

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
MARCH 14, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of Community College District 509, Counties of Kane, Cook, DuPage, McHenry and DeKalb, State of Illinois, convened a regular meeting Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in Building E, Seigle Auditorium, at Spartan Drive Campus, Elgin Community College, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin, Illinois.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair MacKinney called the regular meeting to order at 5:40 p.m., indicated that a quorum was present, and asked the recorder to call roll.

Trustees present Mr. Duffy, Ms. Holmes, Ms. MacKinney, Mr. Meyer, Dr. Ollayos, Dr. Redmer, Mr. Saucedo and Student Trustee Mr. Gonzalez

Trustees absent: None

ECC staff and

others present: Dr. Sam, President; Ms. Konny, VP Ms. Heinrich, Interim VP and Ms. Kerruish, Recorder

2. Recess to Closed Session

The chair asked for a motion to recess immediately to closed session under the following exceptions to the *Illinois Open Meetings Act*:

A. To discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act

B. To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the college....

C. To discuss litigation, when an action...has been filed...or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent....

D. To consider collective negotiation matters...for one or more classes of employees...

all pursuant to Chapter 5 of the *Illinois Compiled Statutes* Sections 120/2 (c) (21, 1, 11 and 2 respectively).

Motion: Trustee Duffy moved to recess to closed session.

Second: Trustee Ollayos seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 7: Duffy, Holmes, MacKinney, Meyer, Ollayos, Redmer, Saucedo, nay, 0; Student Trustee Gonzalez, aye; motion carried at 5:41 p.m.

3. Reconvene Open Session

The board reconvened in open session at 6:37 p.m. in Seigle Auditorium (E125).

4. Preliminary Matters

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Ms. Webb, Student Trustee Gonzalez read the board purpose. Chair MacKinney then asked Ms. Kerruish to call roll.

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Roll Call

Trustees present: Mr. Duffy, Ms. Holmes, Ms. MacKinney, Mr. Meyer, Dr. Ollayos, Dr. Redmer, Mr. Saucedo and Student Trustee Mr. Gonzalez

Trustees absent: None

ECC staff and

Others present: Dr. Sam, president, Ms. Heinrich, Ms. Konny, Ms. Webb, Dr. Garber, Ms. Rakow, Ms. Ortega-Ehreth, Ms. Amenta, Ms. Bucek, Mr. Whitehead, Ms. Kerruish and Ms. Franck

5. President's Report

Dr. Sam's report included the following:

- ▶ Five ECC art students are finalists in the Skyway 2017 Art Competition. Their pieces will be on display March 6 through April 8 at Christopher Art Gallery, Prairie State College in Chicago Heights.
- ▶ The ECC Florence Palmer Literacy and Visual Arts Contest has concluded with twelve students' winning submissions to be seen in the upcoming edition of *SPIRE*, which will be available soon.
- ▶ The ECC Speech Team competed in the Illinois Intercollegiate Forensic Association's State Championship Tournament. ECC had students compete in each of the final round categories, including student Brianna Stevens, a State Champion in the Novice Division.
- ▶ Just prior to this meeting, we wished the basketball team luck, as they left for Minnesota.
- ▶ We are pleased to announce that the 2017-2018 ICCB Student Member is ECC's very own Student Government Senator, Brenden McGlenn! He will officially start his term on July 1, 2017.

Congratulations to these outstanding ECC students!

6. Board Reports (Representatives and Liaisons)

A. Finance Committee

Trustee Saucedo reviewed the agenda and summarized the meeting held March 13. Topics reviewed include abatements for 2016, department programs/business plans, budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and a small tuition increase recommendation, among other items. Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting will be available on ECC's website (elgin.edu) following approval.

B. Committee of the Whole Meeting

Trustee Holmes reviewed the agenda and summarized the meeting held March 13, noting there were two presentations, one on AARP Foundation's Back to Work 50+ Program, and another on Career Development Services. The March 14 meeting agenda was reviewed; and trustees discussed the cafeteria survey, board self-assessments, and professional growth items, as well as several other topics. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting will be available on ECC's website (elgin.edu) following approval.

C. Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA)

Trustee Duffy reviewed the ICCTA meeting held at Harper College on March 10, noting there was a great turnout. Chair MacKinney and Ms. Heinrich gave an excellent

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presentation on ECC's "Integrated Career and Academic Preparation System (ICAPS)" report, which was a Bellwether award finalist. Legislative bills were covered at the meeting, and it was noted that Bill 3326, which addresses open meetings requirements, states that all open meetings must include an audience participation item on the agenda.

D. Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT)

Trustee Ollayos initiated a call for presentations for the fall ACCT meeting. ECC may have a presentation for this event. ACCT has asked that we begin to look at award proposals we would like to consider submitting. Trustee Ollayos was unable to attend the legislative conference; therefore Trustee Duffy summarized the meetings held with representatives covering District 509, including both our senators and their staff. Student trustee Gonzalez stated he appreciated having the opportunity to meet with legislators who are interested in hearing students' concerns.

E. Legislative

Chair MacKinney reported the following items:

- ECC's last two Meet and Greet sessions for spring have been finalized. Senator Laura Murphy will be on campus Tuesday, April 11 at 3:30 p.m. Senator Dan McConchie is confirmed for Thursday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m. Once these meetings have occurred, ECC will have a 100% success rate in having state and federal elected officials from our district on campus for a Meet and Greet.
- Last week, Congressman Krishnamoorthi's office reported that the Congressman has joined the Community College Caucus. This came as a direct result of ECC's request when trustees met with him in Washington DC last month.

F. ECC Foundation

Trustee Redmer reported the following items:

- The Foundation has raised over \$550,000 to date and is currently 53% to their fundraising goal for the year. New notable gifts include: 1) a planned gift from Foundation Board member Dan Walter and his wife Cathy. With this gift, the Walters join the Spartan Legacy Society. When realized, their funding will support a scholarship for citizens enrolled in health profession disciplines, including EMT training; 2) \$11,000 gift from the ECC Faculty Association to grow their endowed scholarship- and provide support to the Spartan Food Bank; 3) \$10,000 gift from the Schmidgall Family Foundation to support the work of the Alliance for College Readiness.
- When the Foundation Board met on March 1, they approved a 4% spend rate from the endowment for the next academic year. As a result, a minimum of \$353,000 in funding will become available to support scholarship awards and designated programs.
- The Foundation Board welcomed Professor Clark Hallpike as the new faculty liaison.

7. Audience Wishing to Address the Board

There were no members of the audience wishing to address the board.

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8. Board Action No. 117-A-17, Acceptance of College Reports

- A. Personnel (January/February)
- B. Treasurer (December/January)
- C. Student (January)
College Reports Under Separate Cover
- D. Institutional Advancement and ECC Foundation (January/February)
- E. Community Engagement and Legislative Affairs (January/February)
- F. Grant Monitoring Report (as of December 31, 2016)

Chair MacKinney confirmed receipt, either attached or under separate cover, of the aforementioned written reports.

Motion: Trustee Ollayos moved to accept the college reports, as submitted.

Second: Trustee Holmes seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried.

9. Board Action No. 118-F-17, Resolution Authorizing the Abatement of a Portion of the Tax Levied for 2016 to Pay Debt Service on Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009B, and Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009C of Community College District No. 509, Counties of Kane, Cook, DuPage, McHenry and DeKalb and State of Illinois

Motion: Trustee Meyer moved to accept the resolution as presented.

Second: Trustee Saucedo seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried.

10. Consent Agenda Approval

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda:

10.C. Board Action No. 121-A-17, Minutes of Electoral Board Hearings, January 13 and 20, 2017

10.J. Board Action No. 128-F-17, Tuition for Fiscal Year 2018

10.M.2 Board Action No. 135-A-17, Faculty Exchange Authorization, Christina Marrocco

Chair MacKinney read the remaining Consent Agenda as presented:

10.A. Board Action No. 119-A-17, Closed Session Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 24, 2017

10.B. Board Action No. 120-A-17. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 24, 2017

10.D. Board Action No. 122-A-17, Closed Session Minutes of Special Board Meeting of February 22, 2017

10.E. Board Action No. 123-A-17, Minutes of Special Board Meeting of February 22, 2017

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- 10.E. Board Action No. 124-A-17, Minutes of Special Board Meeting of February 24, 2017**
- 10.G. Board Action No. 125-F-17, Ratification of Report of Expenses**
- 10.H. Board Action No. 126-F-17, Ratification of Board of Trustees Travel Expenses**
- 10.I. Board Action No. 127-A-17, Destruction of Audiotapes of Closed Session at Board Meeting of July 14, 2015**
- 10.K. Board Action No. 129-A-17, Resolution Authorizing the Illinois Community College Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Tuition Agreement**

PURCHASES

- 10.L1. Board Action No. 130-A -17, Consulting Services for the Elgin Community College Foundation**, authorizes the administration to increase the contract with Toni Harris from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for fiscal year 2017.
- 10.L.2 Board Action No. 131-B-17, Mechanical Maintenance Services**, authorizes the administration to procure mechanical services from National Heat and Power (Morton Grove, IL), the lowest responsive bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 annually. The bid was to procure services for three years with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods.
- 10.L.3. Board Action No. 132-T-17, Sale of Used Computer Equipment**, authorizes the administration to sell Elgin Community College used Hewlett Packard (HP) and Apple desktop and laptop computers, with peripheral equipment to Dynamic Recycling, dba Dynamic ITAD (Onalaska, WI), the highest responsive bidder, in the total amount of \$31,858.45.

PERSONNEL

- 10.M.1.a. Board Action No. 133-A -17, Sabbatical Leave for Summer 2017, Fabio Martinez**
- 10.M.1.b. Board Action No. 134-A-17, Sabbatical Leave for Fall 2017, Nancy Reid**
- 10.M.3.a. Board Action No. 136-A-17, Resolution of Appreciation, Retiree Susan Hall**
- 10.M.3.b. Board Action No. 137-A-17, Resolution of Appreciation, Retiree Pamela Saylor**

Motion: Trustee Ollayos moved to accept the consent agenda as presented.
Second: Trustee Redmer seconded the motion.
Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried

OTHER ACTIONS

- 10.C. Board Action No. 121-A -17, Minutes of Electoral Board Hearings**
This item was removed with no action necessary. The electoral board, when needed, is convened and defined under separate statute.

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10.J. Board Action No. Board Action No. 128-F-17, Tuition for Fiscal Year 2018,
recommends that the board adopts the following tuition rates effective Summer 2017:

District Resident, Work In-District,	
In-District Internet	\$129.00 per semester credit hour
Out-of-District Resident	\$434.49 per semester credit hour
Out-of-District Internet	\$260.00 per semester credit hour
Out-of-State & International Resident	\$497.79 per semester credit hour
Out-of-State & International Internet	\$310.00 per semester credit hour

Motion: Trustee Holmes moved to accept the agenda item as presented.

Second: Trustee Ollayos seconded the motion.

Student Trustee Diego Gonazalez stated he does not support the increase due to the impact it may have on many students. Dr. Sam pointed out that the college has tried to keep tuition increases to a minimum; and this increase will barely maintain the current status due to the situation with the state of Illinois, which has caused us to cut approximately \$5,000,000 from the budget. Trustee Meyer stated that, although he shares the sentiment of Mr. Gonzalez, the college has three principal funding sources and we are restricted in the area of property tax. Salary/benefits is the largest segment of the budget. Trustee Meyer stated his concern with students being misinformed of fair treatment by employee groups. He further stated the board would like to keep tuition low.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, nay; motion carried

10.M.2. Board Action No. 135-A-17, Faculty Exchange Authorization, authorizes the assignment of Dr. Christina Marrocco, assistant professor II of English, to the Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs (ICISP) visiting faculty program at Carlow College in Carlow, Ireland for the spring semester 2018.

Motion: Trustee Duffy moved to accept the agenda item as presented.

Second: Trustee Ollayos seconded the motion.

Trustee Meyer commented that he had requested further explanation on the faculty "exchange" in this situation, and it was clarified we are not actually getting an exchange. In the future he would like to see this type of action item submitted to the board for approval as a sabbatical. He also stated that since we have capped the number of sabbaticals being given, we should not have "exchanges" submitted in conjunction with them. Trustee Ollayos mentioned that in the past, the other faculty member involved in the exchange may have come to ECC the following year, or later. She asked Dr. Sam to look into this situation further. Trustee Duffy indicated a better explanation and additional details should be included in the board book.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried

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11. Other Possible Action Subsequent to Discussion in Closed Session

No action was taken.

12. Old Business

No old business was brought forward.

13. New Business

Trustee Ollayos recommended that trustees attend the Women's History Month Brunch on Saturday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the Building E Dining Room.

Adjournment

Chair MacKinney adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.



John Duffy, MS Ed, Board Secretary



Diane Kerruish, Board Recorder