



RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY
March 29, 2026

CCC Mission: **Challenge** students to adapt to a diverse society. **Create** opportunities for student growth. **Connect** student learning with professional experiences.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Retreat meeting for the Board of Trustees of Colby Community College, Thomas County, Kansas, was held in the Thomas Hall Board Room on Monday, March 29, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patrick Toth, Jessica Vaughn, Arlen Leiker, Zack Odell, Donna Henry, Audrey Hines, and President Dr. Seth Carter.

OTHERS PRESENT

Seth Carter recorded the minutes.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

No introductions were made.

III. BUSINESS

A. Old Business

The Board discussed the desire to match the Federal IRS Personal Mileage Reimbursement rate. No formal action was taken.

B. Campus Improvements

The Board discussed the current status of the Dorm and Kitchen projects. No action was taken.

C. Colby Commitment Scholarship

The Board discussed the Colby Commitment Scholarship. An overview of the program's cost was provided. No action was taken.

D. FERPA Training and Title IX Training

A handout for FERPA and Title IX was reviewed with the Trustees. This was the annual training for the Board.

E. Future Planning

An update on the state-wide Adult Education contract was provided.

The College's bonds became callable this year, and an overview of the debt schedule was reviewed.

An overview of the remaining Business and Industry funds was reviewed. It is believed that these funds will occur through FY-27.

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The College reviewed its current financial structure and future cash projections.

The Newman University MOA was reviewed, and a potential timeline for implementation was discussed.

An overview of the prison enrollment was reviewed and discussed.

The College's potential summer schedule was discussed.

No action was taken on any of the planning items.

F. Higher Learning Commission

An overview of the Higher Learning Commission timeline was provided to the Board of Trustees. No action was taken.

G. Institutional Goals

The Board and the President discussed institutional goals. This discussion included a desire to increase the number of applicants for our specialty programs. No action was taken.

H. Mill Levy

A historical overview of the mill levy was provided. No action was taken.

I. State/Federal Updates

The President provided an overview of the state and federal fiscal changes. It was discussed that the College anticipated a reduction in state aid for the next several years. No action was taken.

J. Executive Session

No Executive Session occurred.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Signed: _____
Secretary

