

**COLLEGE of
SOUTHERN
MARYLAND**
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES –MEETING
MINUTES**

DATE: September 21, 2026, 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: La Plata Campus BI -201
PRESIDING CHAIR: Sonja Cox

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Christy Lombardi, Board Vice-Chair – via zoom
Kee Abell – via zoom
Shawn Coates
Cathy Allen – via zoom
Cordelia Postell – via zoom
Celeste Alexander-Frye -via zoom
Pamela Cousins
Diane Sandoval – via zoom
Yolanda Wilson, President

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by Sonja Cox, Board Chair

II. QUORUM ESTABLISHMENT

The board secretary confirmed the presence of a quorum.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 20, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting minutes were reviewed.
Trustee Cousins made a motion to approve the August 20, 2026, meeting minutes.
Trustee Postell seconded the motion

➤ **All were in favor; Motion Passed**

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the September 21, 2026, board meeting was reviewed and approved as presented.
Trustee Abell made a motion to approve the September 21, 2026, agenda.
Trustee Allen seconded the motion

➤ **All were in favor; Motion Passed**

V. GOVERNANCE BOARD – APPROVED POLICIES

Megan Allen, Executive Director of Compliance & Risk Management, will present Governance of Board-Approved Policies and board policy review framework.

VI. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY WORKERS COMPENSATION RENEWAL

Ron Price, Vice President of People, Culture and Engagement will present the Executive Summary for the Workers Compensation Renewal

VII. AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Christy Lobardi, Board Vice Chair & Audit Committee Chair will present the Audit Committee Report



VIII. FY 26 Grant Report – 4th Quarter

Tora Wright, Director 1, Grants Development will present the FY 2026 Quarterly Grants Report for Quarter 4

IX. FUND BALANCE UPDATE AND MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Patrick Shirdon, Vice President of the Division of Financial Services will present a Fund Balance Usage Update and the Monthly Financial Report.

X. Maryland Performance Accountability Report (MPAR)

Dr Brandon Nzekwe, Executive Director, Planning, Institutional Effectiveness & Research along with Chip Keech, Research Analyst 2 from PIR, will request board approval of the 2026 Maryland Performance Accountability Report (MPAR).

Trustee Cousins made a motion to approve the 2026 Maryland Performance Accountability Report.

Trustee Postell seconded the motion

➤ **All were in favor; Motion Passed**

XI. RADIATION THERAPY A.A.S

Dr. Bernice Brezina, Vice President of the Division of Learning will introduce Professor Candi Hume, Chair School of Health Sciences as they request the board to approve of Associate of Applied Science degree (A.A.S.) in Radiation Therapy.

Trustee Sandoval made a motion to approve the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S) degree in Radiation Therapy.

Trustee Allen seconded the motion

➤ **All were in favor; Motion Passed**

XII. New Program: Healthcare Administration AA

Dr Bernice Brezina, will now introduce Dr Christopher Gransberry, Professor from the School of Health Sciences, as they request the board to approve a new program, an Associate of Arts Degree in Healthcare Administration.

Trustee Coates made a motion to approve a new program, Associate Arts Degree in Healthcare Administration.

Trustee Cousins seconded the motion

➤ **All were in favor; Motion Passed**

XIII. MD FAMLI

Trustee Celeste Alexander-Frye, Chair of the Human Resources & Benefits Committee, and Ron Price, Vice President of the Division of People, Culture, and Engagement, requested Board approval to opt out of the Maryland FAMLI State Plan and proceed with a self-funded private FAMLI plan administered by The Hartford.



Trustee Postell made a motion to approve CSM opting out of the Maryland FAMILI State Plan and proceeding with a self-funded private FAMILI plan administered by The Hartford.

Vice Chair Lombardi seconded the motion

➤ **All were in favor; Motion Passed**

XIV. Medicare Advantage Health Plan changes

Ron Price and Trustee Celeste Alexander-Frye presented the recommendation from the Human Resources & Benefits Committee requesting Board approval for the January 1, 2027 renewal of the UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Plan for post-65 Medicare-eligible retirees and their Medicare-eligible spouses. Under the plan, retirees and their spouses contribute \$153.58 per month, with an annual College contribution of \$748,235.

Vice Chair Lombardi made a motion to approve the January 1, 2027 renewal of the UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Plan for post-65 Medicare-eligible retirees and their Medicare-eligible spouses, with retirees and their spouses contributing \$153.58 per month and the College contributing \$748,235 annually.

Trustee Cousin seconded the motion

➤ **All were in favor; Motion Passed**

XV. UMGC Space & Agreement

Dr Bill Comey, Vice President Division of Operation & Planning will present a request for board approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Maryland Global to rent classroom & office space and to operate a Regional Higher Education Center on the La Plata Campus.

Trustee Coates made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Maryland Global Campus to rent classroom & office space to operate a Regional Higher Education Center on the La Plata Campus.

Trustee Sandoval seconded the motion

➤ **All were in favor; Motion Passed**

XVI. Wellness & Aquatic Center Lease Agreement Renewal

Dr. Bill Comey presented a request to the board to approve a two-year, zero-dollar (\$0.00) lease agreement between CSM and the Commissioners of St Mary's County to allow the St Mary's Recreation & Parks Department to manage & operate the Wellness and Aquatics Center on the Leonardtown Campus. The lease may be extended for up to three (3) additional lease years.

Trustee Sandoval made a motion to approve the two-year, zero-dollar lease agreement St. Mary's County allowing St Mary's Park & Recreation to manage and operate the Wellness & Aquatics Center on the Leonardtown Campus with the option for the lease to be extended for up to 3 additional years.

Trustee Postell seconded the motion

➤ **All were in favor; Motion Passed**



XVII. AVOTEK Sole Source for Aviation instructional equipment

Tony Stout, Dean of the School of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Professional Studies, presented a request to the board to approve sole-source procurement from AVOTEK for specialized aviation maintenance instructional equipment, with a total not to exceed the purchase value of \$447,197.00. The purchase will be funded through the U.S Department of Education Congressionally Directed Spending Award for the Aviation Maintenance Technology Program and will not require use of college operating funds.

Trustee Cousins made a motion to approve the sole-source procurement for AVOTEK not to exceed \$447,197 funded through the U.S. Department of Education Congressionally Directed Spending Award and will not require use of the college operating funds.

Trustee Sandoval seconded the motion

- **All were in favor; Motion Passed**

XVIII. CHAIRS REPORT

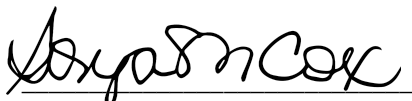
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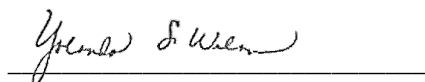
- ACCT Leadership Congress In Chicago, IL October 21-24

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Lombardi motioned to adjourn the meeting. With the motion seconded by Trustee Allen, all were in favor; Motion Passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sonja Cox, Board Chair


Yolanda Wilson, Ed. D, President