoyed this evening's student success presentation.

A. Baldwin said she enjoyed the student success presentation. She welcomed A. Thomas to the Board.

M. Rowley said that the presentation was great and welcomed A. Thomas.

B. Handley-Miller welcomed A. Thomas and congratulated Chair Gannon and Vice Chair Baldwin. She thanked the presenters this evening noting it was an excellent presentation. She thanked L. Lawrason for her leadership in civic engagement initiatives.

She said that on January 15, 2025, 12 – 1:30pm there will be a showing of Rick Steves', "The Story of Fascism in Europe."

B. Handley-Miller encouraged all to attend the upcoming President's Speaker Series featuring Dr. Rebekah Taussig on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 10am – 12pm.

She thanked the faculty who worked to publish the Fantastic Faculty newsletter each month. She also recognized Beth Heyart who continues to produce awesome theater productions, most recently "Beauty and the Beast."

M. Nash said that he is excited to hear that we are 11% over our projected enrollment goal for winter.

M. Wood said he attended the Basic Policy Academy graduation in December and the community turnout was fantastic. He also congratulated Lisa and said she is passionate about civic engagement at Delta College.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

Chair Gannon welcomed A. Thomas to the Board. She welcomed R. Young to the staff.

Chair Gannon said that tonight's presentation was awesome.

Chair Gannon noted that committee assignments will be coming soon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Gannon adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary