

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MARCH 10, 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 Monday, March 10, 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 3:26 p.m. and asked Ms. Kerruish to call roll.

Trustees present: Dr. Redmer, Ms. MacKinney, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Causey, Dr. Ollayos, Mr. Saucedo and Student Trustee Mr. Molina Hoyos.

Trustees absent: Mr. Getz

ECC Staff and others present: Dr. Sam, president; Ms. Kerruish, recorder; Ms. DiGerlando, Ms. Konny, Ms. Amenta, Dr. Crowley, Mr. Julian, Ms. Sawyer, Mr. Dawson, Ms. Thompson, Dr. McGee, Dr. Garber, Mr. Robinson, Dr. Schaid, Dr. Roeger, Ms. Lucca, Mr. Gathman and Ms. Franck

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Committee of the Whole, January 21, 2014

Chair Redmer requested approval of the minutes of January 21, 2014.

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

Second: Trustee Ollayos seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Duffy noted the front page of the current issue of the Moraine Valley Community College newspaper includes an article about the meeting with Senator Durbin at the legislative summit. Pictured in the article are Dr. Sam and Trustees Causey, Duffy and Molina Hoyos.

3. College Reports

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

Mr. Dawson announced that Building A has received LEED Silver certification by the U.S. Green Building Council, based on a point system which determined the building is ecology and environmentally minded, and it was economically constructed.

B. College Initiatives (Written report, under separate cover)

1. Alliance for College Readiness

Dr. Schaid mentioned the next meeting is on Thursday May 1, 2014. Trustee MacKinney commended the accomplishments of everyone involved in the success of the Alliance program.

2. Student Success

No additional information was requested or presented.

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4. Old Business

Ms. Amenta reported on last month's legislative summit. She mentioned the success of the alumni dinner, expressing thanks to Ms. Sawyer for her efforts in locating three ECC alums in the Washington DC area. Our advocacy to restore the ability to benefit clause to Pell Grant funding was focused on in meetings with Congresswomen Duckworth and Congressmen Hultgren and Roskam. A meet and greet has been tentatively scheduled on April 22, 2014 with Congressman Roskam. Sessions with Congresswoman Duckworth and Congressman Kirk will be scheduled in the future.

President Obama's FY15 budget request was released on March 4, and it includes restoration of ability to benefit. Dr. Sam and Chair Redmer are co-signing letters to our federal legislators requesting they ensure ability to benefit remains in the final FY15 budget.

5. New Business

A. Items of Professional Growth

1. Discussion of Meeting Reports

Chair Redmer stressed the importance of trustees submitting written reports on events and activities they participate in.

Trustee Duffy mentioned the report and presentation information he received at the Futures Assembly, specifically "Healthy Futures Starting in the Kitchen", a program that he feels would be beneficial for ECC to adopt. Dr. Sam indicated this information will be shared with our culinary arts department.

Other events mentioned included a fundraiser in St. Charles attended by Trustees MacKinney and Redmer and an event at Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Chamber attended by Chair Redmer. At the visiting chef dinner on March 4, Dr. Ollayos was seated with Hanover Park Mayor Craig, who appreciates our efforts in creating the Hanover Park Education and Work Center.

Student Trustee Molina Hoyos commented on the benefits he received meeting with individuals in the engineering field at the legislative summit in Washington DC. Chair Redmer and Dr. Sam praised Student Trustee Molina Hoyos for his excellent presence and the leadership he provided to other trustees at the legislative meetings.

Student Trustee Molina Hoyos has coordinated several open information sessions for prospective student trustees to meet with the board. The next session will take place on March 13, and a final session will be held on March 18. Trustees should contact Ms. Kerruish or Student Trustee Molina Hoyos if they are available to participate. Student Trustee Molina Hoyos also recommended an introduction session in April, after the election, to welcome the new student trustee. This would provide ECC students an opportunity to meet their new representative.

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2. *Review of Board Goals*

Chair Redmer reviewed trustees' goals, including scheduling meetings with local school districts and engagement in community events. Trustee MacKinney noted the success of the recent meet and greet with representatives from District 300, which was well received. Chair Redmer and Ms. Amenta were commended for their work in coordinating the event, which included a presentation by Student Trustee Molina Hoyos. A discussion was held regarding mileage reimbursement related to community events.

3. *ICCTA Lobby Day, April 30, 2014*

Trustees were reminded to let Ms. Kerruish know as soon as possible regarding participation in ICCTA Lobby Day. Ms. Amenta stated there are 17 state legislators ECC would like to contact. Three or four teams will be created; and Mr. Julian, Ms. Heinrich and Ms. Wagner may assist with the presentations to legislators.

4. *ACCT Leadership Conference, October 22-25, 2014*

Registration for the ACCT conference is now open. Trustees were reminded to let Ms. Kerruish know as soon as possible whether or not they will be attending.

5. *Discussion of Procedures in Electing Officers*

Per parliamentarian's responsibilities, a recommendation to discuss the election process for board officials was proposed as an item to be placed on next month's committee of the whole agenda for open discussion, followed by voting at the April board meeting. Chair Redmer and Trustees MacKinney and Duffy stated they will run for their positions again. Trustees wishing to submit other nominations should submit their requests to the President's office by April 1.

B. *President's Remarks*

Dr. Sam provided an update on the status of the ASPEN Award application, noting Dr. Garber will submit the paperwork this week.

C. *Chair's Remarks*

Chair Redmer reviewed upcoming events, including the meet and greet with Roskam scheduled on April 22, and the Principal for a Day Program on Friday April 4. Applications for this event will be provided at tomorrow's board meeting, and trustees must respond by March 14 regarding their participation in this event.

D. *Announcements*

Trustee Ollayos mentioned that Student Trustee Molina Hoyos will represent the ICCB Student Advisory Committee at the banquet during the ICCTA meeting on March 14 and 15. Trustees attending these meetings will also attend the ICCB-SAC Awards dinner.

E. *Issues for Next Month's Agenda*

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

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6. Recess to Closed Session

The board recessed at 4:18 p.m. and reconvened to closed session at 4:33 p.m., to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the college. . . pursuant to Chapter 5 of the *Illinois Compiled Statutes* Sections 120/2 (c) (1).

The Board reconvened to open session at 6:17 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Trustee MacKinney moved to adjourn the meeting.
Second: Trustee Ollayos seconded the motion.
Voice Vote: Motion passed by unanimous voice vote at 6:19 p.m.

John Duffy, MS Ed, Board Secretary

Diane Kerruish, Board Recorder