

**LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING**

**February 12, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
Board Room-Building D, Room D2115**

MINUTES

1.0 Call to Order-The Lake County Community College District Board of Trustees special meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Mr. Paul Rupert, at 5:00 p.m.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance-Mr. Rupert lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 Roll Call

At Mr. Rupert's request, roll was taken, and the following Trustees were present:

Ms. Janet Majka-not present
Mr. Matthew Hebebrand
Mr. Jack Cornachio
Mr. Kevin Freese via MS Teams
Mr. Tim O'Brien
Mrs. Deanna Elsing via MS Teams
Mrs. Nancy Fellows-not present
Mr. Mike Benz via MS Teams
Mr. Paul Rupert

Also in attendance:

Dr. Sunil Ahuja, President
Ms. Dana Buckler, Executive Assistant to the President and Board Liaison
Mrs. Kelly Matier, Assistant to the Vice President for Administrative Services & Treasurer
Mr. Dean Becker, Interim Chief of Police
Ms. Hannah Arthur, Classroom Technologist

4.0 Executive Session

Mr. Rupert called for a motion to enter Executive Session to consider employment of a public employee in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22, Section G. Mr. O'Brien moved, and Mr. Freese seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ms. Janet Majka-not present
Mr. Matthew Hebebrand-yes
Mr. Jack Cornachio-yes
Mr. Kevin Freese-yes
Mr. Tim O'Brien-yes
Mrs. Deanna Elsing-yes
Mrs. Nancy Fellows-not present
Mr. Mike Benz-yes
Mr. Paul Rupert-yes

The executive session began at 5:01 p.m.

Ms. Janet Majka arrived virtually at 5:02 p.m.

Mr. Rupert called for a motion to close the executive session. Mr. Hebebrand moved, and Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ms. Janet Majka-yes
Mr. Matthew Hebebrand-yes
Mr. Jack Cornachio-yes
Mr. Kevin Freese-yes
Mr. Tim O'Brien-yes
Mrs. Deanna Elsing-yes
Mrs. Nancy Fellows-not present
Mr. Mike Benz-yes
Mr. Paul Rupert-yes

The executive session ended at 5:29 p.m.

5.0 Action Item

Mr. Rupert called for a motion to hire RH Perry as the Executive Search firm for the VP for Administrative Services and College Treasurer position. Mr. O'Brien moved, and Mr. Cornachio seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ms. Janet Majka-yes
Mr. Matthew Hebebrand-yes
Mr. Jack Cornachio-yes
Mr. Kevin Freese-yes
Mr. Tim O'Brien-yes
Mrs. Deanna Elsing-yes
Mrs. Nancy Fellows-not present
Mr. Mike Benz-yes
Mr. Paul Rupert-yes

6.0 Adjournment

Mr. Rupert called for a motion for adjournment. Mr. Freese moved, and Mr. Hebebrand seconded the motion, which passed as follows:

Ms. Janet Majka-yes
Mr. Matthew Hebebrand-yes
Mr. Jack Cornachio-yes
Mr. Kevin Freese-yes
Mr. Tim O'Brien-yes
Mrs. Deanna Elsing-yes
Mrs. Nancy Fellows-not present
Mr. Mike Benz-yes
Mr. Paul Rupert-yes

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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APPROVED: March 5, 2026


Board Chair


Board Secretary