

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2014**

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 Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 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 3:04 p.m. and asked Ms. Kerruish to call roll.

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

Trustees absent: Mr. Duffy, Mr. Getz

ECC Staff and others present: Dr. Sam, president; Ms. Kerruish, recorder; Ms. DiGerlando, Ms. Konny, Ms. Lucca, Ms. Amenta, Mr. Julian, Dr. Lehmacher, Mr. Arena, Ms. Arnold, Ms. Scholl, Ms. Tait, Dr. Miller, Ms. Sawyer, Mr. Dawson, Ms. Thompson, Dr. Boyd, Dr. McGee, Ms. Heinrich, Dr. Garber, Dr. Schaid, Dr. Roeger, Ms. Crowley, Mr. Gathman and Ms. Franck

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Committee of the Whole, December 9, 2013

Chair Redmer requested approval of the minutes of December 9, 2013.

Motion: Trustee MacKinney moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Second: Trustee Causey seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. College Reports

A. Construction / Remodel Update (Written report, under separate cover)
No report was submitted.

B. College Initiatives – Cultural Competency (Written report, under separate cover)
Trustee MacKinney stated she was pleased about new initiatives and progress in this area and mentioned an upcoming webinar.

4. Discussion

A. Hanover Park Education & Work Center

Ms. Heinrich reviewed the progress to date on the combined efforts of ECC, Harper and Hanover Park officials regarding the proposed education and work center. This is a three-year pilot program and will be evaluated after the first year. ECC staff will be on-site in the evening, and Harper staff will be present during the day.

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ICCB has approved this joint project, however only grant-funded programs and adult education courses will be allowed. Ms. Konny noted the intergovernmental agreement must be signed before the lease can be completed. The intergovernmental agreement between ECC, Harper and Hanover Park and the lease will be reviewed at the committee of the whole meeting for discussion in March and possible action at the regular board meeting. Classes could potentially begin next fall. Chair Redmer congratulated everyone involved with this project, and trustees offered their appreciation regarding this opportunity.

B. FY 2015 Tuition

Dr. Sam noted ECC was able to hold tuition at the same rate for four years. When comparing ECC tuition with tuition of other community colleges, it should be recognized that ECC's tuition includes class fees when applicable, many do not. Ms. Konny indicated the decline in property tax revenue may be a reason to implement a tuition increase in the near future, but no recommendation has been made at this time.

C. College Closing

Dr. Sam reviewed the procedures in place when it is necessary to close the college due to weather related concerns. Several staff members are involved in the decision. Sister colleges and District 509, K-12 schools are monitored.

Trustee MacKinney indicated this recent closing was board-supported and offered comments supporting the decision.

5. Old Business

Trustee Ollayos mentioned that Altrusa International, a service club focusing on literacy, will have a fundraising event at Colonial Café on February 20. Certificates for the event are available in Student Life.

6. New Business

Chair Redmer indicated some purchases may be removed for separate discussion from the regular meeting agenda, based on questions brought forward by Trustee Getz.

Dr. Sam distributed the 2014 United Way calendar titled *Getting Ready for Kindergarten*.

The board recessed at 3:35 p.m. and reconvened at 3:43 p.m.

6. New Business (continued)

A. Items of Professional Growth

1. ACCT National Legislative Summit

Final preparations for the legislative summit are being made and complete packets will be distributed to the board February 6. Student Trustee Molina Hoyos will provide input on the suggested topics and how they relate directly to ECC students. A dinner is scheduled with ECC alums who live in the Washington, DC area.

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Trustee Ollayos provided an update on other ACCT meetings, including a conference call with the executive board and a conference in Chicago for ACCT ambassadors.

Trustee MacKinney participated in an ACCT conference call on January 17, clarifying the sub-committee's purpose/theme of unconscious bias, which focuses on the dimensions of diversity. The idea of having a training forum for trustees on diversity was suggested.

2. Board Retreat 2014

The board's retreat will be June 24 and 25 at Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, with both days scheduled to begin in the morning. Linda Kolbusz will facilitate the retreat. Her contract was reviewed by the board. She will interview everyone prior to the retreat and make sure the board's goals are written. The 2014 goals will focus on accreditation and preparation for the accreditation process.

3. Discussion of Meeting Reports

a. October ACCT Conference

Chair Redmer will talk to Trustee Getz about any outstanding concerns and ideas he mentioned in his reports from the ACCT conference held in October.

b. December Hampshire Chamber Luncheon

The Hampshire Chamber made a successful change this year, moving the event from a dinner to a luncheon. Trustee MacKinney commented on the importance of attending community events, and reminded trustees to relay any concerns or comments to the President to address.

4. Review Goals

Chair Redmer stressed the importance of submitting community engagement reports, and she advised the board that preliminary plans for goal setting have begun. Possible changes to the community engagement report format may be reviewed. Trustee Ollayos suggested submitting reports via email.

B. President's Remarks

Dr. Sam thanked the board for their leadership during the ECCFA contract negotiations. The process used worked well and will provide a blueprint for future negotiations.

Dr. Sam recommended an honorary degree be given in May, 2014 to Kathleen Stover.

Dr. Sam noted the passing of Dr. David Pierce, former president of ICCB and AACC.

C. Chair's Remarks

Chair Redmer reviewed the events and meetings she has attended on behalf of the college in the past month. Additionally, she mentioned several items that were brought to her attention recently, indicating they may not be relevant to include on future agendas. The following topics were mentioned:

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1. Television broadcast of skills programs
2. Speaker search
3. Training for Affordable Care Act and pension
4. Parade, handled as private endeavor
5. CPI, as related to student tuition

Chair Redmer reviewed the Student Trustee Guiding Information document, as well as the recommendations for trustees' donations to the ECC Foundation. A discussion followed regarding wording and listing of names of members of the Board of Trustees.

Chair Redmer welcomed Ms. Kerruish and Ms. Franck in their new roles.

D. Announcements

Dr. Sam announced an upcoming speaker on campus, David Wilezol, co-author of Bill Bennet's book, *Is College Worth It?*, who is tentatively scheduled for April 23, 2014. The goal is to provide a balanced view to the controversial speaker on campus last semester.

Chair Redmer expressed gratitude to Dr. Sam for composing the thank-you letter to the community.

Ms. Kerruish reviewed upcoming community events, confirming which trustees are scheduled to represent the college at each event. All trustees, with the exception of Trustees Getz and Saucedo, plan to attend the ICCTA meeting scheduled for March 14 and 15.

E. Issues for Next Month's Agenda

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

Adjournment

- Motion:*** Trustee Causey moved to adjourn the meeting.
Second: Trustee Molina Hoyos seconded the motion.
Voice Vote: Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 4:37 p.m.

John Duffy, MS Ed, Board Secretary

Diane Kerruish, Board Recorder