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**KANSAS CITY KANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.**

BUDGET HEARING

CONSENT AGENDA – Item A

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Chairwoman Linda Hoskins Sutton called the Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC) Board of Trustees Budget Hearing to order at 5:03 p.m. at KCKCC-Main Campus Upper Jewell Lounge and in the KCKCC Zoom meeting platform on Tuesday, September 15, 2026.
2. **Roll Call:** Trustees present were Chairwoman Linda Hoskins Sutton, Vice Chairman Geoffrey Kump, Mr. Donald Ash, Mr. Joseph Caiharr, Ms. Jammie A. Johnson, Mr. Alex Sanchez, and Dr. Brenda Scruggs Andrieu.
3. **Audience to Patrons and Petitioners:** Chair Hoskins Sutton invited patrons or petitioners to address the Board for a 3-minute limit. There were no patrons or petitioners online or in person.
4. **Approval of the 2026-2027 Budget:**
 - Chair Hoskins Sutton invited the presentation of the **Proposed FY2027 Budget**. Presented by Dr. Patrick Schulte, Vice President of Finance and Operations.
 - Dr. Schulte presented the Proposed FY2027 Budget, reflecting the Board's previously approved 1.25-mill reduction, lowering the mill rate from 23.642 to 22.392 and reducing revenue by \$1,275,522. Operating revenue was projected to increase approximately 3% compared with the FY2026 year-end projection, while state aid was projected to decrease approximately 15%.
 - Dr. Schulte explained that the proposed balanced budget addressed declining revenues while maintaining continuity of operations, investing in students, and prioritizing deferred maintenance. The budget incorporated a balanced approach to offsetting the \$1,275,522 reduction, with approximately 50% funded from a transfer from reserves and the remaining 50% through strategic reductions and adjustments

to requests submitted to the President's Extended Cabinet. The Finance Committee unanimously approved the proposed budget for consideration by the full Board.

Trustees expressed appreciation for the collaborative approach, efforts to identify efficiencies and reduce reliance on reserves, and commended the staff for their work in developing the budget. Chair Hoskins Sutton thanked the Board Finance Committee for its efforts.

Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to approve the Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget as presented. Vice Chair Kump made the motion. Trustee Scruggs Andrieu seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted:

- **Ayes:** Ash, Caiharr, Hoskins Sutton, Johnson, Kump, Sanchez, Scruggs Andrieu
- **Nays:** None.
- **With a unanimous vote of 7-0, The Motion Carried.**

5. **Adjournment:** Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing and reconvene for the Regular Board Meeting following a five-minute recess. Trustee Scruggs Andrieu made the motion. Trustee Sanchez seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

The Budget Hearing adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

**Board of Trustees Meeting
(Immediately Following Budget Hearing)**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairwoman Linda Hoskins Sutton called the Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC) Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. at KCKCC-Main Campus Upper Jewell Lounge and in the KCKCC Zoom meeting platform on Tuesday, September 15, 2026. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Hoskins Sutton.
2. **KCKCC Mission Statement:** Chair Hoskins Sutton read the College's mission statement.
3. **Roll Call:** Trustees present were Chairwoman Linda Hoskins Sutton, Vice Chairman Geoffrey Kump, Mr. Donald Ash, Mr. Joseph Caiharr, Ms. Jammie A. Johnson, Mr. Alex Sanchez, and Dr. Brenda Scruggs Andrieu.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to approve the Agenda. Trustee Johnson made the motion. Trustee Sanchez seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**
5. **Student/Alumni Successes:**
 - Adida Garza, Women's Soccer Student-Athlete and Nursing Major
 - o Adida shared her experience at KCKCC, highlighting the balance of academics,

athletics, and social life. She described how participating in women's soccer strengthened her teamwork, discipline, time management, and sense of responsibility while fostering friendships and personal growth. She discussed the challenges of balancing coursework, practices, and games, noting the importance of communicating with professors and staying organized.

- o Adida expressed appreciation for the College's supportive environment and opportunities to pursue education while participating in athletics. She shared her goal of completing her education and becoming a nurse, noting that KCKCC has provided a pathway to begin her nursing program immediately upon transfer. She expressed gratitude for the experiences, relationships, and life lessons gained at KCKCC.

