

**HENRY FORD COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
February 12, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Henry Ford College Board of Trustees was called to order on Monday, February 12, at 6:02 p.m. at the Henry Ford College Administrative Services and Conference Center in the Rosenau Board Room. The following Board of Trustees were present: Trustees Ali Bazzi, Adel Mozip, Mary Petlichkoff, Nasri Sobh, Amer Zahr and Chair Jamal Aljahmi. Trustee Pat D'Ambrosio was absent.

Motion offered by Trustee Mozip, supported by Trustee Zahr, that the order of the agenda be changed by deleting item III. Calling for a Closed Session per OMA MCL 15.269(f); placing Item IV. Citizen Participation first; followed by item II. Accept and Vote on the Recommended Semi-Finalist Candidate List for the Presidential Search, passed with the following roll call vote attached: Ayes: Trustees Mozip, Sobh, Zahr and Bazzi (4); Nays: Trustee Petlichkoff and Chair Aljahmi (2).

Chair Aljahmi stated that based on the Open Meetings Act (OMA) the Board cannot openly discuss candidates but could discuss the Presidential Search process. Chair Aljahmi discussed the article regarding the Presidential Search that was printed in the Arab American News recently. He also discussed the makeup of the 20+ member Advisory Committee. After reviewing all 120 applicant submissions, the Committee interviewed those qualified and chose ten semifinalists. Voting was done in a fair and democratic manner and based on an applicant's qualifications. Chair Aljahmi commended the Presidential Search Advisory Committee for all their hard work. The Board discussed.

Chair Aljahmi stated he does not think the Advisory Committee and its work should be dissolved because of the contents of the article and wants to proceed with the process as planned. Trustee Petlichkoff discussed the ethics and integrity of the Committee members. She also opposed dissolving the Committee. Trustee Zahr discussed the selection of the College's next president and believes the Committee has been compromised. Trustee Zahr stated the Board should take back the process and discuss how to move forward. Chair Aljahmi stated he does not want to dissolve the process or have the Board take a dictatorship role in handling the selection of the next president. Trustee Mozip stated he is not in favor of dissolving the Committee at this time.

II. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- Chardin Claybourne, full-time faculty member, addressed the Board about the Presidential Search.
- Eric Rader, President of Local 1650, addressed the Board about the Presidential Search.
- Michael Hill, full-time faculty, addressed the Board about the Presidential Search.

- Lynn Boza, President of the Adjunct Faculty Union, addressed the Board about the Presidential Search.
- Hussein Berry, former Board Trustee, addressed the Board about the Presidential Search.

III. ACCEPT AND VOTE ON THE RECOMMENDED SEMI-FINALIST CANDIDATE LIST FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Motion offered by Trustee Petlichkoff, supported by Chair Aljahmi, to accept and vote on the recommended semi-finalist candidate list for the presidential search.

Motion offered by Trustee Zahr, supported by Trustee Sobh, that the Board go into a Closed Session per OMA MCL 15.268(f), passed with the following roll call vote attached: Ayes: Trustees Mozip, Sobh, Zahr and Bazzi (4); Nays: Trustee Petlichkoff and Chair Aljahmi (2).

Regular Board of Trustees meeting suspended at 6:52 p.m.
Regular Board of Trustees meeting resumed at 8:36 p.m.

Chair Aljahmi returned to the motion on the table.

Motion passed with the following roll call vote attached: Ayes: Trustees Bazzi, Mozip, Petlichkoff, Sobh, and Chair Aljahmi. (5); Nays: Trustee Zahr (1).

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion offered by Chair Aljahmi and adopted unanimously by those members present that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Amer Zahr, Secretary