

At a regular meeting of the members of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Grand Rapids Community College, Michigan (the "College"), held at the College on September 18, 2023

PRESENT: Brame, Bruinsma, Williams,
+ Koetje

ABSENT: Lopez, Lovelady Mitchell, + Siegel

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee Brame
 _____, and seconded by Trustee Bruinsma _____:

Whereas, Grand Rapids Community College is a community college duly constituted under Act 331 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1966, as amended ("Act 331");

And Whereas, the State of Michigan, through Public Act 103 of the Michigan Public Acts of 2023 has indicated that the appropriation noted in Section 201 (1) of the same Act shall be allocated to each community college that certifies to the state budget director, through a resolution adopted by a board of trustees, that the college has met 4 out of 5 best practices listed in each category described in Section 230 (2-3);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Grand Rapids Community College:

The Board hereby certifies that the College has met all 5 of the best practices described in Public Act 94, Section 230, subsection (2-3) and offers the following examples of practices currently in place at the College in order to demonstrate compliance:

Best Practices by Category	Examples of Adherence
Category A: Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships (must meet 4 of 5)	
(i) The community college has active partnerships with local employers including hospitals and health care providers.	GRCC currently has 89 signed clinical agreements with medical and dental professionals in the region. Through our grants and apprenticeship work we have over 610 company partners sponsoring both our credit and non-credit apprentices.
(ii) The community college provides customized on-site training for area companies, employees, or both.	GRCC has provided customized training to 61 companies through 546 classes, reaching 1,473 people during the past fiscal year. In addition, 379 companies were served through workforce training, job training, construction, electrical and continuing education/professional development.

<p>(iii) The community college supports entrepreneurship through a small business assistance center or other training or consulting activities targeted toward small businesses.</p>	<p>GRCC offers 93 online classes through Cengage Learning’s Ed2Go that range from project management, how to write a business plan, e-commerce, QuickBooks, budgets and many other titles.</p> <p>GRCC supports small businesses in West Michigan in collaboration with several community-based organization and employer groups including: West Michigan Hispanic Chamber, Grand Rapids Chamber, West Coast Chamber, LINC UP, Latin America United for Progress (LAUP), Literacy Center of West Michigan, West Michigan Hispanic Center, Amplify GR and SpringGR.</p>
<p>(iv) The community college supports technological advancement through industry partnerships, incubation activities, or operation of a Michigan technical education center or other advanced technology center.</p>	<p>The College is very active with industry partners at our locations in Grand Rapids.</p> <p>The Tassell MTEC is located in a Grand Rapids Renaissance Zone and offers active hands-on training programs in automotive repair, automation, certified nursing assistant, construction trades, computer support, google certifications, green infrastructure, electrical, pre-line worker, energy industry fundamentals, pharmacy technician, phlebotomy, public works, and welding. Programs contain national credentials to validate learning. Programs in construction and Certified Nursing assistant have also been offered integrated with English language learning to meet the needs of our community.</p> <p>The Lakeshore Campus is located in Holland, MI and serves the Holland area students, community, and businesses with credit and non-credit offerings. It also provides coursework in general education, arts, science and certificates in skilled trades careers of welding, CNC machining, manufacturing, hydraulics/pneumatics, electrical/electronics, automation, and industrial maintenance.</p> <p>The newly renovated Tassell Wisner Bottrall Applied Technology Center offers state of the art labs for technical skill certification in CNC Machining, Tooling, Plastics, HVAC, Automation, Industrial Maintenance, Robotics, Culinary, Cyber Security, CISCO, CompTia (Linux, Network, Security, Data Analytics), and Microsoft MCSA.</p> <p>GRCC co-owns the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership Lab (AMP) at Western Michigan University’s Grand Rapids Campus where CNC machining and apprenticeship programs for manufacturing are conducted.</p> <p>GRCC has labs at Holland Home, Public Thread and the SOURCE, where industrial sewing, certified nursing assistant and digital skills are offered.</p>
<p>(v) The community college has active partnerships with local or regional workforce and economic development agencies.</p>	<p>GRCC has active partnerships with West Michigan Works, The Right Place, Lakeshore Advantage, The Source, TalentFirst, City of Grand Rapids Economic Development Department, City of Grand Rapids Public Works and Parks Department, Downtown Development</p>

