MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 31, 2026

Present: T. Bernard, B. Lord, D. Rodowicz, J. Clarke-Mitchell,
Absent: Y. Spicer
MCLA Staff: D. Rogers-Adkinson, K. Kozak

MINUTES

As allowed by executive order of the Governor of Massachusetts, in compliance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30 and 15A, Section 9, and with a quorum present via audio/video conference, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts met on July 31, 2026 with Chair Buffy Lord presiding. Chair Lord called the meeting to order at 8:31a.m.

1. President's Introduction & Updates — President Rogers-Adkinson

   President Rogers-Adkinson

   - President Rogers-Adkinson welcomed the group and noted several ongoing initiatives including social media, community, government and alumni engagement, as well as media interviews with the Eagle, iBerkshires and Berkshire Magazine which will feature local women educational leadership.
   - President Rogers-Adkinson has also met with union representatives and several non-academic units for introductions. She will meet with academic units and 10-month faculty and staff when they return to campus.
   - Inauguration planning moving forward.

2. Hockey facility discussion — President Rogers-Adkinson
   - There is fundraising money that supports board funding and leaves a $20,000 gap in total funding. President Rogers-Adkinson will ask the Board to support the project moving forward noting that the lease relief will support the increase. The MOU is still in place and can continue to move forward in collaboration with the City and the Rink Manager. There was discussion of the review of hockey fundraising as part of the campaign. This is not reliant on pledges, the donations are in hand. There was further discussion of positive impact on the entire community as well as noting that the main sign for the facility needs attention.

3. Presidential Goals & Expectations Chair Lord
    - The Committee noted that one immediate goal should meet with all Board members. President Rogers-Adkinson will move forward with those meetings.
    - Chair Lord noted that this is an initial discussion of goals and priorities for this year.
    - President Rogers-Adkinson noted that Strategic Plan is the universal measurement tool. Cabinet and Strategic Planning Committee are beginning this work. Retention and Graduation rates are important indicators.
    - Donor Relations is also moving forward with important introductions and cultivation.
    - External Metrics are also important including developing relationships with the Department of Higher Education. President Rogers-Adkinson has some relationships already and will continue to develop.
    - She is working on development of the Cabinet as well. The VP of Advancement position has been posted.
    - There was discussion of MSW program potential and also looking at other programs for growth.
    - Dr. Rogers-Adkinson has met with Dr. Charlier, the new President of BCC and they are proactively strengthening and celebrating that relationship.
    - There was discussion of the Youth Villages program and potential for the future of that program. There was also discussion of deferred maintenance impacting facilities and potential partnerships and programs for the future.

Dr. Clarke-Mitchell left the meeting at 9:15.

- There was further discussion that President Rogers-Adkinson will provide a draft of the goals and the Executive Committee will review at a future meeting.
- There was discussion of the progress on the Inauguration which is moving forward well.
- There was also discussion that President Rogers-Adkinson should review the list of potential Board candidates for submission to the state.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:21a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelli Kozak
Clerk