Following questions from Trustee Scruggs Andrieu, Adida shared that she has completed her nursing prerequisites and plans to begin the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program in the spring. She discussed her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and hospital volunteer experience, which has provided valuable exposure to the nursing profession and reinforced her goal of becoming a nurse. Vice Chair Kump wondered which institutions KCKCC partnered with for the nursing program. Trustee Johnson thanked Adida for sharing her experience and recognized her as a well-rounded student and ambassador for the College. Chair Hoskins Sutton commended the discipline and time-management skills developed through athletics and wished her success in the nursing program.

6. **Audience to Patrons and Petitioners:** Chair Hoskins Sutton invited patrons or petitioners to address the Board for a 3-minute limit. There were no patrons or petitioners online or in person.

7. **Recognitions/Presentations:**

- **Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Update.** Presented by Mr. Jerry Pope, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Tiffany Bohm, Dean of Health Professions and Public Safety.
 - o Mr. Pope and Dr. Bohm presented an update on preparations for the February 22–23, 2027, HLC accreditation visit. The presentation focused on Criterion 2: Integrity, Ethical and Responsible Conduct, including commitment to ethical and responsible conduct, accurate representation of the educational experience, Board oversight and fiduciary responsibility, academic freedom and freedom of expression, and responsible acquisition and application of knowledge.
 - o Dr. Bohm highlighted opportunities for improvement, including strengthening communication and transparency, ensuring consistent policy implementation, expanding feedback opportunities, and improving documentation, compliance training, and cybersecurity.
 - o Mr. Pope reported that the draft of Criterion 1 was complete, and that Criterion 2 was expected to be completed by October 1. Work on Criterion 3 and 4, federal compliance, and assumed practices will continue as part of the institution's preparation for the February 2027 accreditation visit.
- **Marketing Plan Annual Update.** Presented by Ms. Kris Green, Vice President of Marketing and Institutional Image.

- o Ms. Green presented the annual Marketing Plan update, highlighting increased inquiries, digital advertising performance, website engagement, social media growth, and program marketing. Digital advertising generated \$9.30 in enrollment revenue for every dollar spent, while campaign-attributed student enrollment increased by approximately 100 students in the last year. The redesigned website resulted in a 19% increase in engaged sessions, and admission pages were improved through collaboration with Academic Affairs and Student Services.
- o Ms. Green reported that the College plans to establish a baseline for community perceptions through a proposed survey of service-area residents. Additional accomplishments included 29 completed program videos, 58 program webpages, updated brand standards, and continued digital advertising campaigns.

Chair Hoskins Sutton and Trustee Sanchez commended the Marketing team's efforts, particularly the website redesign and growth in social media. In response to Trustee Sanchez's inquiry, Ms. Green explained that engagement is measured by website interactions, application page conversions, comments, and requests for additional information.

- **Draft Employee Benefits Annual Update.** Presented by Ms. Lorraine Mixon-Page, Chief Human Resources Officer.
 - o Ms. Mixon-Page presented the draft 2027 Employee Benefits update. Following negotiations with Bukaty Companies, the College received a 7% health insurance renewal increase from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City, reduced from an initial 18% quote. Employee costs will increase approximately \$1.15 to \$28.00 per pay period, depending on the selected level of coverage. Ms. Mixon-Page recommended retaining Blue Cross Blue Shield for 2027 while continuing efforts to promote lower-cost options, such as the Spira Care plan, and wellness initiatives.
 - o Delta Dental's renewal rate reflected a 6% increase, reduced from an initial 9% quote. The College is awaiting a competing dental proposal from Blue Cross Blue Shield before making a recommendation. For vision insurance, Surency proposed a 6% increase, while a proposal from Mutual of Omaha is under review for potential savings. No recommendation has been made regarding dental or vision coverage.
 - o Ms. Mixon-Page recommended maintaining the current employer-employee cost-sharing arrangement for 2027.

In response to Trustee Johnson's question, Ms. Mixon-Page explained that insurance rates are influenced by both enrollment and utilization, noting that increased utilization contributed to higher renewal rates. Chair Hoskins Sutton thanked Ms. Mixon-Page for her efforts to secure affordable employee benefits.

8. Communications:

- **Board of Trustees Special Meeting** – Thursday, October 1, 2026, 2:00 p.m., Hybrid: KCKCC-Main Campus – Upper Jewell Lounge and Zoom Meeting. Presented by Ms. Linda Hoskins Sutton, Board Chairwoman.
 - o Chair Hoskins Sutton reminded Trustees of the Special Meeting scheduled for

Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., in a hybrid format at KCKCC Main Campus – Upper Jewell Lounge and via Zoom. The meeting will address the selection of the presidential search firm based on the work of the Presidential Search Subcommittee. The meeting is expected to be concluded by 6:00 p.m.

