

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 525
JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE

1.0 Call to Order The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College Illinois Community College District #525 held at, Joliet Junior College, 1215 Houbolt Road, Board Room, Joliet, IL was called to order by Chairman Wunderlich at 5:36 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

1.0.1 Roll Call Trustees Maureen Broderick Nancy Garcia (arrived 5:38 p.m.)
Present: Jake Mahalik Alicia Morales
 Dan O’Connell Mike O’Connell
 Bob Wunderlich

Student
Trustee Present: Shalma Marin

Welcome Chairman Wunderlich welcomed the guests to the Joliet Junior College regular monthly Board meeting. Chairman Wunderlich commented that the 911 ceremony that the college held this morning was very emotional and extremely well done. Let us never forget that day and those that lost their lives and our many heroes who battled tirelessly to save lives.

Pledge Mr. Galick led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.0.5 Public Comments Chairman Wunderlich indicated that we do not have any requests to speak before the Board this evening.

1.1.1 TIF Agreement Extension President Mitchell invited Mr. Rob Galick to the podium to discuss the request by the city of Joliet to extend the TIF agreement in downtown Joliet. This amendment would extend the life of the current TIF agreement, which will expire in 2023 and was started in 2000. The extension request is for 12 years and would take the agreement to 2035. The city of Joliet has indicated that they are requesting this extension because of the economic downturn from 2008 – 2015. This downturn caused the real estate market to take a hit, the EAV’s dropped, and that impaired their ability to gain funding to do infrastructure projects. There were 10 redevelopment projects completed; however, there are nine projects remaining that the city of Joliet will not be able to complete by 2023. In the year 2023 when the TIF is set to expire, the EAV increment is estimated to be \$3.3 million. If the TIF were to expire, that would create an additional \$10,000 in property taxes for Joliet Junior College and if there is a TIF extension, we would be foregoing that amount for an additional 12 years. Chairman Wunderlich commented that the economic impact on Joliet Junior College would be \$10,000 a year. Mr. Galick indicated that was correct. Trustee Morales stated that it would be \$10,000 a year for a 12-year period. Mr. Galick stated that would be the estimated amount but it could increase if the EAV grows each year over the 12-year period. Trustee Morales indicated that is \$120,000 over the 12-year period and

asked what the dollar amount is for the current taxes under the existing TIF agreement. Mr. Galick stated that current amount that JJC is foregoing is \$8,000, but by the time it expires it will grow to \$10,000. Mr. Galick indicated that in order for the TIF agreement extension to be granted, all taxing bodies that would be impacted must support the request. Chairman Wunderlich commented that it must be unanimous. Mr. Galick indicated that was correct and if one taxing body does not agree to the extension request, it will not be granted. Trustee Mahalik indicated that the idea behind a TIF agreement is that you will be attracting businesses to the city of Joliet which will be new property to add to the EAV's. Mr. Galick stated that TIF's came about to support blighted districts or an area that has seen very little economic growth. By creating these infrastructure projects, you are attracting new businesses and while foregoing a little money today, you will see additional EAV's down the road. Trustee Mahalik asked if the college would receive the dollars for the increased EAV's while the TIF was in place. Mr. Galick indicated that the monies are abated and we would not see the increase until the TIF expires. Chairman Wunderlich asked if there was a map available showing the areas that are in the TIF agreement. Mr. Galick indicated that he does have the map and passed it around the table to the Board members. The area is located downtown and is adjacent to our city center campus. Trustee Morales asked how many years the current TIF agreement has been in place. Mr. Galick commented that it started in the year 2000 and by law a TIF has to be for a term of 23 years and they are currently asking for an extension of 12 years. Mr. Galick reviewed the map of the areas included in the TIF agreement. Trustee Mahalik asked if this was property that was vacant at the current time. Mr. Galick commented that it was vacant or underutilized. Trustee Mahalik indicated that he is in favor of TIF's because it draws in business and after the TIF agreement expires the college would reap the increase in EAV's for property taxes. Attorney Buck indicated that the city of Joliet would receive the increase in property taxes immediately for use to increase infrastructures to improve the depressed areas. Trustee Morales stated that we have to look at what they are doing to attract businesses. Currently they have the SSA and have hiked taxes for businesses downtown, including the Collins Street and Cass Street corridors. Trustee Morales stated that this is an example of how it should help, but it did not help those mentioned areas and further, how does this help JJC. We will be voting on this next month at the Board meeting.

