RIO GRANDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

BOB EVANS FARMS HALL, RM 216
5:00 P.M.

I. **CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Rinehart, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:08pm. The meeting was delayed due to poor sound quality on the Teams connection. The system had to be restarted to fix the problem.**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Ms. Kat Rinehart, Chair - present
Mr. Troy Howdyshell, Vice Chair - present
Mr. Mick Davenport - present
Ms. Mary Lynne Jones – present via Teams
Mr. Paul Reed - present
Ms. Taylor Rose - absent
Ms. Debbie Saunders - absent
Mr. Christian Scott – present via Teams
Mr. Jeff Simmons - present

Mr. Ryan Smith, President of the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College was present.

Staff present included: Ms. Rebecca Euton, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Allen Hudson, Chief Information Officer; Dr. David Lawrence, Provost; Mr. Jeremy Heffernan, RGCC Treasurer; Ms. Riley Klaiber, Staff Accountant; Ms. Elizabeth Bynum, Fiscal Services Specialist.

Other Attendees present: Dr. Terry Farris, Dean of the College of Business and Technologies; Dr. Suzanne Konz, Dean of Health Studies.

III. **APPROVAL OF JUNE 22ND MEETING MINUTES (P. 6)**
Mr. Davenport made a motion to approve the June 22nd meeting minutes. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. Ms. Rinehart called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Kat Rinehart, Chair	**YES**
Mr. Troy Howdyshell, Vice Chair	**YES**
Mr. Mick Davenport	**YES**
Ms. Mary Lynne Jones	**YES**
Mr. Paul Reed	**YES**
Ms. Taylor Rose	**ABSENT**
Ms. Debbie Saunders	**ABSENT**
Mr. Christian Scott	**YES**
Mr. Jeff Simmons	**YES**

IV. MADAM CHAIR UPDATE

Ms. Rinehart opened the floor to Dr. Lawrence to introduce the two newly hired Deans.

Dr. Lawrence introduced Dr. Suzanne Konz, Dean of Health Studies. He shared how Dr. Konz came to us from Marshall University and has taught at other institutions. Dr. Konz thanked everyone and shared how she hopes to make a big impact on student success. Dr. Lawrence expressed how she has hit the ground running and he is excited to have her on board.

Dr. Lawrence then introduced Dr. Terry Farris, Dean of the College of Business and Technologies. He shared how Dr. Farris has a background in workforce development and we wanted someone with expertise in that area, so we are excited to have him at Rio. Dr. Farris expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be at Rio. He has met with various local companies to form connections and network with them to find out more about what their needs are. He hopes to better understand how to build the Rio programs. Dr. Farris shared how there are some great opportunities available. He explained that there is an advisory board that has formed to meeting and discuss more about the Meat Sciences Program. He also shared how they have AI Literacy certification on the horizon.

The trustees thanked the Deans for coming to the meeting.

Ms. Rinehart then shared how she wanted to try something different in place of the trivia questions. She would like to share, "Rio in the News" at each meeting. She explained how she follows Rio on TikTok and on Instagram. She described to the trustees how she saw that Rio celebrated 150 years on Founders Day and that was very exciting. She was also excited to share about how the new Women's Wrestling coach is from Jackson and was named NAIA of character.

Going forward she encouraged the trustees to share what they see in the news about Rio.

V. JEFF SIMMONS REAPPOINTED 9/11/26 - 9/10/31

Ms. Rinehart noted the reappointment and the other trustees applauded Mr. Simmons.

VI. RGCC FINANCIAL UPDATE (P. 21)

Mr. Heffernan explained how he is still working on the 4th Quarter Financials, so he doesn't have one to present at this time. He shared how he is requesting a 60-day extension for the Hinkle financial report. He indicated that the due date is November 2nd and he is still going to try to hit that deadline, but in order to file for an extension you have to submit the request by the end of September. He expressed how there are several steps to completing the financials. He has worked a lot of overtime to try to catch things up and has also been working with the former auditors on the financial statements. He feels it will go well, but would like to request the additional time just in case it is needed.

Mr. Heffernan explained how the true-up came in close and so far, financials look good. He needs to get the finalized Fall Semester numbers to be able to estimate revenue, but he was positive we will be in the black for FY26.

He then shared how he will present 1st Quarter Financials for FY27 at the October meeting. He explained they are still working to finalize the enrollment. There are CCP students that need to be added. There are also students who were marked as non-attending that were attending. They are currently working to finalize those numbers for Fall.

