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

1.0 Call to Order

The special 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 6:43 p.m.

on January 29, 2020

1.0.1 Roll Call Trustees Maureen Broderick Present: Jake Mahalik Nancy Garcia Guillen Bob Wunderlich

Student Shalma Marin

Trustee Present:

Trustees Alicia Morales Absent: Dan O'Connell

Welcome

Chairman Wunderlich requested that Dr. Fletcher lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance this evening.

Public Comments

There were no requests to speak before the Board this evening.

Faculty Termination President Mitchell indicated that the Board received confidential information in their packets concerning the termination of a faculty member. Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik that the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College approve the recommended termination of faculty member. The motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Broderick, Mahalik, Garcia Guillen and Wunderlich. Student Trustee Marin favored the motion.

Board Comments Chairman Wunderlich indicated that he would like to share the following with our campus community about some articles that were in the *Herald News* a few weeks ago.

I'd like to say I care very much about this college and more importantly, the people who work here and our students. The seriousness of what I said and how it was negatively interpreted by many is something that I am aware of now. If those comments have made anyone feel less than the valued members of this community they are not, that was not my intent and I apologize. I am sorry for those statements that were taken out of context.

I need to clarify some information included in that story and quoted by me. It's important you know that I was aware of this situation as it unfolded, contrary to what the story says. I also want to say that as the board chair, I had a role in these conversations and the final outcome of this situation. My role as the chair requires this at times, and I believe it is important that it is made clear here tonight.

I do not want anyone to feel unsafe or unsupported because of the comments that were attributed to me in the article.

Know that I am here with the best of intentions for Joliet Junior College, the same intentions I've had when I started here 43 years ago. With that, thank you for being here.

Adjourn

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik for the meeting to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. A voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.