

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 19, 2021

PRESENT: Brame, Bruinsma, Lovelady-Mitchell, Lopez,
Siegel, Williams, & Chairperson Koefje

ABSENT: —

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee Lovelady-Mitchell and seconded by Trustee Siegel:

Whereas, Grand Rapids Community College is a community college duly constituted under Act 94 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1979;

And Whereas, the State of Michigan, through Public Act 94 of the Michigan Public Acts of 2020 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 (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 (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 128 signed clinical agreements with medical and dental professionals in the region. Additionally, through our grants and apprenticeship work we have over 680 company partners sponsoring both 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 53 companies through 206 classes, reaching 1,809 people during the past fiscal year. In addition, 321 companies were served through workforce training, job training, 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 supports small businesses in west Michigan by offering several classes and programs in partnership with the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, LINC Up, and West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. We offer 93 online classes through Cengage Learning's Ed2Go that range from QuickBooks and budgeting, to how to build a business plan, staffing plan and leadership development and many other titles.</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 operates a technical education center as well as a new, comprehensive campus at the Lakeshore with a vast offering of courses including technical education courses in a state of the art lab space.</p> <p>The Tassell MTEC is located in Grand Rapids and offers hands on training programs in manufacturing, automotive repair, certified nursing assistant, phlebotomy, construction trades, sustainability, computer support, sterile processing technology, medical assistant, masonry, mechanical, and public works training. Most programs contain national credentials to validate learning. The Tassell MTEC, at the request of industry partners, has added integrated language and technical skills training to meet local talent needs in construction, builders license and certified nursing assistant.</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. The campus offers coursework and certificates in welding, CNC machining, manufacturing, hydraulics/pneumatics, electrical/electronics, automation, and industrial maintenance. These courses and certificates also support GRCC's apprenticeship efforts in Ottawa County.</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 a number of local and regional workforce and economic development agencies, including West Michigan Works, The Right Place, Lakeshore Advantage, The Source, Talent 2025, City of Grand Rapids Economic Development Department, Downtown Development Authority, SmartZone, Hello West Michigan, Discover Manufacturing, Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center- West, West Michigan Health Career Council, West Michigan Tech Talent, the Construction Workforce Development Alliance, and the Michigan Manufacturing Association.</p> <p>In addition there are partnerships with non-profits working in workforce development (e.g., Goodwill of Greater Grand Rapids, Hope Network, LINC UP, AmplifyGR, Bethany Christian Services, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Grand Rapids, Urban League of Greater Grand Rapids, KConnect and the Hispanic Center of Western</p>

	Michigan) and the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce and West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
Category B: Educational Partnerships (must meet 4 of 5)	
(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>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.</p> <p>The college has 10 - 14 active concurrent enrollment sites and eight early/middle college program partnerships in place.</p> <p>GRCC also has two active regional sites whereby it partners with a local high school to host evening college courses.</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>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 middle college and concurrent enrollment, High School Open House at GRCC and tours. We offer experiences in Skilled Trades areas, provide Financial Aid expert assistance and information sessions, and a myriad of other opportunities.</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 activities to promote college readiness in area high schools and community centers.	<p>GRCC continues to partner with Grand Rapids Public Schools and Grand Rapids Community Foundation on Challenge Scholars at Union High School. This year, GRCC will work with the freshman, sophomore junior, and senior classes to prepare them for successful entry into GRCC or other higher education institutions.</p> <p>GRCC also offers FastTrack services to incoming traditional age and non-traditional age students, allowing them to brush up in reading/writing and math. This program allows students to bypass remedial coursework, saving time and money.</p> <p>GRCC offers Bridges to College-Raider Ready summer programs to high school graduates to present math and writing skills that may not have been delivered at the high school level to better prepare a student for college entry course work. The program also introduces students how to navigate various college systems.</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, GED preparation and testing, or recruiting, advising, or orientation activities specific to adults.</p>	<p>GRCC provides a vibrant ESL program to support adult learners in the Grand Rapids area. Serving approximately 150 learners. The program also includes ABE for some of the learners.</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 34 active partnerships with four-year college 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: Articulated Pre-Majors (2+2 agreements): 29, Articulated Pre-Majors (3+1 agreements): 8, Articulated Pre-Professional programs (2+2 agreements): 1, and Articulated Career Programs (2+2 agreements): 5. In addition, GRCC promotes successful transfer through offering pre-majors in the following categories: General Pre-Majors: 36 and General Pre-Professional Programs: 3.</p>
<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 417 continuing education courses serving 4,119 students during 2020/21. During the COVID-19 Pandemic GRCC facilitated GROW1000 (the City of Grand Rapids Youth Job Program) for 35 participants and worked with West Michigan Works to virtually do career exploration activities with 58 high school students. Our older learner activities included virtual fitness classes, wellness and mindfulness topics.</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. Due to COVID, no performances were held.</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. Seventeen virtual concerts were held. 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 with all activities going virtual since March 2020.</p> <p>In addition, GRCC hosts an annual "Diversity Lecture Series" that</p>

	<p>features national speakers on a variety of topics. In 2020-21, virtual presentations included Dr. Michael Eric Dyson and American rapper and record producer, Rakim.</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>GRCC operates a gymnasium, a fitness center, and an aquatic facility that are all open to the public and 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 component, • facilitating Martin Luther King Junior Day celebration activities, • offering a Community Science Day through the Biological Sciences Department, • a variety of student organizations and clubs that are active in our community, • a strong partnership with United Way where students and employees can volunteer • the Alumni Association coordinates several opportunities for alumni to serve our community • several campus events that rely on volunteers such as hosting Information Stations, Raider Rally, and Commencement • we connect with our retiree's to volunteer and support our work • individual 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.

Adopted this 19th day of September, 2021

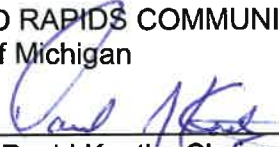
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CERTIFICATION

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 21, 2020, 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, Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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