	<p>Authority, Grand Action 2.0, SmartZone, Hello West Michigan, Discover Manufacturing, Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center-West, Ottawa County Board, West Michigan Health Career Council, West Michigan Tech Talent, the Construction Workforce Development Alliance, Agribusiness Consortium, City of Holland Economic Development and the Michigan Manufacturing Association.</p> <p>In addition, there are partnerships with community-based non-profits working in workforce development (e.g., Goodwill of Greater Grand Rapids, Hope Network, LINC UP, AmplifyGR, Bethany Christian Services, Urban League of Greater Grand Rapids, KConnect, the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Kent County, Habitat for Humanity of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, West Coast Chamber and LAUP (Latin Americans United for Progress).</p>
<p>Category B: Educational Partnerships (must meet 4 of 5)</p>	
<p>(i) The community college has active partnerships with regional high schools, intermediate school districts, and career-tech centers to provide instruction through dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment, direct credit, middle college, or academy programs.</p>	<p>GRCC currently has more than 90 active partnerships in place with public, non-public and charter high schools, intermediate school districts, and technology centers through dual enrollment. The college has 10 - 14 active concurrent enrollment sites and eight early/middle college program partnerships in place.</p> <p>GRCC's MTEC offers Workforce Fridays programming for two public schools (Kentwood and Northview) in the areas of welding and construction through the school year.</p>
<p>(ii) The community college hosts, sponsors, or participates in enrichment programs for area K-12 students, such as college days, summer or after-school programming, or science Olympiad.</p>	<p>GRCC partners, hosts, and participates in outreach and enrichment programs that are designed to engage and encourage area K12 students to pursue community college and higher education educational opportunities. Programs include career fairs, open houses, recruitment events, and post-secondary info. sessions.</p> <p>GRCC's Workforce training offered 5 different career focused camps, over 8 weeks during the summer. Skilled trade weekend family events were held at the MTEC focusing on water careers, welding, automotive and computer support activities</p>
<p>(iii) The community college provides, supports, or participates in programming to promote successful transitions to college for traditional age students, including grant programs such as talent search, upward bound, or other</p>	<p>The College partners with the Grand Rapids Promise Zone to administer the Promise Zone scholarship allowing eligible students to earn a tuition-free GRCC degree or certificate. Our Promise Zone team works directly with high schools to promote a college going culture and reduce barriers to post-secondary degree attainment.</p>