- **Reminder of Board of Trustees October Meetings** – Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Pioneer Career Center. Presented by Ms. Linda Hoskins Sutton, Board Chairwoman.
 - Chair Hoskins Sutton reminded Trustees that the October Board Meetings will be held at the Pioneer Career Center, with a probable Special Meeting at 8:00 a.m. and the Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m. She noted that the meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday rather than the usual third Tuesday because several Trustees will be attending the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress.
- **Reminder of Board of Trustees In-Person Retreat** – Saturday, October 31, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Executive Boardroom #3252 (Trustees) and KCKCC Main Campus - Room #3201 (Public). Presented by Ms. Linda Hoskins Sutton, Board Chairwoman.
 - Chair Hoskins Sutton noted that, following the previous mini-retreat and through Interim President Dr. Jackie Vietti's work, the Board will hold a full, in-person retreat on Saturday, October 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Executive Boardroom.
- **Board of Trustees Handbook FY 2027 and Board of Trustees Goals FY 2027 Updates.** Presented by Ms. Linda Hoskins Sutton, Board Chairwoman.
 - Chair Hoskins Sutton reported that the Board typically reviews its handbook and goals in August and September but had not completed the review due to the work associated with the presidential search. She provided Trustees with the current Board Goals and reminded them to review the Board Handbook to identify changes they would like to see. She noted that the Board does not typically reinvent its goals but reviews and updates them as needed. Chair Hoskins Sutton encouraged Trustees to review the existing goals and handbook to understand the upcoming Board work. She expressed hope that the Board can begin further review following the October retreat.

There were no questions or comments from the Board regarding the Communications.

9. **Board Committee Reports:** Chair Hoskins Sutton invited the Board Committees to report.

- On behalf of the **Board Finance and Operations Committee** (BFOC), Trustee Ash, Chair of the BFOC, reported that the Committee met the previous week and reviewed and approved the minutes, consent agenda items, and July financial summary and Board reports. Following discussion and questions, the Committee moved the items forward to the full Board.
- Trustee Ash reported that the Committee held a robust discussion regarding the proposed FY2027 Budget, including financial impacts of the various scenarios presented

by staff. He thanked staff, Vice President of Finance and Operations Dr. Patrick Schulte, Interim President Dr. Jackie Vietti, and Trustees Kump and Caiharr for their thoughtful questions and collaborative discussion.

- Informational updates included employee benefits, the relocation of the Willa Gill Center, and operations related to athletic spaces. Vice Chair Kump reported that two certificates of deposit had matured and the funds were transferred to the previously approved money market account, allowing continued access to the funds while earning interest. Trustee Ash noted that the funds remain accessible without penalty.
- Trustee Caiharr noted Committee discussion regarding HVAC and maintenance costs, staffing levels, and an unfilled position related to campus operations.

Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to accept the report. Trustee Sanchez made the motion. Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

- On behalf of the **Board Policy Committee (BPC)**, Chair Hoskins Sutton, Chair of the BPC, reported that the Committee met and made progress on the Travel and Meals Policy. The Committee anticipates bringing the policy forward to the Board for approval in October. Vice Chair Kump noted robust discussions and commended Chief Human Resources Officer Lorraine Mixon-Page and her team for their policy preparation.

Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to accept the report. Trustee Sanchez made the motion. Trustee Caiharr seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

- On behalf of the **Board Community Engagement Committee (BCEC)**, Trustee Sanchez, Chair of the BCEC, reported that the Committee held a productive meeting and discussed multiple opportunities to strengthen community communication and engagement. Ideas included partnerships with local newspapers and publications, regular opinion or informational columns, radio opportunities, and occasional community listening sessions.
- Trustee Johnson discussed expanding outreach to the faith and interfaith communities, including updating the College's faith-community contact database.
- Trustee Sanchez noted that the Committee received a detailed overview from Vice President of Marketing and Institutional Image Kris Green regarding previous community outreach efforts, including strategies that have been effective and those that have not, providing a framework for future engagement efforts.