- 1.2 Moment of Silence A moment of silence was observed for members of the College family, students, community leaders, or relatives thereof, who had passed away since the last meeting, including the victims of the 911 tragedy.
- 1.3 Special Guests Chairman Wunderlich indicated that all present are special guests.
- 1.4.1 Disability Employment Awareness Month Dr. Mitchell indicated that this evening we have a student present to read the Disability Employment Awareness Month proclamation, Ms. Maeve Bauer. Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik that the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College approve the proclamation designating October, 2019 as Disability Employment Awareness month in Illinois Community College District 525. The motion carried unanimously. Broderick, Garcia, Mahalik, Morales, Mike O'Connell, Dan O'Connell and Wunderlich. Student Trustee Marin favored the motion.
- 1.4.2 Retiree Gehrke Chairman Wunderlich read the resolution honoring Retiree Shirley Gehrke, professor emeritus status, acknowledging her loyal and dedicated service to Joliet Junior College for over 43 years of service from 1976 to 2019. Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik that the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College approve the resolution honoring Retiree Ms. Shirley Gehrke. The motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Broderick, Garcia, Mahalik, Morales, Dan O'Connell, Mike O'Connell and Wunderlich. Student Trustee Marin favored the motion.

- 1.4.3 Retiree Vasil Trustee Broderick read the resolution honoring retiree Mr. Ed Vasil for his loyal and dedicated service to Joliet Junior College for 15 years of service from 2004 to 2019. Mr. Vasil indicated receiving the recognition of retirement is like receiving the Stanley Cup. He thanked everyone in the room and those who are not present for everything that they have done to support safety here at Joliet Junior College and to personally support him throughout his career. He asked that the support continue for his replacement, John Lukancic, in the years to come. Trustee Mahalik moved, seconded by Trustee Garcia that the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College approve the resolution honoring retiree Mr. Ed Vasil. The motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Mahalik, Morales, Dan O'Connell, Mike O'Connell, Broderick, Garcia and Wunderlich. Student Trustee Marin favored the motion.
- 1.4.4 Retiree DeLorenti President Mitchell read the resolution honoring Ms. Patricia DeLorenti for her loyal and dedicated service to Joliet Junior College for 8 years of service from 2011 to 2019. Trustee Dan O'Connell moved seconded by Trustee Mahalik that the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College approve the resolution honoring Retiree Ms. Patricia DeLorenti. The motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Dan O'Connell, Mike O'Connell, Broderick, Garcia, Mahalik, Morales and Wunderlich. Student Trustee favored the motion.
- 1.4.5 Faculty Union Report Dr. Bob Marcink, President of the Faculty Union, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak this evening. Dr. Marcink thanked Ms. Gehrke for her service to the College for 43 years. He also recognized Patricia DeLorenti for her service. Dr. Marcink indicated that he enjoyed working with Mr. Ed Vasil and for his guidance when needed. Mr. Vasil has been a joy to work with and he will be missed. Dr. Marcink thanked Human Resources for working with Faculty to put together a workshop this past weekend for our Adjunct Faculty. This workshop was focused on preparing our Adjunct Faculty for full time employment either here or at another college and the role of a full time Faculty member. The workshop was well received and attended, with approximately 50 individuals present. Dr. Marcink commented that he was teaching at the time of the 911 ceremony, but heard that it was very moving. He thanked Chief Comanda and Ed Vasil for doing such an outstanding job every year bringing this event together and we shall never forget that tragic event and the lives lost.
- 1.4.6 Adjunct Faculty Union Report Ms. Laurel Dieskow indicated that she would like to introduce the Vice President of the Adjunct Faculty Union, Gary Schirmer. Mr. Schirmer has been teaching as an adjunct in the Fine Arts department for 16 years. He was one of the founding members of the Adjunct Union. Ms. Dieskow distributed flyers from the workshop that was held this past weekend. The workshop focused on adjunct faculty that are looking to become full time faculty. Many of our adjunct faculty would prefer full time employment rather than teaching part time at JJC and other colleges. The discussion centered on helping adjuncts prepare better for the interview process for a full-time position. Ms. Dieskow thanked Dr. Marcink and Michelle Meyer who does an awesome job on adjunct seminars, as well as administration for putting together this workshop. Ms. Dieskow stated that the workshop was very well attended and there were many adjuncts that could not make it because of conflicts. The workshop was very informative and was presented very well. Everyone came away from the workshop with very good information and the hopes are that we will have other seminars of this nature in the near future. Trustee Morales commented that she has been contacted by several adjuncts that say they apply for full time faculty positions but do not get the position. Trustee Morales indicated that she does not want to see the focus only on what the adjunct is doing to present themselves better on the one interview because if adjuncts have been with the college for years we know that they are doing a good job or we would not be rehiring them year after year. Trustee Morales asked if we are pulling from our pool of adjuncts or are we going outside and would like to see us consider our internal candidates first for the full-time positions as upward mobility at JJC. Ms. Dieskow

commented that she agrees, but one of the things pointed out at the workshop was the difference between the outside person and the inside person in presentation and approach. Many times the internal candidate knows the college and may have a more casual approach during the interview process. We also talked about the difference between adjunct faculty and full-time faculty responsibilities and expectations. Trustee Morales indicated that qualified candidates should be considered and we want to make sure that we do not have the perception of favoritism; however, she would like to see the college give the opportunity to adjunct faculty that are vested in the college and have received good reviews year after year.

