

**SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Board of Trustee Meeting  
Monday, May 18, 2026 at 5:00 PM  
Ira H. Rubenzahl Student Learning Commons, B19/Forum**

**Minutes of Meeting**

Present: Michael Knapik, Chair & Trustee  
Elizabeth Oleksak-Sposito, Vice Chair & Trustee (joined remote)  
Dr. William Dávila, Secretary  
Laurie Martin '90, Alumni Trustee (joined at 5:03 after roll call)  
Tonia Butler Pérez, Trustee (joined at 5:14 after roll call)  
Bill Johnson, Trustee  
Anthony Moore '15, Trustee  
Samalid Hogan, Trustee  
Jeff Sattler, Trustee (joined remote)

Unable to Attend: Caleb Sierra, Student Trustee  
Norman Roldan, Trustee

Also Present: Dr. John Cook, President; and Nanette Flores

**I. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Board Chair Michael Knapik called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

The following Trustees were present at roll call: Trustee Chair Michael Knapik, Trustee Elizabeth Oleksak-Sposito, Trustee Dr. William Dávila, Trustee Samalid Hogan, Trustee Bill Johnson, Trustee Anthony Moore and Trustee Jeff Sattler. Seven Trustees present at roll call constituting a quorum.

After roll call, Trustee Laurie Martin joined at 5:03, and Trustee Tonia Butler Pérez joined at 5:14.

**II. Welcome**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, held on March 30, 2026**

Trustee Bill Johnson moved to approve the March 30, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Will Dávila, and after no further discussion, unanimously approved via roll call.

**IV. Committee Reports**

**a. Committee on Internal and External Relations, held on April 6, 2026**

Committee Chair Will Dávila referred to the Committee on Internal and External Relations report included in the meeting packet. The report highlighted the strong participation in the Spring Giving Day “Popsicles” campaign. It was noted that 50% of the Board of Trustees and 100% of the Foundation Board members made contributions in support of the campaign.

Committee Chair Dávila called for a motion to approve the April 6th Committee on Internal and External Relation meeting report, Seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously approved via roll call.

After approval of the meeting report, presented for approval are two motions recommended by members of the Committee on Internal and External Relations.

The first was Motion 2026-14 to approve discontinuation of the Civil Engineering Technology Program, as previously discussed at the November 2025 Board meeting, and with the recommendation of the Internal/External Affairs Committee. Dr. Thuot, VP of Academic Affairs, recapped details, rationale and teach out plan, including how no full-time faculty are impacted.

Committee Chair Davila called for approval of Motion 2026-14: Discontinuation of Civil Engineering Program, the motion was seconded by Trustee Bill Johnson and unanimously approved via roll call.

The second was Motion 2026-15 to approve a revision of the Non-Union Professional (NUP) performance evaluation tool - Committee Chair Davila called for approval of Motion 2026-15: revision of NUP Evaluation as presented - the motion was seconded by Trustee Laurie Martin and unanimously approved via roll call.

**b Committee on Ways and Means, held on May 11, 2026**

Committee Chair Laurie Martin, President Cook referred to the May 11<sup>th</sup> Committee on Ways and Means reports included in the packet. The packet also includes the May 7<sup>th</sup> Investment Sub-Committee Report.

Committee Chair Martin called for a motion to approve the March 11<sup>th</sup> Committee on Ways and Means meeting seconded by Trustee Norm Roldan, seconded by Trustee Bill Johnson and unanimously approved via roll call.

After approval of meeting report, presented for approval are two motions recommended by the member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

CFO Nathanson recapped details of the final draft of FY27 Budget. Highlights included a summary of major assumptions, a comparison to FY26 projection and notable changes, the table of unrestricted net position based on reserves, and an outlook of usual unknowns, areas of risk and risk mitigation strategies. Also discussed was the proposed student fee schedule FY27.

Trustee Martin called for approval of Motion 2026-20: FY2027 Student Fees, the motion was seconded by Trustee Moore and unanimously approved via roll call.

Trustee Martin called for approval of Motion 2026-21: FY2027 Budget, the motion was seconded by Trustee Hogan and unanimously approved via roll call.

**V. President’s Report – Dr. John B. Cook, President**

**a. Recent Grant Awards**

\$800,000 over three years, from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC)

\$1,125,000, over three years, from the Smith Family Foundation, towards apprenticeships’ development.

**b. School of Health Capital Project/Groundbreaking**

Save the Date: June 17, 2026, at 3:30p.m.

**c. BRIGHT Act Update**

Dr. Cook shared final approval of the BRIGHT Act remains, but STCC is hopeful with a sizable earmark. Included for Trustee reference was a joint-letter from Mass community colleges presidents to legislative leaders seeking their support. This bond authority increase will fund public higher education capital projects, and STCC has a goal of Building 32/HVAC building as next focus.

**d. Quantum Supply Chain Accelerator Status**

A company was selected/awarded for next step feasibility for the Quantum Supply Chain Accelerator (QSCA) project to be located in the Technology Park – more details when possible.

**e. Commencement 2026: Thursday, May 28**

Trustees are reminded of STCC’s 59<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony scheduled on Thursday, May 28 at the MassMutual Center. Announcing also this year’s Commencement Speaker and Distinguish Alum Awardee, Professor Zahi “Zee” Haddad. This year’s ceremony will be followed by a dinner/buffet.

**VI. New Business & Concluding Remarks, Chair Knapik**

**a. Presidential Transition & President Cook Farewell Event**

Chair Knapik announced that Dr. Jennifer Cournoyer’s starting date is July 13. In appreciation for President’s Cook ten years of service at STCC, Trustees are invited to join a farewell event on June 17.

**VII. Date of Next Meeting: Monday, June 22, 2026**

**VIII. Motion to Adjourn / Adjournment**

At 6:12 p.m., Chair Knapik called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, moved by Trustee Davila, seconded by Trustee Johnson and unanimously approved via roll call.



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Michael R. Knapik  
Chair, STCC Board of Trustees

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Dr. William Dávila  
Secretary, STCC Board of Trustees