

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
September 23, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees began at 12:05 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 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 Byron Beck from Fellowship Baptist Church gave the invocation.

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

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

Dr. Payne reviewed the college financial reports from August 2026 as presented in the board book.

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

Dr. Wesley A. Payne introduced the following:

Three Rivers College Students began Fall classes on August 24, 2026. It was a vibrant first day of classes. Due to programs by the Student Services Department and signage improvements, students were able to find classes and buildings much easier. Dr. Payne thanked Student Services, the Department of Communications and Chuck Stratton for their work in making sure these projects were completed before classes began.

Patrons of the Arts Society held its annual kick-off event on August 27, 2026, at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center, on

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

INVOCATION

**APPROVAL OF THE
SEPTEMBER AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENTATION OF THE
FINANCIAL REPORT**

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FINANCIAL REPORT**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

**FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
AUGUST 24, 2026**

**PATRONS OF THE ARTS
SOCIETY KICK OFF AND**

the Three Rivers Campus. This year the season boasts of twelve shows from September through May of 2027. The first show was held on September 21, 2026, featuring a John Denver tribute band. The program was well received and was a sold-out show.

The 11th annual Run for the Arts was hosted by the Three Rivers Endowment Trust on Saturday, September 12, 2026. More than eighty registered participants helped raise over \$6000 in money for Fine Arts Scholarships. Special thanks to Missouri Highlands Healthcare and Ozark Federal Credit Union for their sponsorships of the event.

Student Services, along with faculty and staff hosted Preview Days for over eight hundred students visiting Three Rivers College on September 16-17, 2026. This event is designed to bring high school students from our region to the campus to visit both academic and technical programs on campus, through engaging them in interactive sessions with faculty and staff. Dr. Payne thanked Megan Garland, Assistant Director of Enrollment Services, for a “fantastic job” on the event.

The Career and Transfer Center held its Fall open house on September 22-23, 2026. Students were able to learn about transfer options as well as having pizza, cookies, prizes, and gift bags.

Student Life, in collaboration with Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation Department will hold its first pickleball tournament for students on September 24, 2026. Students will be able to learn how to play the game, rules of the game and then participate in a tournament. This event will be held in the Bess Activity Center.

Rocky’s Fanfest will return to campus on Sunday, September 27, 2026. This event is held by the Athletic Department and the Three Rivers Booster Club and is free for attendees. The event will be held from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at the Libla Family Sports Complex.

Raider Rally will be held on September 29 & 30th in the Quad. Students are encouraged to attend and learn about all the organizations and clubs on campus.

The Tinnin Art Gallery will present the David Ottinger

JOHN DENVER TRIBUTE PERFORMANCE

11TH ANNUAL RUN FOR THE ARTS SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

PREVIEW DAYS SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2026

CAREER AND TRANSFER CENTER OPEN HOUSE SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

ROCKY’S FAN FEST

RAIDER RALLY SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2026

DAVID OTTINGER EXHIBIT

Exhibit on October 5 through November 6, 2026. An Artists reception will be held on October 8th at 6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 5-NOVEMBER 6, 2026

Three Rivers College will sponsor a college transfer fair on October 6, 2026. The fair will be held in the Plaster Free Enterprise Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will host four-year institutions that will have staff on hand to discuss their programs, scholarships, and financial aid.

**COLLEGE TRANSFER FAIR
OCTOBER 6, 2026**

Patrons of the Arts will host Broadway Spotlight on October 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Experience Broadway up close in an All-Star Celebration. This show is expected to sell out.

**BROADWAY SPOTLIGHT
OCTOBER 8, 2026**

At the conclusion of the President's Report, a motion was made by Trustee Hager at 12:17 p.m. to go into Executive Session. On a 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).

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**CONSIDERATION AND
APPROVAL OF ALL
PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND
ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

With there being no further business, Trustee Bess made the motion to adjourn at 2:07 p.m. With a second by Trustee Featherston, the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT



CHAIRMAN



APPROVAL DATE



SECRETARY



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