Chair Hoskins Sutton noted potential opportunities to build on relationships with churches near the Kansas City Kansas Community Education, Health and Wellness Center.

Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to accept the report. Vice Chair Kump made the motion. Trustee Caiharr seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

- As the Board's Delegate of the **Kansas Association of Community Colleges (KACC)** and the **Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT)**, Trustee Ash reported on

current KACC legislative activities and upcoming ACCT events.

- o For **KACC**, Trustee Ash highlighted a new partnership between KACC member institutions and Newman University offering an accelerated bachelor's degree in criminal justice. The agreement provides credit for prior education, law enforcement academy training, and other learning experiences, potentially reducing the additional coursework required for students with an associate degree. Eligible students may also receive a \$20,000 scholarship. Trustee Ash emphasized the partnership's potential to support student success by reducing the time and cost required for students to complete a bachelor's degree.
- o Trustee Ash reported that KACC is receiving an increased number of legislative information requests as the Kansas Legislature prepares for the upcoming session. The requests provide insight into legislative priorities and will assist KACC in developing its legislative agenda. KACC is also preparing for its quarterly meeting in Colby in December and may seek opportunities for legislators to visit community college campuses before the legislative session begins.
- o Dr. Vietti commended the Office of Institutional Effectiveness for its prompt response to recent KACC data requests, noting that the College was among the first institutions to submit the requested information.

- o For **ACCT**, Trustee Ash reported that the annual ACCT Leadership Congress in Chicago is approximately one month away and that all arrangements for the College's participants have been finalized. A report from the Congress will be provided at a future Board meeting.
- o Chair Hoskins Sutton reported that for her last term on the ACCT Impact and Success Committee, she will attend a virtual preparatory meeting next week ahead of the Leadership Congress to allow additional time for discussion before the Committee's in-person meeting in Chicago.

Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to accept the report. Trustee Johnson made the motion. Trustee Scruggs Andrieu seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

10. **Consent Agenda:** Chair Hoskins Sutton invited questions or comments regarding the Consent Agenda, consisting of Items A, A1, B, C, and D. Hearing none, Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Sanchez made the motion. Trustee Scruggs Andrieu seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

11. **Student Senate Report** – Mr. Nathan “Leo” Solano, Student Senate President

- Mr. Solano reported on Student Senate activities for the 2026–27 academic year. Two new Senators, Alayna Fallis and Lorena Luna Llamas, were selected, with one additional candidate scheduled for an interview.
- Mr. Solano reported that the Student Senate approved reinstating safety walks to identify safety and accessibility concerns. The Main Campus safety walk is scheduled for September 22, following the Student Senate meeting, with invitations extended to the

Dean of Student Services, Executive Director of Facilities, Interim Chief of Police, a representative from Student Accessibility and Support Services, and Interim President Dr. Jackie Vietti. The TEC safety walk is scheduled for October 7, following the Student Senate meeting, with the Dean of TEC to be invited.

- The Student Senate plans to host town halls and to invite Interim President Vietti and members of the President's Cabinet, including the Vice President of Finance and Operations, Chief Information Officer, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Services, and Dean of Students, to provide students with opportunities for direct dialogue with College leadership.
- Mr. Solano invited the Board to the Student Senate Fall Festival, scheduled for October 30 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Lower Jewell. The event will be open to the entire student body and will include food, games, and prizes.

Trustee Johnson welcomed Mr. Solano back following summer break. Vice Chair Kump complimented Mr. Solano on his report. Mr. Solano expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve and enthusiasm for the upcoming academic year.

Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to accept the report. Trustee Ash made the motion. Vice Chair Kump seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

