

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Barton County Community College  
February 26, 2026**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Trustees Present:** Mike Johnson; John Moshier; Dale Maneth; Gary Burke; and Carl Helm

**Absent:** Kimberly Becker

**Other Attendees:** Brooke Cook; Marcus Garstecki; Renee Demel; Elaine Simmons; Mark Dean; Narren Brown; Lee Miller; Stephanie Joiner; Jared Hall; Scott Andersen; Kathy Kottas; Cecelia Nicolet; Karly Little; Myrna Perkins; Kara Brauer and Josh Winkler. via ZOOM: Susan Thacker, Great Bend Tribune; Kurtis Teal; Laura Pratt; Claudia Mather; Abby Kujath; Lori Crowther; Joshua Nuss; Cheryl Brown; Heidi McKennon; Lindsay Holmes; Chris Baker; Megan Phillips; Brandon Steinert; Erin Eggers; Megan Schffelbein; and Angie Maddy.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mike Johnson, Board Chair, called the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Barton County Community College to order at 4:00 p.m. in F-30 in the lower level of the Fine Arts Building. He then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Johnson, Board Chair, invited public comments; none were offered.

**PERSONNEL**

Dr. Garstecki presented new personnel for the Board's approval.

*Trustee Maneth moved the Board approve the personnel list, as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moshier. Chair Johnson called for a roll call vote. Trustee Helm, yes; Trustee Burke, yes; Trustee Moshier, yes; Trustee Maneth, yes; Trustee Johnson, yes. Following discussion, the motion carried, 5-0.*

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW EMPLOYEES**

Dr. Garstecki, President, recognized Susan Thacker of the Great Bend Tribune

Tana Cooper, Director of Admission introduced Dykota Knorr – Admissions Administrative Assistant (Barton Campus).

Nolan Esfeld, Director of Student Academic Development introduced Brittani Frazier – Academic Coach (Barton Campus).

Stephanie Joiner, Dean of Academics introduced Nicole Frank – Executive Director of Academic Affairs (Barton Campus)

Elaine Simmons introduced Jared Hall – Dean of Military Academics, Technical Education and Outreach Programs (Fort Riley Campus)

Joshua Nuss, Director of Military Programs introduced Christian Campbell – Enrollment Services Specialist (PT) (Fort Riley Campus)

**DUAL CREDIT REPORT**

Karly Little, Director of Early College Opportunities, gave this report.

**BELLWETHER COMPETITION**

Dr. Garstecki, President and the team attending the competition shared their experiences and take aways from the competition. The team that traveled and represented Barton was Dr. Marcus Garstecki, President; Elaine Simmons, Vice President of Instruction; Kathy Kottas, Dean of Workforce Training & Community Education; Chris Baker, Executive Director of Healthcare & Public Service Education; Renae Skelton, Director of Nursing Education; Heidi McKennon, Instructor & Coordinator (Nursing); Kara Brauer, Instructor (Nursing); and Amanda Staab, Chief Communications Officer.

**COUGAR CORNER UPDATE**

Cecilia Nicolet, Bookstore Manager, gave this update.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Routine items are presented for action in one motion. Any Trustee may remove an item from the consent agenda for individual discussion and action. It is recommended that the Board approve the consent agenda as presented.

- a. BOT Minutes of January 27, 2026
- b. FY27 Board of Trustees meeting schedule

*Trustee Burke moved the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Helm. Chair Johnson called for a roll call vote. Trustee Burke, yes; Trustee Moshier, yes; Trustee Maneth, yes; Trustee Helm, yes; Trustee Johnson, yes.* Following discussion, the motion carried, 5-0.

**INCIDENTAL INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. President's Report of Monthly Activities
- b. KACC/Board Chair Report by Mike Johnson, Board Chair
- c. KBOR Update by Marcus Garstecki, President
- d. Upcoming Events
- e. Miscellaneous – Trustee Maneth inquired about Program Reviews. The Program Review process was shared along with Instructional Reviews.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** (if needed)

Mike Johnson, Board Chair, advised there was not a need for an executive session.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Johnson, Board Chair again invited public comments; there were none offered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Trustee Moshier moved adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Helm. Chair Johnson called for a roll call vote. Trustee Moshier, yes; Trustee Maneth, yes; Trustee Helm, yes; Trustee Burke, yes; Trustee Johnson, yes.* Following discussion, the motion carried, 5-0.

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Mike Johnson, Chair

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John Moshier, Secretary

Recorded by Brooke Cook and Amye Schneider