Mr. Heffernan noted how in the process of working on capital projects we had a change in the Maintenance Department's director. He explained how there have been some deferred maintenance projects that were identified to need immediate action. Those projects include HVAC, hot water, humidity control, boiler replacement, etc. We had $37,000 available for basic renovations that was already released by the State. We also requested $180,000 for the Basic Renovations line for repairs and it was released through a Director's Approval. None of the projects are over $50,000. He shared a couple of examples; one project was a unit ventilator in Holzer Hall to bring 8 beds back online for students. Another project was to replace a compressor in Wood Hall. It is an important building due to the student traffic in that building. There are several projects being completed and we are prioritizing them by importance. There is still $1.9 million in Basic Renovations funds that have remained unreleased. Some of the upcoming projects they will be voting on today, such as the Jackson Roof Replacement Project, will come from that funding source.

Mr. Reed inquired if the projects needed to be approved by the trustees. Ms. Euton responded that since all of the projects were under $50,000 the trustees didn't need to vote on them, due to guidelines in our purchasing policy.

President Smith shared how our former Interim Maintenance Director, Mr. Tim Swann, noted several urgent issues. It has been a laborious process to get through it all. President Smith believed this was really going to help everyone on campus. Mr. Heffernan explained how some of the projects are in anticipation of other things that could cause catastrophic issues later on, if we don't address the current issues now.

- **HINKLE ANNUAL FINANCIAL DATA SUBMISSION EXTENSION**
  - **Request for an extension to submit the financial statements**

Mr. Howdyshell made a motion to approve the request for an extension to submit financial data. Mr. Davenport seconded the motion. Ms. Rinehart called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Kat Rinehart, Chair	**YES**
Mr. Troy Howdyshell, Vice Chair	**YES**
Mr. Mick Davenport	**YES**
Ms. Mary Lynne Jones	**YES**
Mr. Paul Reed	**YES**
Ms. Taylor Rose	**ABSENT**
Ms. Debbie Saunders	**ABSENT**
Mr. Christian Scott	**YES**
Mr. Jeff Simmons	**YES**

VII. KIDD MATH/SCIENCE BUILDING STABILIZATION PROJECT (P. 23)

Ms. Long shared the background on this project. She explained how we brought in Wellogy, LLC to design and develop a new Agriculture facility. We had approval for a purchase order from the State. However, we didn't get the funding for the construction portion of the new building, so we moved the lab for Agriculture to the Kidd Math/ Science building. There have been settling issues in the building, so we went back to the State to request an amendment to the scope. The amendment was to add the assessment of what was causing the stabilizing issues and to make a recommendation to remedy the problem. Wellogy, LLC has assessed and made a recommendation. We now want to move forward to fix the stabilization problem and then go into the next phase, which is construction for the lab renovation. This resolution is letting us request a change in scope again under the original State issued purchase order and we will still be within the original amount of the purchase order.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the following resolution. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion. Ms. Rinehart called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Kat Rinehart, Chair	**YES**
Mr. Troy Howdyshell, Vice Chair	**YES**
Mr. Mick Davenport	**YES**
Ms. Mary Lynne Jones	**YES**
Mr. Paul Reed	**YES**

Ms. Taylor Rose	**ABSENT**
Ms. Debbie Saunders	**ABSENT**
Mr. Christian Scott	**YES**
Mr. Jeff Simmons	**YES**

Resolution 9.14.26(1)

WHEREAS, Rio Grande Community College properly procured the A/E firm Wellogy LLC for professional design services for Agricultural programming and received a PO from the State for those design services in 2023, and

WHEREAS, RGGG submitted a non-substantive change to amend the scope to include a study of foundation concerns in the Kidd Math/Science building to make recommendations for a safe foundation for the work related to the Agricultural programming, and

WHEREAS, Rio Grande Community College received approval from the State to amend the scope with Wellogy, LLC for Kidd Math/Science building and site assessment, geotechnical borings, and a site survey, and

WHEREAS, the Kidd Math/Science building improvement project requires further funding of $55,540 to include preparation of bid documents and construction administration services to complete the project, and

WHEREAS, the estimated construction budget for the foundation settlement remediation project is $386,000.00, and

WHEREAS, additional design services are needed before the renovation project of the Kidd Math/Science building can be completed, and

