

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 11, 2013**

The Board of Trustees of Community College District 509, Counties of Kane, Cook, DuPage, McHenry and DeKalb, State of Illinois, held a meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Monday, November 11, 2013, in Building E, Room 100.01, located at Spartan Drive Campus, Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin, Illinois.

**1. Call to Order by Presiding Officer**

Chair Redmer called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and asked Ms. Stover to call roll.

*Trustees present:* Dr. Redmer, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Causey, Ms. MacKinney, Dr. Ollayos, Mr. Saucedo, and student trustee Mr. Molina Hoyos

*Trustees absent:* Mr. Getz

*ECC Staff and others present:* Dr. Sam, president; Ms. Stover, recorder; Ms. DiGerlando, Ms. Konny, Ms. Heinrich, Ms. Hauca, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Lucca, Ms. Nehlsen, Ms. Hatch, Mr. Julian, Dr. Hu, Ms. Escobar, Dr. Garber, Dr. Miller, Dr. McGee, Mr. Robinson and Ms. Kerruish

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Committee of the Whole, October 7, 2013**

Chair Redmer requested approval of the minutes of October 7, 2013.

*Motion:* Trustee Duffy moved to approve the minutes as presented.

*Second:* Trustee Saucedo seconded the motion.

*Voice Vote:* Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**3. College Reports**

Dr. Sam announced Ms. Stover's retirement date is December 30, 2013.

**A. Construction / Remodel Update** (Written report, under separate cover)

Trustee Saucedo had requested more detail for the construction budget at the October meeting. Ms. Konny provided detailed information and explained that the majority of the overage on one project was due to furniture costs. However, overall, construction was under budget. Dr. Sam indicated that, from this point forward, all future change orders will be discussed at the committee of the whole meeting prior to action being taken.

**B. College Initiatives – Alliance for College Readiness** (Written report, under separate cover)

Dr. Schaid highlighted a few of the statistics provided in the written report. Math readiness has increased from 27% to 42%, while overall college readiness has gone from 24% to 37%. Each high school is able to see its individual progress. Trustee MacKinney commented on the parent participation level of 43, initially, to 250 this year.

**4. Presentations**

**A. Update on Rt. 20 & McLean Intersection**

Mr. Doug Paulus, an engineer with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick (HLR), provided an update and review of the reconstruction of the Rt. 20 and McLean Boulevard intersection. This work is scheduled to be substantially complete by August, 2014.

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**B. *Accelerating Opportunity Update***

Ms. Peggy Heinrich presented an overview of the *Accelerating Opportunity Program*. This initiative is funded by a three-year grant projected to end September 2014. Certifications for basic welder, computer numerical control (CNC) operator, dental office aide, as well as heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) are part of this initiative. In addition to the certification classes, students also receive help with reading, writing and math from teachers in the disciplines, supporting learning for success. A short video was presented. Student Joel Perez gave his personal story and explained how he has greatly benefited from this initiative.

**C. *Exchange Programs and ECC Partners***

Ms. Lauren Nehlsen reviewed ECC's *International Exchange and Homestay Programs*. An outline of our global partnerships and memorandums of understanding (MOU) with several institutions was provided. Fall 2013 has eight (8) exchange students currently on campus. Program expansion plans were identified. A supplementary handout was provided, indicating student profiles and projections for future participation.

**The board recessed at 4:12 p.m. and reconvened at 4:22 p.m.**

**5. Old Business**

No old business was brought forward.

**6. New Business**

**A. *Items of Professional Growth***

**1. Discussion of Meeting Reports**

Chair Redmer reminded board members that meeting reports should be submitted after attendance at ICCTA, ACCT and other meetings. She reviewed the written reports she had submitted that were included in the packet. Trustees MacKinney, Ollayos, Causey and Saucedo offered comments about their experiences at the most recent meetings. Trustee Saucedo remarked that ECC is way above the curve compared to many other community colleges regarding financial aid and the alliance program. Trustee MacKinney commented on the exemplary level of reporting that student trustee Mr. Molina Hoyos has provided internally and through ICCTA. Chair Redmer indicated that Mr. Getz will have the opportunity to discuss his written reports at the committee meeting of the whole in December.

**2. Finalize Attendance for National Legislative Summit and Futures Conference**

Trustees confirmed attendance and arrangements are in process for both meetings.

**3. Review Goals**

- a. Goal I Professional Development
- b. Goal II Legislative Affairs
- c. Goal III Community Engagement
- d. Goal IV Governance

Chair Redmer reminded board members to be prepared to discuss the mid-year review of the board's goals at the December meeting. Data regarding the goals was provided in the November board packet.

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**B. President's Remarks**

Dr. Sam provided the following:

1. The attorneys are working on the Hanover Park rental agreement. There are concerns with several items.
2. The humanities committee is exploring speakers with an opposite point of view than Mr. Ayers. This will be scheduled in the next cycle.
3. The ECC police department handled a situation involving a student allegedly dressed in a Halloween costume with toy guns painted to resemble real firearms.
4. Dr. Sam announced the recipients of his 2014 Lasting Impact Awards:
  - Barbara Bonner
  - Keith Brown
  - Leo Nelson
  - Helen Lopez Strom and Bruce Strom
  - Tom and Susan Rakow
  - Rick Jakle
  - Patricia Golden
  - Art Saucedo

**H. Chair's Remarks**

Chair Redmer provided a copy of her monthly report for October in calendar format. The next report will include November and December. She invited board members to attend an informational presentation on a potential charter school at 3 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, in the president's conference room.

**I. Announcements**

Ms. Stover offered her gratitude to board members for the flowers sent when her mother passed away.

**J. Issues for Next Month's Agenda**

There were no issues mentioned for next month's agenda.

**Adjournment**

- Motion:** Trustee Ollayos moved to adjourn the meeting.  
**Second:** Trustee Duffy seconded the motion.  
**Voice Vote:** Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 5:38 p.m.

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John Duffy, MS Ed, Board Secretary

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Kathleen Stover, Board Recorder