

**HENRY FORD COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
5101 Evergreen Road
Dearborn, MI 48128
April 10, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Henry Ford College Board of Trustees was called to order on Friday, April 10, at 6:05 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, Patrick D'Ambrosio, Adel Mozip, Mary Petlichkoff, Nasri Sobh, Amer Zahr and Chair Jamal Aljahmi. There being a quorum, the meeting was declared in session.

Motion offered by Trustee Mozip, supported by Trustee D'Ambrosio, to modify the agenda to include "Closed Session under the Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268(1) (h) and MCL 15.268 (1) (f)" passed with a unanimous roll call attached.

II. CALLING FOR A CLOSED SESSION PER OMA MCL 15.268(1)(f) TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE CONTENTS OF AN APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OR APPOINTMENT TO A PUBLIC OFFICE IF THE CANDIDATE REQUESTS THAT THE APPLICATION REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL and TO CONSIDER MATERIAL EXEMPT FROM DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE BY STATE OR FEDERAL STATUE, PER OMA 15.268(1)(h)

Motion offered by Trustee Petlichkoff, supported by Trustee Zahr, to enter a closed session, passed with a unanimous roll call vote attached.

Special Board of Trustees meeting suspended at 6:08 p.m.
Special Board of Trustees meeting resumed at 7:12 p.m.

III. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- Michael Hill, HFC full-time faculty, spoke to the Board about the presidential search.
- Tirria Kendred spoke to the Board about the presidential search.
- Chardin Claybourne, HFC full-time faculty, spoke to the Board about the presidential search.
- Eric Rader, Local 1650 President, spoke to the Board about the presidential search.
- Eric Gackenbach, HFC full-time faculty, spoke to the Board about the presidential search.
- Margaret Blohm, HFC Foundation member, spoke to the Board about the presidential search.

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- Easton Socola, Student Council member, spoke to the Board about the presidential search.

IV. PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH FINALIST DELIBERATION

Chair Aljahmi asked Board members to provide feedback on each finalist including strengths, weaknesses, experience, and anything else they feel is pertinent. Chair Aljahmi stated that the goal is to find the best fit for the College. Chair Aljahmi added that each Trustee can indicate which finalist they prefer. Each Board member was given five minutes to speak.

Chair Aljahmi invited Vice President Moss Ferguson to provide comments. Ms. Ferguson stated that the Board can make any motion they choose and follow suit with support or not. Ms. Moss Ferguson stated that the Board could make a motion to narrow the pool of candidates if the Board is not ready to make a motion for one candidate or another.

Motion offered by Trustee Sobh, supported by Trustee Mozip, to appoint Mr. David Knezek as the president of Henry Ford College upon completion of contract negotiations and approval by the Board of Trustees. Motion passed with the following roll call vote attached: Ayes – Trustees Bazzi, D’Ambrosio, Mozip, Petlichkoff, Sobh and Chair Aljahmi (6); Abstention – Trustee Zahr (1)

Trustee Mozip stated that at the time the Board appointed a search committee, they also appointed a committee to conduct the contract negotiations with the new president. Committee members are Trustees Bazzi, Sobh, and Zahr. Chair Aljahmi confirmed.

Chair Aljahmi thanked HFC legal counsel, Vice President Moss Ferguson and Board Liaison, Ms. Tracye Davis for all the work they have done during this presidential search. Trustee Sobh echoed Chair Aljahmi and also thanked the search committee and others who have been involved in this search process.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion offered by Chair Aljahmi and adopted unanimously by those members present that the meeting be adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Amer Zahr, Secretary