WHEREAS, this will allow for the renovation of a lab for the Meat Science Program, and

WHEREAS, funds have already been used from the Rio Grande Community College Agricultural Program to assess the structural issues of the building, and

WHEREAS, Rio Grande Community College requires another non-substantive change request to utilize $55,540 of the remaining funds $189,124.00 on purchase order RGC01-000000072 for Wellogy LLC to complete Architectural and Engineering work,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Rio Grande Community College Board of Trustees authorizes the foundation settlement remediation for A/E Services with Wellogy not to exceed $116,416.00, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the authorization to request an additional non-substantive change request for $55,540 of the remaining purchase order funds of $189,124.00 to cover professional design service costs of the project is approved.

VIII. JACKSON CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT (P. 30)

Ms. Euton shared how we currently have funding allocated for the Jackson Center, but we will also need to take some funds from the Basic Renovation capital line as well. The roof has needed replaced for years and for all projects going forward we want to make sure we are comparing apples to apples on bids. She explained how they employed Kramer Engineering to prepare the scope of work for the roof. Kramer Engineering suggested an option we never thought about before, where you insert planks on top and keep the original roof intact. There were 4 contractors that submitted bids for that project. Lee's Roofing was the lowest bidder for Alternative GI (mechanical fastening) and was deemed responsible and responsive by Kramer Engineering through the vetting process. We would like to move forward with the project and are requesting $230,000 which will include contingency. The hope is we won't need the full amount, but we just won't know until after they start the project.

Mr. Davenport made a motion to approve the following resolution. Mr. Howdyshell seconded the motion. Ms. Rinehart called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Kat Rinehart, Chair	**YES**
Mr. Troy Howdyshell, Vice Chair	**YES**
Mr. Mick Davenport	**YES**
Ms. Mary Lynne Jones	**YES**
Mr. Paul Reed	**YES**
Ms. Taylor Rose	**ABSENT**
Ms. Debbie Saunders	**ABSENT**
Mr. Christian Scott	**YES**
Mr. Jeff Simmons	**YES**

Resolution 9.14.26(2)

WHEREAS, Rio Grande Community College utilized the services of Kramer Engineering as the Criteria Engineer to complete a scope of work and RFQ for distribution to roof contractors for replacement of the Jackson Center roof, and

WHEREAS, Rio Grande Community College received quotes from four roofing companies in response to the RFQ, and

WHEREAS, Lee's Roofing was the lowest bidder for Alternate G1(Mechanical Fastening), and was subsequently deemed responsible and responsive by Kramer Engineering,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rio Grande Community College Board of Trustees approves the awarding of a contract for a full roof replacement at the Jackson Center to Lee's Roofing in an amount not to exceed $230,000.00.

IX. LYNE CENTER – HVAC & DEHUMIDIFICATION - DESIGN BUILD PROJECT (P. 33)

Ms. Euton share how this project was part of the $7.5 million request that we made to the State. This project is to add air conditioning to areas of the Lyne Center that doesn't have any. We also want to add a dehumidification system. There is currently air conditioning in some parts of the building, but it is at the end of its useful life. This project will look at the system as a whole, existing HVAC and the new parts, to determine what is the best system to move forward with getting A/C to all parts of the Lyne Center.

This resolution is to create a design build project, where BDTAID will design the scope and we bid it out to design build contractors to do the work. They will be responsible to get the proper permitting and plans. We can pick one that is on a State approved list. It is not to exceed $50,000, which will simplify the process and they will design the scope of what system we need.

Ms. Euton added one last note about how with all 3 projects discussed today, only $5,000 has been used from operational dollars and that was to hire Kramer Engineering to design the scope of what would be covered with capital dollars.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the following resolution. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Ms. Rinehart called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Kat Rinehart, Chair	**YES**
Mr. Troy Howdyshell, Vice Chair	**YES**
Mr. Mick Davenport	**YES**
Ms. Mary Lynne Jones	**YES**
Mr. Paul Reed	**YES**
Ms. Taylor Rose	**ABSENT**
Ms. Debbie Saunders	**ABSENT**
Mr. Christian Scott	**YES**
Mr. Jeff Simmons	**YES**

Resolution 9.14.26(3)

WHEREAS, Rio Grande Community College has selected BDTAID, Inc. as the Criteria Architect to complete the criteria documents in preparation for selection of a DB Firm as part of the Design Build project for HVAC and dehumidification of Lyne Center, and

WHEREAS, Rio Grande Community College utilized the "select-one" option as permitted by Ohio public procurement requirements to select a Criteria Architect, and

WHEREAS, BDTAID, Inc. responded with a technical proposal per the "select-one"

requirement,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rio Grande Community College Board of Trustees approves approved the awarding of a contract for Criteria Architect Services to BDTAID, Inc. for in the amount of $49,500.00.

