

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAST MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

August 10, 2026

TRUSTEES

PARTICIPATING: Mr. Bud Brown	Mr. Tim Heard	Dr. Sean Owen
Mr. W.T. Davis	Mrs. Hazel Johnson	Mr. Ed Mosley
Mr. Bobby McDade	Mrs. Kathy Dyess	Mrs. Evelyn Murray
Dr. Keith Gaskin-via Teams	Mrs. Susan Morgan	Ms. Lisa Wynn

OTHERS

PARTICIPATING: Dr. Scott Alsobrooks	Mrs. Christina Vernon	Ms. Tammie Holmes
Ms. Sharon Thompson	Attorney Rod Hickman	Dr. James Rush
Dr. Nikita Ashford-Ashworth	Mrs. Gina Cotton	Dr. Michael Busby
Mr. Cade Wilkerson	Mr. Kyle Younger	Patricia Trainer
Mrs. Susan Baird		

The regular meeting of the East Mississippi Community College Board of Trustees was held on August 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Scooba Campus and via Teams.

Participating via Teams was Mrs. Susan Baird and Dr. Keith Gaskin. All other participants were physically present.

Chairman Dyess called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m. The invocation was given by Dr. Michael Busby and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Chairman Dyess requested the Trustees to review the Agenda and note any changes or additional items to be included.

There being no further changes or additions to the Agenda, Chairman Dyess requested the items noted with an asterisk on the Agenda be approved as the "consent agenda," and approved as one item, the following:

- Board Minutes from the meeting on June 1, 2026;
- Claims Docket for August 2026 and Sole Source Purchases, if any; VIII.
- Approval of Personnel Approval/Updates, X. A. 1-8
- Approval of recommended inventory deletions, if any; X. B.

A motion for approval of the consent agenda made by Ms. Lisa Wynn and seconded by Mrs. Evelyn Murray. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Board Chair's Report

Chairman Dyess did not have a report.

VII. President's Report

Dr. Alsobrooks recognized trustee birthdays, provided the 2025–2030 Strategic Plan to trustees for review, and reported on Fall 2026 enrollment and residence hall numbers. Employee recognition included David Rosinski as the July 2026 Employee of the Month and Leann Alexander as the August 2026 Employee of the Month. EMCC's band has grown to become the second-largest band in school history with 127 members. Dr. Alsobrooks attended the House Consolidation Committee meeting regarding the future of Mississippi's community college system. Additionally, Coranette Calhoun, a 2025–2026 graduate of EMCC's MCCLA program, was recognized in Marquis Who's Who in America.

IX. Old Business

Athletic report was given by Mr. Cade Wilkerson.

XI. Financial Report and Review of Investment Activity. CFO Holmes did not have a report on this matter.

XII. Ratification of Payment for July 2026 Claims Docket. Ms. Lisa Wynn made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Bobby McDade. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Ratification for Emergency Purchase for July 2026. Ms. Lisa Wynn made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Mrs. Hazel Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Approval of Special Claims. Ms. Lisa Wynn made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Mr. Tim Heard. The motion passed unanimously.

XV. Approval of Emergency Purchases for August 2026. Ms. Lisa Wynn made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Mrs. Hazel Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

XVI. Approval for Dr. Scott Alsobrooks to sign the Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Memorandum of Agreements with EMCC district high schools for the 2026-2027 school year. Attached are submitted MOU to date: Columbus Christian Academy, Columbus Municipal School District, Kemper County School District, Lowndes County School District, Starkville Academy. Ms. Lisa Wynn made the motion for approval and it was seconded by Mr. Bud Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. Other Business

- A. The Board set the September Board meeting for September 14, 2026, 2026 at 6:00p.m. at the Golden Triangle Campus.
- B. Committee Selection for the naming of apartments: Sharon Thompson, Tammie Holmes, Melinda Sciple, Cheryl Sparkman, Jenna Dudley, Kaylee Goss. Trustee Lisa Wynn and Trustee Kathy Dyess volunteered to serve on this committee.

XIX. Mrs. Hazel Johnson made the motion to adjourn and for payment of honorarium and travel. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Susan Morgan and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Dyess adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Secretary

APPROVED:


Chairman

DATE: September 14, 2026

