

**MOUNTWEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
INSTITUTIONAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Minutes**

Thursday, January 15, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.

Mountwest Community & Technical College – G07

Present:, Jennifer Plymale, Mark Morgan, Jeffrey Blatt, Justin Jarrell, Erin Rich, Dee Preston, Melanie Hall, Tori Hogsett, , J.L. Brydie, Maribeth Anderson

Absent: Dinah Ledbetter, David Earl

- 1. Call to Order, Determination of Quorum: Mr. Jeff Blatt, Vice Chairman**
The meeting was called to order at 8:01am by Mr.Blatt A quorum was established.
- 2. Approval of November 20th, 2025 Minutes: Mr. Jeff Blatt, Vice Chairman**
The minutes for August 21 and October 3 were approved upon a motion made by Mrs. Plymale and seconded by Mr. Morgan.
- 3. Finance Committee Report: Mr. Mark Morgan & Ms. Terri Frye, CFO**
The board report from December was reviewed, featuring revenue slightly above target and expenses below target. The college has 355 days of cash on hand. More details can be found in the full board report.
- 4. Approval: IT Acceptable Use Policy I-1 Update: Mr. Gordon Mitchell, CIO***
After a brief presentation of the updated policy, the board voted to approve the policy as presented on a motion made by Mr. Jarrell and seconded by Ms. Plymale. The policy will be published for comment for 30 days prior to being enacted.
- 5. Approval: Learning Commons Phase 2 & Intro to Student Care Center: Dr. Josh Baker, President***
After a presentation regarding the purpose and design of learning commons phase 2, the board, upon a motion made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Jarrell voted to approve the construction provided that the cost does not exceed more than \$476,450 including construction and furnishings. The resolution is attached to the minutes.
- 6. President's Report: Dr. Joshua Baker, President**
Dr. Baker gave his president's report on enrollment, new programs, fundraising, recent events, and more. The full report is attached to the minutes.
- 7. Upcoming Required Board Actions Reminders: Ms. Mesha Shamblin, VP**
Mesha briefly reminded the board of upcoming action items such as tuition and fees approval, program reviews, president contract renewal, and officer elections.
- 8. Adjournment**
There being no additional agenda items, the meeting adjourned at 8:49am.

**Action Items – Approval Require*