X. COMPREHENSIVE FEE CHANGE - EFFECTIVE SPRING SEMESTER 2027 – OCTOBER, BEGINNING OF SPRING ENROLLMENT

- Currently, we charge a $460 Comprehensive Fee for students taking 7 credit hours or more. We would like to change it to 6 credit hours or more.

- Reasoning:
  The current cut-off lacks uniformity and makes little sense. Half-time students, according the state, federal aid and grant standards, are considered students taking 6-8 credit hours per semester. This is also how the institution itself defines a half-time student, with students at 9-11 hours being 3/4 time and 12 credits and above being full-time. The current policy falls in the middle of half-time having some half-time students pay the fee and other half-time students not pay the fee. It is not equitable based on the definition of a half-time student. Starting at 7 credit hours does not align with the standard for what is considered a half-time student.

Mr. Heffernan explained how he had a conversation with the State about changing the parameters of the fee. They agreed that his rationale was sound for why he wanted to make the adjustment. He researched how it would affect the revenue. He looked at an entire year and it would likely affect the revenue by just a little over $50,000. This change would only affect around 100 students.

Mr. Davenport made a motion to approve the modification to the Comprehensive Fee, effective Spring Semester 2027. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Ms. Rinehart called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Kat Rinehart, Chair	**YES**
Mr. Troy Howdyshell, Vice Chair	**YES**
Mr. Mick Davenport	**YES**
Ms. Mary Lynne Jones	**YES**
Mr. Paul Reed	**YES**

Ms. Taylor Rose	**ABSENT**
Ms. Debbie Saunders	**ABSENT**
Mr. Christian Scott	**YES**
Mr. Jeff Simmons	**YES**

XI. PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING DESIGNEE – MR. JEREMY HEFFERNAN

Mr. Heffernan explained how this resolution is to designate him as the one who receives the public records training on behalf of the trustees.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the following resolution. Mr. Howdyshell seconded the motion. Ms. Rinehart called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Kat Rinehart, Chair	**YES**
Mr. Troy Howdyshell, Vice Chair	**YES**
Mr. Mick Davenport	**YES**
Ms. Mary Lynne Jones	**YES**
Mr. Paul Reed	**YES**
Ms. Taylor Rose	**ABSENT**
Ms. Debbie Saunders	**ABSENT**
Mr. Christian Scott	**YES**
Mr. Jeff Simmons	**YES**

Resolution 9.14.26(4)
WHEREAS, it is a requirement of Ohio Revised Code Section 109.43(B) for trustees of a public board to obtain public records training, and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to authorize a representative for Rio Grande Community College Board of Trustees to receive training for the Ohio Sunshine Laws, and

WHEREAS, it is acceptable to appoint a public records designee when it is deemed essential,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rio Grande Community College Board of Trustees appoints Mr. Jeremy Heffernan, Treasurer, of Rio Grande Community College to be their designee to obtain the necessary public records training.

XII. ENROLLMENT REPORT

- **FALL (P. 37)**

Mr. Heffernan shared how this is a preliminary report and it is not exact, but it is close. He shared how there are some additional CCP students that need to be put in the system. There are also students who were marked as not attending that are currently attending. He shared how once those changes are processed the numbers might go up just slightly.

Mr. Heffernan indicated that as far as the budget goes we are pretty close on the predicted amounts. The numbers did go down slightly in the fall, but not too bad. We had excellent numbers in housing and that paired with the increase of $10 in tuition, we came out pretty close to where we expected we would be financially. He explained how over the 5-year period we are still on the high side of enrollment.

Mr. Reed inquired about how many students of the total headcount are funded by Rio scholarships. His concern is that the student numbers look good, but the budget seems tight. President Smith explained in response that we have over funded scholarships in certain areas for sports. He indicated that part of the problem is students have not submitted their Financial Aid forms in a timely manner. They have turned in paperwork in November, that should have been submitted back in June or July to receive Pell funding. Mr. Heffernan added that he can obtain information for the trustees regarding how many students are covered by internal scholarships.