12. President's Report – Dr. Jackie Vietti, Interim President

- Dr. Vietti clarified that the Kansas State Workforce Board, in consultation with the Governor, is the approval body for Workforce Pell, rather than the Kansas Board of Regents. The College is awaiting additional information regarding implementation and potential application to KCKCC.
- Dr. Vietti reported that, while the current 2024–2027 Strategic Plan will remain in place during the presidential transition, Ms. Kris White, Executive Director of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, is developing dashboards and key performance indicators to provide visual measures of progress. The dashboards and indicators are scheduled for presentation at the October Board meeting. Chair Hoskins Sutton thanked Dr. Vietti for continuing progress on the Strategic Plan during the transition.
- Dr. Vietti recognized Chair Hoskins Sutton, Trustee Scruggs Andrieu, and Trustee Caiharr for attending the Cooper Foreman Heirloom Garden ribbon cutting and encouraged Trustees to visit the garden, highlighting the partnership among K-State Extension, the Wyandotte County Master Gardeners, and the College.
- Dr. Vietti also recognized Trustees Scruggs Andrieu, Ash, and Sanchez; faculty members Dr. Stacy Tucker, Director of Honors Education/Phi Theta Kappa/Undergraduate Research and Service-Learning, and Lakshmy Sivaratnam, A.A.S. Accounting and A.S. Business Coordinator / Professor; Dr. Devin Stroman, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Services; Mr. Mike Crouch, Executive Director of Foundation; Ms. Marcia Irvine, Director of Pioneer Career Center; and Mr. Adam Hadley, Dean of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, for participating in a recent United States Disciplinary Barracks Commencement Ceremony, at which eight KCKCC students graduated, including three who earned three degrees.

- Dr. Vietti reported that the Employee Advisory Council is being established with two representatives each from the College, Faculty, and Staff Senates and five at-large faculty and five at-large staff members. The Council will review employee survey results and listening session feedback to identify opportunities to improve employee culture. The goal is to convene the Council in early to mid-October.
- Dr. Vietti highlighted the KCKCC leadership representation list included in the Board materials, noting that the President's Cabinet members are representing the College in various community organizations. Chair Hoskins Sutton commended the broader representation as an opportunity for increased community engagement and visibility.
- Dr. Vietti noted an additional document in the Board materials: the extension of the Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID), originally established in 2008 and extended through December 31, 2036. She explained that the Kansas City Kansas Community Education, Health and Wellness Center is located within the district and that its Condominium Association has been approached regarding a financial contribution toward safety and contracted services.

Trustee Caiharr questioned whether the College, as a tax-exempt entity, had a role in voting on the SSMID. Dr. Vietti explained that the SSMID was established through a vote of taxpayers within the district, with a minimum of 51% approval required, which received a 62% vote when it was incepted, and noted that the College was not involved in the district for the original 2008 vote. She further explained that at least one member of the Condominium Association is not tax-exempt.

Vice Chair Kump noted that the Unified Government discussion regarding the SSMID included an expectation that KCKCC would contribute. Dr. Vietti confirmed that the College has been contacted regarding a contribution and that the matter will be discussed at the Condominium Association's October meeting. Chair Hoskins Sutton thanked Dr. Vietti for providing additional context regarding the SSMID.

Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to accept the report. Trustee Sanchez made the motion. Vice Chair Kump seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

13. **Vice President Marketing and Institutional Image Report** – Ms. Kris Green

Chair Hoskins Sutton explained the shift in the arrangement of the reports tonight due to Ms. Green having another commitment.

- Ms. Green highlighted a new video featuring the Panasonic registered apprenticeship program and noted its use on the College's website, social media, and as a model for potential workforce partners.
- Ms. Green reported collaboration across the College, support for Fall Convocation and the Employee Recognition and Retirement Ceremony, and the revitalization of the employee newsletter, On Campus, which increased its open rate from approximately 22% to 32%.
- Ms. Green shared that preparations are underway for the October 2 dedication of the Kansas City Kansas Community Education, Health and Wellness Center and highlighted ongoing partnerships with the KCK Chamber and Wyandotte Economic Development

Council (WYEDC). She noted positive community feedback regarding the downtown center and its anticipated impact on the community.

Dr. Vietti added that sponsorship requests have been strategically consolidated under the Marketing and Institutional Image Division to provide a comprehensive view of sponsorship opportunities and support consistent decision-making. Ms. Green noted that the marketing office will coordinate the process, while Trustees will continue to receive invitations to events.

Vice Chair Kump thanked the Marketing team and praised KCKCC's marketing efforts. Chair Hoskins Sutton commended the Panasonic video and the centralized sponsorship process, noting that consolidating sponsorships provides the Board with a broader view of the College's community engagement activities.

Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to accept the report. Trustee Johnson made the motion. Trustee Ash seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

14. Vice President Academic Affairs Report – Mr. Jerry Pope

- Mr. Pope provided an update aligned with the College's four strategic priorities.
- Priority 1 – Student Success: Nearly 350 faculty and staff participated in August professional development focused on Blackboard, assessment, instructional use of artificial intelligence (AI), Higher Learning Commission (HLC) preparation, and student support. Seven Audio Engineering students were competitively selected as broadcasting interns for the 2026 FIFA World Cup games in Kansas City.
- Priority 2 – Quality Programs and Services: The Practical Nursing program completed a mock document review and site visit in preparation for its November Kansas State Board of Nursing reapproval visit. Health Professions and Public Safety added five full-time faculty members, and faculty in multiple disciplines are incorporating industry equipment and current job postings into instruction.
- Priority 3 – Employee Engagement: Faculty continue to participate in state and national professional opportunities, including presentations on AI in accreditation and transitioning clinical practitioners into educators. These opportunities strengthen faculty expertise and bring professional knowledge and connections back to the College and its students.
- Priority 4 – Community Engagement: Adult Education served 247 GED and English as a Second Language (ESL) students, with evening ESL reaching capacity for the upcoming October session. GED and ESL services, including Spanish GED programming, are being expanded at the downtown location. Construction Technology has begun instruction at the new location, and Workforce Innovation now reports more than 35 employer and industry partners, 25 active workforce training offerings, and eight active registered apprenticeship sponsors.
- These activities reflect the goals of Academic Affairs by supporting student success, maintaining strong and relevant programs, investing in faculty and staff, and expanding the College's engagement with the communities and industries it serves.

Chair Hoskins Sutton highlighted the addition of Spanish GED programming, congratulated the FIFA World Cup broadcast student interns, and recognized Dr. Ian Corbett, Professor and Coordinator of Audio Engineering and Music Technology, for his multiple international presentations, which demonstrate the quality and reach of KCKCC faculty.

Trustee Sanchez asked about enrollment growth in GED and ESL programs. Mr. Pope reported that the downtown offerings are expected to reach new students, supported by a full-time GED instructor and community outreach, and noted efforts to increase the transition of GED and ESL students into credit-bearing courses.

In response to Trustee Johnson's question regarding how students are learning about the downtown programs, Mr. Pope reported that Mr. Adam Hadley, Dean of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and Mr. Victor Ammons, Coordinator, Department of Psychology, have conducted door-to-door outreach in the downtown Kansas City, Kansas, area and engaged with local churches and faith organizations. He noted that outreach generated significant interest in the new downtown location and the GED and ESL offerings. Mr. Pope reported that the College has Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding and state funding that may allow eligible students to take college courses while completing their GED. The College is working to increase the transition of GED and ESL students into credit-bearing courses, with Dr. Richard Wallace, Director of Adult and Continuing Education, leading efforts to strengthen this pipeline.

Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to accept the report. Trustee Ash made the motion. Trustee Sanchez seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

15. Vice President Enrollment Management and Student Services Report – Dr. Devin Stroman

- Dr. Stroman reported that Fall 2026 unduplicated headcount decreased 1.55% and credit hours decreased 2.88% compared with Fall 2025; however, both measures remain above Fall 2024 levels by 3.57% and 4.9%, respectively. More than 50% of the year-over-year enrollment gap was attributed to fraudulent applications and registrations. The College is working with its enrollment management team and Voyatek, its third-party identity verification partner, to strengthen verification processes and reduce future occurrences.
- Student Success: The Student Success Center recorded 9,828 student interactions through August, an increase of 7% from 2025 and 25% from 2024.
- Quality Programs and Services: High school partnerships served 1,359 students generating 9,785 credit hours, representing more than 26% of College enrollment.
- Community Engagement: The Basic Needs Center served 405 individuals in August and secured a \$30,000 private donation to support Blue's Kitchen Cupboard. Outreach for the Kansas City Kansas Community Education, Health and Wellness Center has identified demand for workforce training, general education, and evening courses.
- While regaining enrollment momentum, the College continues to demonstrate long-term growth through increased student engagement, expanded high school partnerships, and stronger community connections.

Vice Chair Kump asked whether the 49 students enrolled downtown were transitioning from the TEC campus or were new enrollments. Ms. Ashley Irvin, Dean of Career and Technical Education, clarified that the construction students were new, while the Automation Engineer Technology (AET) students were returning second-year Associate of Applied Science students. Approximately 20 new construction students were enrolled, including high school and postsecondary students.

Chair Hoskins Sutton commended Mr. Fyn Morigan, Student Basic Needs Coordinator, for securing the \$30,000 donation to support Blue's Kitchen Cupboard, emphasizing the importance of addressing students' and families' basic needs to support student success.

