



**Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
Delta College Downtown Saginaw Center
319 E. Genesee Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607
April 29, 2026 at 12:00 PM**

- A. Meeting called to order by Dr. Olvera at 12:09 PM.

- B. Board Members present were: Dr. Elsa Olvera, Ty Mier & Becky Gerzsény and Monica Hernandez-Alaniz. Absent with prior notice were: Carrie Shultz, Mike Jury and Dr. Carmen Stricker. Others Present were: Matthew Hyatt, Tim Ostrom, Chris Gray, Jeff Maxwell, Dr. Matthew Cawood, Mitchell Piper, Joe Kaplan and Tamelka R. Doster. Les Sheldon attended virtually.

- C. There were no public comments on the agenda.

- D. Dr. Elsa Olvera read the SCA mission statement.

- E. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Mier and seconded by Mrs. Hernandez-Alaniz. The motion was carried unanimously with four votes in favor and none opposed.

- F. School reports were presented by Mr. Hyatt and Mr. Gray. Current student enrollment is 197 with 16 new students, 18 students recovered, 17 students with children, 42 special education students, and 14 students identified under McKinney-Vento. Mr. Gray provided data on academic progress. We currently have 24 seniors students in which 12 have completed all graduation requirements with 11 students on track. Guided notes have been implemented as a means to help with AI detection, dishonesty and to ensure students are not getting through classes so quickly.

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There were 9 students that attended a field trip to the state capital. The annual Senior Fun Day was successful. Mr. Tim gave an update for the potential Driver's Education Program for students next school year and Mr. Sheldon provided a positive updated financial report.

G. There was no update regarding CAF.

H. Mr. Ostrom presented an update on the SCA building project, confirming it is progressing as planned and expected to finish by mid-May 2026. A ribbon cutting ceremony has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, at 11:55 a.m. All community partners and board members were invited to attend.

I. Mr. Piper presented the Legal Update. He stated that there is an upcoming motion to approve several policy revisions primarily proposed by the National Charter Schools Institute. Most changes are wording updates to ensure compliance with state laws and do not raise legal concerns. Some policies address health and sex education, which are broad enough to allow school discretion in curriculum decisions. New policies include one on the care of students with diabetes and another related to transportation for students with IEPs, which likely won't significantly impact daily operations. An AI policy is also included, reflecting ongoing adjustments to emerging technologies. He noted no major issues with these policies. Additionally, they mentioned a pending legal case concerning mental health and security funding, currently on appeal in Michigan, with some related federal cases also pending. The outcome may eventually be decided by the Michigan Supreme Court.

J. The GVSU update was presented by Dr. Cawood. He reported that on April 17th, the GVSU Board of Trustees reappointed Dr. Olvera for another three-year term, and she was sworn in prior to the meeting. Dr. Olvera has completed her required individual and custom training, qualifying her for the academic grant, though more training is encouraged. Upcoming training includes a virtual board session on May 26th about legal issues impacting schools and a roundtable on June 10th to share best practices among board members. Reminders and emails will be sent accordingly. He also mentioned that the recent charter contract likely includes the expansion, so no contract amendment is needed, but the school will require some final approval or certification (such as a certificate of occupancy) to allow students to use the expanded space. They will look into the specifics of that process.

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K. Regarding the request for funds to furnish new school addition, a motion to accept was made by Ms. Hernandez-Alaniz and seconded by Mr. Mier. The motion was approved unanimously with four votes in favor and none opposed.

L. A motion to approve the Driver's Training Incentive Program was made by Ms. Hernandez-Alaniz and seconded by Mr. Mier. This motion also passed unanimously with four votes in favor and none opposed.

M. A motion was made to approve the Number of Seats per Grade Offered in the 2026-27 School Year by Mr. Mier and seconded by Ms. Gerzseny.

N. Regarding the Approval of Admission Policy and Criteria for the 2026-27 School Year, a motion to approve was made by Ms. Gerzseny and seconded by Mr. Mier. The motion passed unanimously with four votes in favor and none opposed.

O. A motion was made by Mr. Mier to accept the NCSI Spring 2026 Board Policies Update, seconded by Ms Gerzseny. This motion also passed unanimously with four votes in favor and none opposed.

P. There were no comments on non-agenda items.

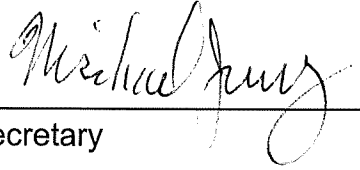
Q. Dr. Olvera reminded everyone that the next board meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2026 and will be held at SCA unless the power is not connected. In the event that there is no power, a notice will be posted that the meeting will be at Delta Community College, downtown location.

R. The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 PM following a motion by Mrs. Hernandez-Alaniz and seconded by Mr. Mier. The motion was approved unanimously with four votes in favor.

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Proposed minutes submitted: Tamelka R. Doster, May 4, 2026.

Approved by the Saginaw Covenant Academy Board of Directors Meeting
on June 3, 2026.



Board Secretary

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