Mr. Heffernan explained how they have put together a Financial Taskforce to assess what we get from various categories of students. He shared how that will be forthcoming once they have mapped out the information.

XIII. CONSTRUCTION UPDATES (P. 40)

Ms. Euton went over her construction report from the agenda.

She added how we have a new Maintenance Director, Mr. Chad Mayes. She shared how he came to Rio from Kyger Creek. He was looking for a change and we benefited from that. She expressed how he has a great attitude and has been wonderful to work with. Mr. Tim Swann, the Interim Maintenance Director has remained on as the Assistant Director and has been handling the technical side of things. They are working well together and are very friendly. She feels we have a strong team in the Maintenance Department and we are getting a lot of solid information from them on what needs to be done. The campus community has also embraced them and they have been able to get a lot of productivity out of the maintenance staff.

Ms. Long shifted to the McArthur Center project explaining how it has to be closed by October 31st. She shared how we have been able to add a couple of things to it that weren't in the original scope. She noted how Ross County is the fiscal agent for this project.

Ms. Rinehart inquired if the garage building out back of the McArthur Center is being used

yet. Ms. Euton share that it hasn't been used yet, but we are getting close. She explained how the new Dean, Dr. Terry Farris, has been aggressively looking at what we have and trying to figure out how we can make it all work efficiently. He has met with the Austin Powder Company and other surrounding companies to see what their needs are. She feels he is doing a good job and we will probably have something up and running by next Fall.

XIV. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RGCC AMERICAN CIVIC LITERACY PLAN (P. 43)

Dr. Lawrence shared how this resolution is for Senate Bill One. He originally didn't think this mandate would apply to the Community College, because it doesn't offer baccalaureate degrees. However, after some back and forth with the State, it does apply to us, so we are developing a plan. We have hired Mr. Asher Peck who has developed the course and we are in the process of figuring out how to make this work for us. He explained how we are going to find a way to embed it into the General Education Program, so that it doesn't mess up the other programs. He shared how once approved it will be submitted to the State.

Mr. Davenport made a motion to approve the following resolution. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Ms. Rinehart called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Kat Rinehart, Chair	**YES**
Mr. Troy Howdyshell, Vice Chair	**YES**
Mr. Mick Davenport	**YES**
Ms. Mary Lynne Jones	**YES**
Mr. Paul Reed	**YES**
Ms. Taylor Rose	**ABSENT**
Ms. Debbie Saunders	**ABSENT**
Mr. Christian Scott	**YES**
Mr. Jeff Simmons	**YES**

Resolution 9.14.26(5)

WHEREAS, Section 3345.382 of the Ohio Revised Code requires state institutions of higher education to develop and implement an American Civic Literacy Plan approved by the institution's board of trustees; and

WHEREAS, Rio Grande Community College has developed an American Civic Literacy Plan that satisfies the requirements of Ohio law and outlines the curriculum, student success measures, and implementation procedures for the American Civic Literacy course; and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides that students transferring to Rio Grande Community College who have successfully completed ***POL 11103 American National Government*** *shall be exempt from the requirement to complete the American Civic Literacy course;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Rio Grande Community College hereby approves and adopts the American Civic Literacy Plan presented to the Board and authorizes its submission to the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the transfer exemption described in the Plan and authorizes the President or designee to administer the Plan in accordance with applicable law and Board policy.

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2026.

XV. STAFF REPORTS

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MR. RYAN SMITH (P. 45)**
  President Smith went over the highlights from his report. He expressed how the campus seems more alive than ever before. He has community members who have shared with him how they see more people and more cars on campus. Mr. Davenport added how he and another trustee were discussing that very thing on their way into the meeting.

  The discussion turned to how the new robotics equipment will bring us up to where we need to be with the programs we offer. It was explained how Career Technical schools are well equipped, because they are well funded. Ms. Euton visited Terra State recently and their equipment was very impressive. The equipment we will be getting will help us conduct our core training and then the students can specialize. This will help us grow.