Trustee Sanchez asked about the performance of the Ellucian system. Dr. Stroman reported that Enrollment Management was experiencing positive progress through regular meetings and ongoing improvements to processes and procedures. He noted that Mr. Eché Okoye, Chief Information Officer, could provide additional technical information if needed.

Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to accept the report. Vice Chair Kump made the motion. Trustee Sanchez seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

16. Vice President Finance and Operations Report – Dr. Patrick Schulte

- Dr. Schulte provided updates across Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology Services, Facility Services, College Police, and Institutional Effectiveness.
- Finance: Dr. Schulte explained that monthly financial reporting now includes a one-month lag to allow sufficient time for reconciliation and more accurate, consistent reporting. Additional priorities include accounts receivable, general ledger structure, deposit processing, account security, grant compliance, and implementation of a new credit card program. The Bookstore also coordinated with Financial Aid and the Business Office to provide book vouchers and additional staffing during the start of the semester.
- Human Resources: The College recognized employees with five to 45 years of service at the annual Employee Recognition and Retirement Ceremony. Recruitment efforts continue for 91 open positions, and Mr. Ryan Stanley joined the team as Talent Acquisition and Employment Coordinator. The new LEARN professional development and compliance training platform is replacing Knowledge City, with the required training deadline extended to November 15 to support the transition.
- Information Technology Services (ITS): Dr. Schulte reported that the Ellucian Colleague SaaS migration has stabilized, commending Mr. Eché Okoye, Chief Information Officer, and the ITS team for their leadership and support throughout the transition. TeamDynamix is now the primary service management and ticketing platform for ITS, Online Education, and Facility Services. Smart Plan and Award for Financial Aid are targeted for November, Ellucian Journey for Continuing Education for January 2027, and TimeClock Plus is live for Facilities Services and supporting Payroll operations, with additional automation and integration work underway.
- Facility Services: Summer projects included preventive maintenance on 92 overhead doors across Main Campus and TEC, HVAC and classroom improvements, and time-sensitive academic relocations and space reconfigurations. Upcoming projects include

restroom renovations, A&P Lab modernization, a soundproof Music Technology practice room, roadway resurfacing, and campus beautification.

- College Police: The department participated in the Back-to-School Fair and met with student-athletes to discuss safety resources. Chief Kacey Wiltz departed effective September 11 to become Director of Public Safety at Kansas State University. Interim Deputy Chief Cameron Roland is serving as Interim Chief while the College conducts a search for a permanent Chief.
- Institutional Effectiveness: The team is evaluating data warehouse needs with Ferrilli consultants to strengthen data storage, reporting, visualization, and institutional decision-making. Work continues on tracking Strategic Plan progress and preparing campus communications. Mr. Charles Kremer joined the team as Title III Research and Data Analyst.

Chair Hoskins Sutton congratulated Ms. Maria Hernandez on her retirement and commended Ms. Kris White, Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, for the thoroughness and professionalism of the Board Self-Evaluation report, noting that it provides a useful framework for collective Board review and discussion.

Trustee Ash thanked College personnel across departments for their work coordinating the dedication honoring Officer Hunter Simoncic. He noted the strong attendance, the KCK Police Department's and Simoncic family's appreciation, and the importance of the event in demonstrating the College's commitment to community. Vice Chair Kump commended Trustee Ash for his remarks at the dedication, noting the positive feedback from attendees.

Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to accept the report. Trustee Sanchez made the motion. Trustee Caiharr seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

17. Unfinished Business: Chair Hoskins Sutton announced there was no Unfinished Business.

18. New Business:

- **Approval of Trustees to Serve on the Faculty Master Contract Negotiations Subcommittees.** Presented by Ms. Linda Hoskins Sutton, Board Chairwoman, and Dr. Jackie Vietti, Interim President.
 - o Appoint Ms. Jammie A. Johnson to serve on the Due Process Subcommittee.
 - o Appoint Mr. Geoffrey Kump to serve on the Compensation Subcommittee.
 - Dr. Vietti explained that the administrative negotiations team received a request from the faculty team to add a Trustee to the Due Process Subcommittee. The administration also recognized the value of Trustee representation on the Compensation Subcommittee, and the faculty team concurred. Following consultation with Chair Hoskins Sutton, Dr. Vietti asked Trustee Johnson to serve on the Due Process Subcommittee, given her background in higher education, and Vice Chair Kump was asked to serve on the Compensation Subcommittee, given his professional experience. Dr. Vietti emphasized that Trustee participation would provide Board insight and allow

Trustees to be privy to the full discussions, rather than relying solely on administrative reports.

Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to approve the Trustees to Serve on the Faculty Master Contract Negotiations Subcommittees, as Ms. Jammie A. Johnson to serve on the Due Process Subcommittee, and Mr. Geoffrey Kump to serve on the Compensation Subcommittee. Trustee Sanchez made the motion. Trustee Caiharr seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

Chair Hoskins Sutton expressed support for the appointments, noting the complexity of the faculty master contract and the value of having Trustee insight represented.

- **Approval of Presidential Search Firms for Board Interviews, as Recommended by the Presidential Search Firm Selection Subcommittee.** Presented by Dr. Jackie Vietti, Interim President.
 - Dr. Vietti reported that the Presidential Search Firm Selection Subcommittee, consisting of Trustees Ash, Sanchez, and Kump, along with the Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO), Vice President of Finance and Operations, and herself as Interim President, reviewed six proposals using evaluation rubrics developed by CHRO Mixon-Page. She emphasized that the subcommittee conducted a thorough, objective review and reached a consensus to recommend three firms for Board interviews.

Vice Chair Kump affirmed that the process was conducted with diligence and care. Dr. Vietti noted that all three firms have extensive community college presidential search experience and recommended that Trustees review the proposals and evaluate costs and services during the interviews.

The Board discussed the interview process and confirmed that all three firms would be interviewed virtually on October 1, during a Special Meeting scheduled from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., with additional time possible if needed. Dr. Vietti confirmed that the full proposals would be provided to Trustees in advance and that Ms. Mixon-Page would develop an evaluation rubric for use during the interviews. Chair Hoskins Sutton and Trustee Johnson emphasized the importance of establishing consistent interview time limits, allowing time for Board deliberation, and ensuring each firm receives equal consideration. Dr. Vietti agreed that a draft schedule would be distributed and recommended providing suggested questions while allowing Trustees to ask follow-up questions, using the same core questions for each firm.

Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to approve the Presidential Search Firms for Board Interviews, as Recommended by the Presidential Search Firm Selection Subcommittee. Trustee Johnson made the motion. Trustee Caiharr seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

- **Approval of Alcohol Resolution for the Watch Party for the Army-Navy Football Game with the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Fort Leavenworth Chapter.** Presented by College Attorney.

- o College Attorney Goheen explained that Kansas law prohibits the consumption of alcoholic liquor on public property unless expressly permitted by law and presented the resolution requesting an exemption for the Army-Navy football game watch party.

Trustee Sanchez asked whether a limit on alcoholic beverages per person would be established, noting that previous events had limited consumption to two drinks per person. Mr. Goheen clarified that the proposed resolution did not specify a consumption limit. Trustee Johnson asked whether security was required, and Mr. Goheen confirmed that the College requires security for outside groups serving alcohol on campus. Chair Hoskins Sutton confirmed that College Police Officer Robert Tesch volunteered to provide security throughout the event.

Dr. Vietti agreed to verify whether a consumption limit would be established and whether an alcohol exemption had previously been approved for an Army-related event at the Pioneer Career Center, and to notify the Board.

Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to approve the Alcohol Resolution for the Watch Party for the Army-Navy Football Game with the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Fort Leavenworth Chapter. Vice Chair Kump made the motion. Trustee Caiharr seconded the motion. Trustee Scruggs Andrieu opposed the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

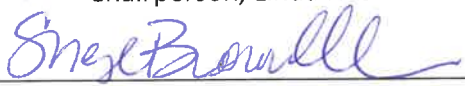
19. **Adjournment:** Chair Hoskins Sutton thanked everyone for their participation, noting that the Board consistently holds productive meetings, and invited any final comments.

- Vice Chair Kump asked whether the proposed SSMID contribution would be returned to the Board for approval following the October 6 shareholders meeting. Dr. Vietti explained that the College would meet with the SSMID representative to gather information for the shareholders' discussion and to provide the SSMID representative with shareholders' feedback.
- Chair Hoskins Sutton called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Johnson made the motion. Trustee Caiharr seconded the motion. **The Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

ATTEST:


Chairperson, Linda Hoskins Sutton


Secretary, Sheryl Brownell