1.5.1 Minutes Trustee Mike O’Connell moved, seconded by Trustee Dan O’Connell that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on August 13, 2019 be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Mike O’Connell, Broderick, Garcia, Mahalik, Morales, Dan O’Connell and Wunderlich. Student Trustee Marin favored the motion.

1.6 Communications Ms. Tierney stated that she had not received any further communications.

1.7 Agenda Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Mike O’Connell that the revised agenda be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Broderick, Garcia, Mahalik, Morales, Dan O’Connell, Mike O’Connell and Wunderlich. Student Trustee Marin favored the motion.

1.8 Consent Agenda Trustee Dan O’Connell moved, seconded by Trustee Mike O’Connell that the items identified as consent agenda items be approved.

- 2.1.1 President recommends appointment of director, risk management
- 2.1.2 President recommends appointment of dean, academic excellence and support
- 2.2.1 President recommends the acceptance of the retirement of one full-time professor
- 2.4.1 President recommends approval of the July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2023 collective bargaining agreement with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council
- 2.4.2 President recommends approval of the July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2023 collective bargaining agreement with Service Employees International Union Fireman and Oilers Division, Local 1, representing Facility Services and Receiving Employees
- 2.6.1 President recommends approval of the June 30, 2019 – June 29, 2023 collective bargaining agreement with Service Employees International Union Fireman and Oilers Division, Local 1, representing Food Services Employees
- 2.9.1 President requests acceptance of the report on replacement of full- and part-time classified employees, as presented
- 4.1 The President recommends approval to pay the listing of bills for the period ending August 31, 2019 as presented
- 4.2 The President recommends approval to award bids/contracts as follows under Business Services:
 - 4.2.1 Consortium-Camera Replacement
 - 4.2.2 Consortium-Keyless Entry Phase XI
 - 4.2.3 Contractual Service-SMHEC/E-Quantum Consulting, LLC
 - 4.2.4 Contractual Service-Campus Cast
 - 4.2.5 RFP-Financial Advisor Services
 - 4.2.6 Sole Source-CARLI
 - 4.2.7 Sole Source-ExamSoft
 - 4.2.8 Sole Source-Gaumard
- 4.3 Treasurer’s Report
- 4.4 Financial Report
- 4.5 Board of Trustees Approval of Protection Health & Safety Project – B-Building

Roof Replacement

- 8.12 Approval and Third Reading Board Policy 1.10.02 Officers of the Board
- 8.13 Approval and Third Reading Board Policy 1.45.01 Agenda Preparation
- 8.14 Approval and Third Reading Board Policy 1.62.00 President Selection
- 8.15 Approval and Third Reading Board Policy 2.01.18 Workplace Civility (modification # 2.01.16)
- 8.16 Approval and Third Reading Board Policy 2.04.15 Compensation-Non-Union Exempt and Non-Exempt
- 8.17 Approval and Third Reading Board Policy 4.01.00 Accreditation
- 8.18 Approval and Third Reading Board Policy 9.01.00 Use of Facilities (modification # 9.10)
- 8.19 Approval and Third Reading Board Policy 13.01.02 Consultant Services
- 8.20 Approval and Third Reading Board Policy 13.04.00 Sale-Disposal of College Property
- 8.21 Approval of 2020 – 2023 Strategic Plan

The motion carried. Ayes: Dan O’Connell, Mike O’Connell, Broderick, Garcia, Mahalik, Morales and Wunderlich. Nays: Morales. Student Trustee Marin favored the motion.

6.0 Board Business No comments.

7. & 8. There were first and second board policy readings in the packet.

9.1 Foundation Report Trustee Garcia indicated that she attended the Foundation’s \$25million Celebration Dinner at the Golf Club. It was an excellent way to see the accomplishments over the last few years. Trustee Garcia indicated that she is looking forward to her first meeting with Foundation Board which will be on next Wednesday, September 18th and will have updates for the Board next month.