  The discussion then transitioned to current financial standing. It was articulated how the Anthology ERP System has tightened the budget due to unforeseen issues that could not be prevented by our team. We are trying to push savings in scholarships where we can and also raising revenue as much as we can. There have been adjustments made, it's similar to the way it was in the past, cash is short but we have big State funds. It's trying to figure out where to cut costs and increase funding. There are no employees that can be cut, because everyone is working hard in their areas. President Smith feels a lot of progress has been made and believes next year we will be able to make a lot of adjustments on the revenue side, but we have to try to get through this lean season first.

- **PROVOST'S REPORT – DR. DAVID LAWRENCE (P. 51)**
  Dr. Lawrence went over a few highlights from his agenda report.

- **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER'S REPORT - MS. REBECCA EUTON (P. 55)**
  Ms. Euton went over a few highlights from her agenda report.

She added how every director she oversees on Main Campus is new this year and it has been interesting to see the Fall Semester through their eyes.

It was also discussed how the sports events have been well attended this year and there is a lot of energy on campus.

- **CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER'S REPORT – MR. ALLEN HUDSON (P. 61)**
  Mr. Hudson shared how we have hit a bandwidth wall again, but have been working to correct the issue. There are some potential opportunities coming up with grants to increase the bandwidth and get updated equipment.

  He went over the highlights from his agenda report.

  Mr. Hudson shared how Rio has received computer donations from Ohio Valley Bank. We are at 70 donated computers with more expected. They are fully functional computers with the newest operating system capabilities. They are higher quality than what we currently have in the labs and we got them for free.

XVI. CREDIT CARDS HOLDERS & LIMITS (P. 63)

House Bill 312 requires a list of active credit cards to be presented quarterly to the political subdivision's legislative authority.

There are no updates at this time.

XVII. ACTION MATRIX (P. 65)

Ms. Euton share how the Mr. Davenport inquired about the enrollment at Meigs at a previous meeting. She explained how Mr. Heffernan pulled some data and we have had a lot of CCP students that used to be in-house go back into their high schools. We have also had several classes moved to online, especially in ones where we had trouble getting instructors. We will continue to look into this further to see what can be done. Dr. Farris is also looking into what we have as far as programs to see what changes need to be made.

Ms. Rinehart inquired if a class is online does it still show as a CCP student. Ms. Euton shared how they show as CCP students, but it doesn't show as enrollment at the Meigs Center. She also explained how if an in-person class is moved to an online class, it goes from enrollment at Meigs to enrollment on Main Campus. The Center Directors really take it hard when a class is changed to an online course, because it affects their enrollment numbers.

Mr. Davenport made an interesting notation. He had been in conversation with a board member from Eastern High School who shared that they will bus students twice a week to

Washington State Community College in Marietta. Mr. Davenport wondered if we would be able to do something at the Meigs Center to work with them to encourage students to attend Rio. Ms. Euton was unaware they were bussing students there. She explained how programming is a big part of it. Mr. Davenport shared how he looked it up and Washington State offers a lot of certificates. President Smith added how we are working on adding more certificates. He also shared how sometimes the connections the guidance counselors at the local schools have can play a role in why students chose to go to other colleges.

XVIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- **UPCOMING OCTOBER MEETING INFORMATION:**
  - **OACC (Ohio Association of Community Colleges) President & CEO, Mr. Avi Zaffini, will be present to share key updates and highlights from other community colleges.**
  - **Annual Ethics Training – Ms. Sally Montell and Ms. Shanda Owens from the Ohio Attorney General's Office will be conducting our annual training.**

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made at 6:52pm by Mr. Howdyshell to enter into executive session to discuss the public employment of personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons. President Smith and Ms. Euton were invited to join the trustees in executive session.

Executive Session ended at 7:18pm.

Mr. Davenport made a motion to create a finance support position with a salary cap of $55,000. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. Ms. Rinehart called for a roll call vote. The motion passed.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Kat Rinehart, Chair	**YES**
Mr. Troy Howdyshell, Vice Chair	**YES**
Mr. Mick Davenport	**YES**
Ms. Mary Lynne Jones	**YES**
Mr. Paul Reed	**YES**
Ms. Taylor Rose	**ABSENT**
Ms. Debbie Saunders	**ABSENT**
Mr. Christian Scott	**YES**
Mr. Jeff Simmons	**YES**

XX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Simmons made a motion and Mr. Howdyshell seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. Ms. Rinehart called for a voice vote. The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously.

Ms. Kat Rinehart, Chair

Ms. Elizabeth Bynum, Fiscal Services Specialist