<p>activities to promote college readiness in area high schools and community centers.</p>	<p>GRCC offers a Bridges to College - Raider Ready summer program to high school graduates to present math and writing skills that may not have been acquired in high school to better prepare students for college level course work.</p>
<p>(iv) The community college provides, supports, or participates in programming to promote successful transitions to college for new or reentering adult students, such as adult basic education, a high school equivalency test preparation program and testing, or recruiting, advising, or orientation activities specific to adults. As used in this subparagraph, "high school equivalency test preparation program" means that term as defined in section 4.</p>	<p>The GRCC Adult Education Program offers English as a Second Language and Adult Basic Education classes under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. GRCC offers 3 levels of ESL: ESL2 Low Intermediate, ESL3 High Intermediate, and ESL4 Advanced. GRCC also offers Advanced English Reading & Writing as an Adult Basic Education class. GRCC Typically serves between 180 and 200 ESL and ABE students per year. During the 2022-2023 school year GRCC experienced high interest in the program resulting in 221 students served.</p> <p>GRCC's Workforce Training division offered three integrated education and training programs for adult learners who worked on completing their GED, while earning credentials to accelerate their career opportunities (e.g., Builders License, Construction, Certified Nursing Assistant).</p>
<p>(v) The community college has active partnerships with regional 4-year colleges and universities to promote successful transfer, such as articulation, 2+2, or reverse transfer agreements or operation of a university center.</p>	<p>GRCC currently has 44 active partnerships with 4-year colleges and universities, including articulated programs and eight reverse transfer agreements. The articulated programs can be separated into the following categories, with the number of each indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Articulated Pre-Majors (2+2 agreements): 24 ● Articulated Pre-Majors (3+1 agreements): 2 ● Articulated Pre-professional programs (3+1 agreements): 4 ● Articulated Pre-professional programs (2+2 agreements): 1 ● Articulated Career Programs (2+2 agreements): 5 <p>In addition, GRCC promotes successful transfer through offering pre-majors in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General Pre-Majors: 39 ● General Pre-Professional Programs: 4
<p>Category C: Community Services (must meet 4 of 5)</p>	
<p>(i) The community college provides continuing education programming for leisure, wellness, personal enrichment, or professional development.</p>	<p>GRCC Provided 234 continuing education courses focused on leisure, wellness, older learners, and personal enrichment serving 1,041 people. Skill building courses focused on professional development and new careers accounted for 490 additional classes serving 11,935 people. 39 information sessions, career fairs and visits were held for adult learners, high school students and non-profit organizations at the Tassell MTEC.</p>

<p>(ii) The community college operates or sponsors opportunities for community members to engage in activities that promote leisure, wellness, cultural or personal enrichment such as community sports teams, theater or musical ensembles, or artist guilds.</p>	<p>GRCC operates the Collins Art Gallery and typically holds 4 separate visual arts shows. GRCC's Spectrum Theater is home not only to the College's Theater program, but also two community theater groups: Actor's Theater and Jewish Theater Grand Rapids. In 2022-23 a total of 10 productions were held at the Spectrum Theater.</p>
<p>(iii) The community college operates public facilities to promote cultural, educational, or personal enrichment for community members, such as libraries, computer labs, performing arts centers, museums, art galleries, or television or radio stations.</p>	<p>Both the Collins Art Gallery and Spectrum Theater have been venues for ArtPrize since its inception. The Albert P. Smith Music Center provides rehearsal space for the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys. 29 performances were held, which included GRCC ensembles, student recitals and artist exhibits.</p> <p>Our Applied Technology Center Tutorial and Open Computer Lab, along with the Sneden Open Computer Lab, typically provide over 50 programs and serve approximately 4,500 students and community members.</p> <p>GRCC hosts an annual "Diversity Lecture Series". 2023 speakers included Jazz McKinney, Graci Harkema and Ricardo Tava'rez.</p>
<p>(iv) The community college operates public facilities to promote leisure or wellness activities for community members, including gymnasiums, athletic fields, tennis courts, fitness centers, hiking or biking trails, or natural areas.</p>	<p>GRCC operates a gymnasium, a fitness center, and an aquatic facility that are all open to the public and is available for community use.</p>

<p>(iv) The community college promotes, sponsors, or hosts community service activities for students, staff, or community members.</p>	<p>The College offers several opportunities throughout the year to promote community service. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - offering several courses with a service/volunteer component - facilitating Martin Luther King Junior Day celebration activities - a strong partnership with United Way where students and employees can volunteer - individuals can volunteer with our Student Food Pantry - Unique ways our Workforce Development Programs connect with our community such as the Nursing, Dental, and Occupational Therapy programs - several staff participated in the Campus Beautification Day, planting flowers and general clean-up of campus property
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Adopted this 18 day of September

YEAS: Brame, Bruinsma, Williams + Koetje

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Grand Rapids Community College, County of Kent, State of Michigan, at a meeting held on September 18, 2023, the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
State of Michigan

By: David Koetje
David Koetje, Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Countersigned:

By: Kathleen Bruinsma
Kathleen Bruinsma, Secretary, Board of Trustees