

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
August 26, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees began at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

Roll call was taken to establish a quorum. Those present included Trustees: Dr. Amber Richardson, Chair, Gary Featherston, Vice-Chair, Brian Bess, Secretary; Eric Schalk, Treasurer; Darren Garrison, Member; and Dr. Tim Hager, member; Dr. Wesley Payne, College President; Mark Richardson, College Attorney; Melody Ducote, recording secretary.

Pastor Dave McCormack, from First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Trustee Bess made the motion to approve the August meeting agenda. On a second from Trustee Featherston the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Garrison made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes as presented. On a second by Trustee Hager, the motion passed unanimously.

Public comments were heard.

Charlotte Eubank, Chief Financial Officer for the college, reviewed the college financial reports from July and August 2026 as presented in the board book.

Trustee Garrison made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. With a second by Trustee Featherston, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Wesley A. Payne introduced the following:

The Three Rivers Endowment Trust held its 13th annual golf tournament on June 20, 2026, at the Westwood Hills Country Club. The event raised over \$18,000 in for the scholarships to support Three Rivers Students.

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

INVOCATION

**APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST
AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**PRESENTATION OF THE
FINANCIAL REPORT**

**APPROVAL OF
FINANCIAL REPORT**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

**THREE RIVERS
ENDOWMENT TRUST
ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

Three Rivers College hosted its annual drama camp at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center this past July.

Before the camp, Dr. Payne announced that the program has been officially renamed The JoNell Seifert Children's Drama Camp. Ms. Seifert was a lifetime educator and a devoted friend to the college, its fine arts programs, and the Patrons of the Arts.

Under the direction of Megan Richardson Garland, a Poplar Bluff native and former student of Ms. Seifert, the camp expanded its capacity and age groups, selling out two full sessions held July 13–17 and July 27–31. Three Rivers College extends its sincere thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this the most successful camp yet.

THE JONELL SEIFERT CHILDREN'S DRAMA CAMP

Ready Raider Tour Day was held on August 14, 2026. Students were able to tour the Three Rivers College Campus, find their classrooms, pick up books and be ready for the first day of school. This year's event was hosted by Student Services and was a success.

READY RAIDER TOUR DAY

On August 17, 2026, Three Rivers College Faculty and Staff participated in their annual Fall Convocation. Annual awards were given to employees for their years of service and milestone years of service.

FALL CONVOCATION

On August 24, Three Rivers Students began their first day of classes. Enrollment was up 6% and there was a 5% increase in credit hours. Dr. Payne complimented the Student Services Team for their hard work in recruiting, admissions, and advising services.

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

The Patrons of the Arts Kick Off is scheduled for Thursday August 27, 2026, at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center. Twelve shows are planned for this year, and the big reveal will occur after the entertainment portion of the kickoff evening. The event starts at 6:00p.m.

PATRONS OF THE ARTS SOCIETY ANNUAL KICK OFF

The campus will host the RED CROSS for a blood drive on September 4, in the public safety building. The drive will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 3:00p.m.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The 11th annual Run 4 Arts will be held on September 12, 2026, at 8:00a.m. The event is \$30 and all proceeds will benefit Three Rivers fine arts scholarships.

11TH ANNUAL RUN FOR THE ARTS

Preview days are scheduled for September 16-17, 2026. Student Services is expecting 500-1000 students on campus during this time. Prospective students will also get to meet with faculty, take tours of the campus, have lunch in the new Bess Activity Center while learning about the many programs that Three Rivers College has to offer them upon graduation from high school.

PREVIEW DAYS

Rocky's Fan Fest is returning on Sunday, September 27, 2026. The public is invited to attend and enjoy food and games and Meet the Three River Raiders. This free event is facilitated by the Athletic Department and sponsored by the Three Rivers Booster Club.

ROCKY'S FAN FEST

President Payne informed the board there were no executive session items at this time.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION AND VOTE

The Board was asked to approve changes to GAP-1320, by Dr. Wesley A. Payne. On a motion by Trustee Hager and second by Trustee Bess, the board was polled as follows: Trustee Richardson, (yes); Trustee Featherston, (yes); Trustee Bess, (yes); Trustee Schalk, (yes); Trustee Garrison, (yes); and Trustee Hager, (yes).

APPROVAL OF GAP-1320

Dr. Payne asked the board to approve policy. SP-2210. On a motion by Trustee Garrison and second by Trustee Featherston, the board was polled as follows: Trustee Richardson, (yes); Trustee Featherston, (yes); Trustee Bess, (yes); Trustee Schalk, (yes); Trustee Garrison, (yes); and Trustee Hager, (yes).

APPROVAL OF SP-2210

The board was asked to approve all personnel actions and associated documents. On a motion by Trustee Schalk, and a second by Trustee Bess, the board was polled as follows: Trustee Richardson, (yes); Trustee Featherston, (yes); Trustee Bess, (yes); Trustee Schalk, (yes); Trustee Garrison (yes); and Trustee Hager, (yes).

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ALL PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

With there being no further business, Trustee Featherston made the motion to adjourn at 12:47 p.m. With a second by Trustee Garrison, the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Amber Richardson
CHAIRMAN

9/23/26
APPROVAL DATE

Brice K. Bess
SECRETARY

9/23/26
APPROVAL DATE