



# Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

## General Business

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Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on February 6, 2025 for a special meeting.

The meeting was convened at 2:00 p.m. by Board Chairman Tom Jerdon.

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Tracy Hertsel, Becky Moore, Dr. Elaine Foster, Beth Cripe, Todd Obren, Skip Dyes

Members Absent: none

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

## Public Input

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One individual requested and was given an opportunity for public input: Dr. Naomi Ludman.

## Action

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Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to accept the resignation with regret of Dr. Joe Odenwald as President of SMC. Roll call: Tom Jerdon-yes, Tracy Hertsel-yes, Dr. Elaine Foster-yes, Becky Moore-yes, Beth Cripe-yes, Todd Obren-yes, Skip Dyes-yes

Chairman Tom Jerdon, shared his appreciation for Dr. Odenwald's dedication, leadership and thanked him for leaving the college in excellent condition. The Chairman shared that with the number of projects currently in motion under college leadership that the Board consider an Interim President upon Dr. Odenwald's departure. Discussion ensued.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to amend the main or original motion: to authorize the board chair to negotiate and execute an at-will contract to appoint Brent Brewer as Interim President upon Dr. Odenwald's departure with job title change upon May 11, 2025. Subject to acceptance. Roll call: Tom Jerdon-yes, Tracy Hertsel-yes, Dr. Elaine Foster-yes, Becky Moore-yes, Beth Cripe-yes, Todd Obren-yes, Skip Dyes-yes

Becky Moore, moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to rescind the main or original motion and replace it with the amended motion. Motion passed unanimously.


# Adjournment

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Tracy Hertsel moved to adjourn at 3:30 p.m. Skip Dyes seconded. Passed unanimously.



Beth Cripe, Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman