COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES  
OCTOBER 9, 2017

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, October 9, 2017, 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 Meyer called the meeting to order at 3:53 p.m. and asked Ms. Kerruish to call roll.

*Trustees present:* Mr. Duffy, Ms. Holmes, Ms. McCreary, Mr. Meyer, Dr. Olayos, Ms. Rakow and Dr. Redmer

*Trustees absent:* Student Trustee Mr. Jones

*ECC Staff and* 
Dr. Sam, Ms. Konny, Ms. Heinrich, Dr. McClure, Ms. Lucca, Ms. Bucel, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Meisinger, Ms. Hobson, Ms. Hauca, Dr. Garber, Dr. Hu, Ms. Larkin, Ms. Cook, Ms. Wagner, Ms. Walker, Mr. Battista, Mr. McCoy, Ms. Kerruish and Ms. Franck

2. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Sam.

As a point of personal interest, Trustee Duffy provided a list of items most needed by the Spartan Food Pantry. He also recommended College events coming up on December 2: Commentator John Williams will conduct two interviews in the Blizzard Theatre.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Committee of the Whole, September 11, 2017
Chair Meyer requested approval of the minutes of September 11, 2017.

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

*Second:* Trustee Rakow seconded the motion.

*Vote:* All aye by voice vote; motion passed.

4. Presentations
A. Hanover Park Education and Work Center (EWC)
Rebecca Walker, senior director of the Education and Work Center (EWC), provided an update on the status of the EWC, then introduced Hanover Park Mayor Rod Craig, who expressed his appreciation to the board for hearing his request to provide a pathway for people in need of the resources provided by the Work Center. He stated the environment is changing and opportunities are being provided to many in the district. Ms. Walker introduced two former students of the EWC, Mario Meza and Kristin Burger, who highlighted their experiences and achievements while attending the EWC. Dr. Sam added an update on the status of Harper College’s involvement as a full partner of the EWC. Trustee Olayos expressed her appreciation to the presentation speakers.
5. Review Board Actions on the October 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Agenda
   A. Purchases
      1. Training Equipment for Industrial Maintenance (IST) Program
         There were no questions or comments on this purchase.
   B. Any Other Agenda Items
      There were no questions or comments by the board on other agenda items. Dr. Sam commented on Board Action No. 046-F-18, ECC Five-Year Strategic Plan, 2018 through 2022. He noted that after receiving additional input, the shared values will be reviewed further, and the action will be modified to request approval of the remainder of the proposed strategic plan.

   The board recessed at 4:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4:20 p.m.

6. Old Business
   There was no old business discussed.

7. New Business
   A. Items of Professional Growth
      1. ACCT Leadership Congress Summary
         The ACCT Leadership Congress held in Las Vegas September 23 through 28 was summarized. Trustee Olayos commented on the success of the event. Trustee Holmes represented the board as the voting delegate; and the election results were reviewed. The College’s AARP presentation led by Ms. Soderquist was highlighted; and Trustee Olayos went over the sessions she attended. Trustee Duffy stated he will provide a report to the board on the sessions he participated in. Dr. Sam commented on the analytics session, which covered reasons students drop out, noting several reasons have nothing to do with the college. Food insecurity and homelessness are becoming higher on the list. A discussion about this issue, including potential grants, support agencies, human services clubs, etc. followed; and Dr. Sam indicated we may look further into services that ECC could potentially provide to students.
      2. ICCTA Meeting, November 10-11, 2017, Lisle, IL
         Trustees Olayos, Meyer, McCreary, Redmer and Holmes confirmed they will attend the ICCTA meetings in November.
      3. Upcoming Community Engagement Events
         Ms. Franck announced upcoming events. Trustee McCreary noted she will attend the Bartlett Chamber event on November 8.
   B. President’s Remarks
      • Dr. Sam announced that ECC has been named as an Aspen 150 College for 2019, and we are eligible for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. Achieving this eligibility is recognition of the College’s commitment to student success. As part of the finalist selection process, we will now compile the data required for consideration.
C. Chair’s Remarks
   › Chair Meyer noted the Pledge of Allegiance was added on the Committee of the Whole meeting agenda for this meeting; and he would like it to be included on all Committee of the Whole meeting agendas going forward.
   › Information on the U46 Principal for a Day event was distributed. Trustees were reminded to submit their responses by October 27 if they are interested in participating in this event, which will be held in December.

D. Announcements
   › Trustee Duffy and Dr. Sam recently visited the new principal of Larkin High School, Jamie Crosen. Mr. Crosen is a graduate of a south suburban community college; and after meeting with Mr. Duffy and Dr. Sam, he is informed on the many services offered at ECC.
   › An email received from the American Association of Community Colleges encourages colleges to express support of DACA participants. It was noted that community colleges have a disproportionate number of DACA students. Concerns have been expressed regarding a DACA program scheduled to be held on campus Friday, October 13; and the extent of advocating for the program was discussed. The board supports the need for Congress to come to a resolution on the DACA issue and also encourages students to explore all opportunities available to them.
   › Trustees were asked to let the president’s office know whether or not they would like to participate in the February, 2018 Lobby Day event in Washington, D.C., by the November board meeting. A board action on this event will be included on the December meeting agenda.
   › The November Committee of the Whole meeting will be expanded, to begin at 2:00 p.m., in order to allow time to discuss potential budget considerations.
   › Trustee Rakow thanked the board for supporting the Foundation’s campaign, noting 100% participation has been achieved.
   › Trustees were reminded to bring donations for the Spartan Food Pantry to the November Committee of the Whole meeting.

E. Issues for Next Month’s Agenda
   Trustee Ollayos is looking into a training program dealing with student issues, including mental health. She spoke with Rise Jones and a representative from the Ecker Center, who are trained to work with a variety of student matters. Trustee Ollayos indicated she will follow up in the near future with additional information regarding the possibility of implementing a program at the College. ECC’s Wellness Services staff may also provide a presentation to the Board outlining the areas of assistance currently being offered at the College.

8. Audience Wishing to Address the Board
   There were no audience members wishing to address the board.

Adjournment
   Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.