9.2 ICCTA Reports Trustee Broderick indicated that the ICCTA monthly meeting is on September 13, 14, and 15th in Springfield and all are welcome to attend. If any of the Board members have any concerns that they would like to see discussed at the ICCTA roundtable event, please email them to Trustee Broderick. The National Convention is October 16-19th and Southwest has a low fare offer which is expiring tomorrow. If any of our Trustees would like to be an ambassador at this conference please let Trustee Broderick know. There will be a survey distributed to each board member on how ICCTA is doing. ACCT requested that information be sent to them on initiatives that JJC is doing and Trustee Broderick indicated that she submitted the 3 + 1 initiative, the legalization of marijuana and the Minimum wage increase to \$15 per hour.

9.3 Student Trustee Report Student Trustee Marin indicated that she would like to share the following report this evening: Welcome week daily student activities; first year student lunch bunch event on August 28th; Mainstreet event September 4 and 5; and even though Student Trustee Marin was unable to attend the 911 ceremony this morning, she understands it was beautiful and is something that we will always remember and never forget. We should always honor those who lost their lives and those that risk their lives for us every day.

9.4 Buildings & Grounds Trustee Mahalik indicated that the committee met before the meeting tonight. This evening we approved the camera replacements throughout the college which were budgeted for \$175,000 but came in at \$160,000. The keyless entry was budgeted at

Report \$500,000, but also came in below budget with a bid for \$450,000. We discussed the air handler project and there will be a new sculpture at J building which was approved by the state in 2009 that will be installed tomorrow.

9.5 President's Report President Mitchell indicated that she would like to thank Chief Comanda and Ed Vasil for the outstanding 911 ceremony this morning. It was another heartfelt tribute to all of those affected by this horrific tragedy. Mr. Vasil indicated that he would like to recognize Ms. Pam Dilday for all of the behind the scenes work that she did to make this 911 event such a success.

Joliet Junior College also wishes to recognize the adult education staff, faculty, and students for their dedication and desire to enrich the communities served, and to promote the vision and mission of the college in encouraging all students to obtain postsecondary education and/or career preparation. In appreciation and in recognition for all, we acknowledge and recognize the week of September 23 – 29, 2019 as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week.

On August 20, JJC was fortunate to have Congresswoman Lauren Underwood visit our campus. Although only one hour, Kelly Rohder-Tonelli and I focused the tour on the great work we are doing in the TRIO Center, led by D'Andrea Butler, Veteran's Center, led by Cheryl Hlavac, and she had an opportunity to experience our Virtual Reality (VR) labs hosted by Dr.'s Amy Gray, Mary Beth Luna and Kathy Wolz. The congresswoman was extremely impressed by the great work we are doing at JJC to support our students, and gathered information to take with her as she continues to advocate for our students.

Just yesterday we were visited by Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton. She was visiting various areas in Will County, one being our City Center Campus. Her tour consisted of our culinary arts labs, thank you to all of our chef's for participating, Adult Education, led by Mandy Dwyer (ESL focus), Libby Budd (adult ed focus), and workforce development led by Keri Peter. Additionally, several students had an opportunity to share their success stories with the Lt. Governor as well. She was pleased with her visit and promised to come back to JJC and continue with additional site visits. She would like to come to the culinary arts Fall Feast.

Proposed State Legislator Thank you Event - We would like to host a thank you event for our state legislators for their continuous support in light of the recent capital bill passing and the \$19.8 million allocated for JJC. Please check your calendars; we are looking at either Oct. 21 or 22 between 4:30 and 6 p.m. at the City Center Campus.

As you know, college employees receive a biweekly newsletter with campus updates, employee accomplishments, and news. When each newsletter comes out, I forward it to the board members so they can stay up to date with the latest news from the college. In every issue, the communications team includes a trivia question relating to college history. The first person to respond to the question correctly wins a small prize. For the first time, we had a board member respond with the correct answer, and that board member is our own Chairman Bob Wunderlich. Chairman Wunderlich correctly answered the question: What former JJC president went on to become the president at the College of DuPage? The answer is Harold McAninch. So, we want to present you with your prize-very nice JJC pens. Use them with pride.

9.6 Chairman's Report Chairman Wunderlich indicated that he would like to thank Ed Vasil, Pam Dilday and Chief Comanda for the phenomenal 911 presentation this morning. However, he is a bit distraught that Chief Comanda announced his retirement at that event. Chairman Wunderlich thanked the JJC Foundation for all that they do for the college and the

students. The \$25 million celebration event was very nice and well attended. Chairman Wunderlich asked Ms. Mulvey if this was her anniversary with the college. Ms. Mulvey commented that she was supposed to start in September, 18 years ago; however, there was not a quorum for that board meeting, so she had to wait until the October Board meeting for approval. Her 18-year anniversary will be on October 9th.

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Adjourn

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Garcia for the meeting to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. A voice vote was taken and carried unanimously. Student Trustee Marin favored the motion.