

FORT SCOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
December 15, 2025

PRESENT: Ronda Bailey, John Bartelsmeyer, Jim Fewins, Bryan Holt, Chad McKinnis, and Doug Ropp

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Jack Welch, President, Juley McDaniel - Board Clerk, students faculty, staff, community members

Chairman Holt called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Cleaver-Burris-Boileau Agriculture Building.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer led by Welch, and Holt reading FSCC's mission statement.

CALL TO ORDER

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

RECOGNITIONS AND RETIREMENTS: Dr. Welch recognized John Bartelsmeyer, Jim Fewins, and Bryan Holt as outgoing board members. The trio has dedicated over 44 years of service on the Fort Scott Community College Board of Trustees. Dr. Welch also recognized Juley McDaniel for her 15 years of service as Clerk to the Board of Trustees.

PROGRAM REVIEW AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES:

John Deere instructors Dale Griffiths and Mike White presented an overview of the John Deere Technology Program.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Bartelsmeyer, seconded by Fewins, and carried by a unanimous vote to approve the consent agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: No follow-up questions regarding discussion items.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF BOURBON COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

PROGRAM: A motion was made by Bartelsmeyer, seconded by Ropp, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the interlocal agreement with Bourbon County for a Neighborhood Revitalization Program from 2026 - 2030.

B. CONSIDERATION OF PRESIDENT OR DESIGNEE TO FINALZIE CONTRACT AND

RELATED PAPERWORK: A motion was made by Ropp, seconded by Bailey, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Dr. Welch or his designee to finalize a contract and subsequent paperwork to and processes to finalize the sale of Greyhound Lodge.

CORRESPONDENCE AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

JOHN - Enjoyed being on the board. Worked with a lot of great people even through difficult times. A lot of people at FSCC and in the community interested in keeping FSCC going.

JIM - Thank you to everyone for allowing me to serve on the board. Have had some great presidents, great role models, great friends, great employees that love FSCC.

CHAD - Appreciate what our leadership, admin team, and employees are doing. I feel like everyone is on the same page, which is a credit to true leadership. Things are positive, and moving the right direction. It gives hope. Great group of leaders running the show.

RONDA - Thank you to the outgoing board. Proud of the 5 entries FSCC had in the Fort Scott Christmas Parade. Important to realize how much behind the scenes work and involvement employees have.

DOUG - Great job to Dale and Mike for their presentation. Great staff and great leadership. Good job to everyone.

JACK - It's been a real honor to serve. Grateful for the outgoing board members, and looking forward to the three new board members.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Trustees, a motion to adjourn was made at 6:46 pm by Bartelsmeyer, seconded by Fewins, and carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman

Clerk