

**MINUTES**  
**WAUBONSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Policy Committee Meeting**

February 18, 2026

**I. Convene Open Session**

A Policy Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees of Waubonsee Community College, Community College District 516, Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, LaSalle, and Will Counties, IL, convened at 4:12 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, in the President’s Conference Room of Dickson Center, Route 47 at Waubonsee Drive, Sugar Grove, IL.

Roll call found the following Board of Trustees Policy Committee members present: Rick Guzman, Daniel Jaquez, and Tina Willson; committee member absent: Stacey Ries; staff members present: Dr. Brian Knetl, Dr. Anthony Ramos, Dr. Toya Webb, Mary Baccheschi, and Jessica Price; and general counsel to the College present: Kenneth Florey of Robbins Schwartz.

Ms. Ries arrived at 4:23 p.m. and joined the meeting.

**II. Public Comment**

A. General Public Comment

No public comments were submitted.

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A. November 19, 2025 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

The Policy Committee, on a motion by Mr. Guzman and seconded by Mr. Jaquez, unanimously approved the November 19, 2025 Policy Committee meeting minutes.

**IV. Policy Review and Discussion**

A. Waubonsee’s Free Speech and Expression Policy and Draft Procedures

Dr. Brian Knetl provided an update regarding the college’s current Free Speech and Expression Policy and the draft procedures for that policy. He confirmed that several listening sessions were held with faculty, staff, and students for their feedback. The committee and staff discussed recommended changes to the current language, with plans to review a new version at the next Policy Committee meeting.

**IV. Policy Review and Discussion (continued)**

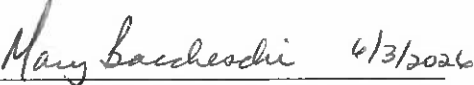
**B. Board Policy Manual Discussion**

Dr. Knetl facilitated a discussion with the committee following their review of an updated Board of Trustees section in the Board Policy Manual. As part of the project to update the manual, the committee commented on the importance of consistency in both format and clarity across all policies.

**V. Other**

**VI. Adjournment**

The Policy Committee, on a motion by Ms. Ries and seconded by Mr. Guzman, unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

  
Mary Baccheschi 6/3/2026  
Mary Baccheschi, Clerk of the Board