

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

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College, Illinois Community College District #525, held in the Board Room at Joliet Junior College, 1215 Houbolt Road, Joliet, IL was called to order by Chairman Budzinski at 5:32 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

Trustees Present: Maureen Broderick (virtual), Jim Budzinski, Nancy Garcia Guillen, Diane Harris, Michelle Lee (arrived 5:38 p.m.), Alicia Morales, Joshua Stamborski, and Student Trustee Ryan Queeney.

Dr. Karl Brooks led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.2 Communications**

Kelly Rohder-Tonelli, Executive Director of Strategic Engagement, introduced Anna Raimondi from Strand & Associates who has partnered with JJC's on their annual food drive for students as well as supporting the JJC CAD drafting program.

**1.3.1 African American History Month Proclamation**

JJC student Amari Davis read the proclamation.

Trustee Harris moved, seconded by Trustee Morales, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to approve the proclamation. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

**1.3.2 Career and Technical Education Month Proclamation**

JJC student Diego Figueroa Macias read the proclamation.

Trustee Harris moved, seconded by Trustee Stamborski, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to approve the proclamation. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

**1.4 Retirement Recognition**

Dr. Amy Gray, Vice President, Academic Affairs, read the retirement recognition for Rosie Holloman. Rosie Holloman then thanked the Board for allowing her to be a part of the JJC family.

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Stamborski, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to approve the recognition. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

Dr. Amy Gray, Vice President, Academic Affairs, read the retirement recognition for Kathleen McCollum.

Student Trustee Queeney moved, seconded by Trustee Stamborski, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to approve the recognition. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

Karen Kissel, Vice President Finance & Administrative Services, read the retirement recognitions for Michael Riola.

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to approve the recognition. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

### **1.5 Public Comments**

There was one public comment:

Luke Galloway, a JJC student, addressed the Board regarding the relationship between the students and school administration. Luke stated he wanted the Board to think about, on the whole, that student advocacy is a very simple proposition that everyone can agree upon without sacrificing their personal beliefs. Luke also asked the Board to publicly pledge their support for JJC students.

### **1.6 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.

### **5.1 Student Trustee Report**

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Stamborski, to amend the agenda to move the Student Trustee Report from agenda item 5.1 to the first report of agenda item 1.7 reports.

AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Lee, Morales and Stamborski. Student Trustee Queeney favored the motion. The motion carried.

Student Trustee Queeney gave their report welcoming the students back to classes and they referenced the welcome week activities. Ryan then highlighted upcoming campus & community events. They also gave a brief update on their Student Trustee project – community college baccalaureate degrees.

#### **1.7.1 ERP Optimization and Modernization Update**

Dr. Farmer gave the presentation including reviewing the past ERP optimization & modernization action dates. She recapped the four guiding project goals including 1) transparency & communication; 2) to honor employee's voices; 3) leveraging talent and 4) facing challenges with confidence. The restart is complete and JJC is moving forward with the optimization and modernization highlighting the key implementation focus areas. The revised go-live date is now December 2025. The project highlights include: ensuring success, responding to challenges, supporting alignment and targeting success. Dr. Farmer also reviewed the project roadmap and budget planning.

#### **1.7.2 Faculty Union Report**

Professor Curt Ward gave the faculty union report saying he is now officially the Faculty Union President. He acknowledged the 18 years of service of Dr. Marcink as the Faculty Union President. He then wished the students a great spring semester.

### **1.7.3 Adjunct Faculty Union Report**

Dr. Barbara Will-Henn gave the report saying they welcomed new adjunct faculty members last week. She said the union has just begun their negotiations with JJC and it has been a wonderful start.

### **1.7.4 JJC Foundation Report**

Kristi Mulvey, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, gave the report highlighting that Chris Brown, the mayor of Morris, is now the new JJC Foundation President. Scholarships are currently being put on students accounts for this semester. The Foundation has awarded over one million dollars to JJC students this academic year. The JJC sock sale starts in February. Annual giving is currently at 2.7 million which is a 1.8 million increase over last year. Kristi then thanked her team and Dr. Namuo for all their support.

### **1.7.5 Building and Grounds Committee Report**

Trustee Stamborski recapped the facility services projects update including closeout projects, in design projects, in construction projects and project bids. He said the Mental Health & Wellness Center space should be completed next month. The total cost of the project was \$1.2 million with 55% being covered by a grant. Josh is very proud that this space has come to fruition as he advocated for this as his student trustee project.

### **1.7.6 Board Policy Committee Report**

Trustee Garcia Guillen recapped the first and second reads that were on the agenda.

### **1.7.7 Finance Committee Report**

No report was given.

### **1.7.8 President's Report**

Dr. Namuo gave his report acknowledging the success of Trustee Stamborski's involvement with the mental health space and Kristi Mulvey's role in the JJC Foundation and said he is grateful to be JJC's President. He then recapped the spring 2025 Convocation which featured Cyber Clyne. His report also highlighted enrollment data for the spring semester. He congratulated Dr. Farmer on the education award she received for her many years of service that was given to her by the National Hookup of Black Women at their annual Founder's Day event. Dr. Namuo attended events around the district including the Morris Hospital/YMCA event, Fosterpalooza, meeting with WGN radio JJC alumni John Williams and the St. Joe's hospital holiday event. The employee spotlight highlighted the office of institutional advancement, the JJC campus police department and the payroll department. He also requested a moment of silence for Storm (dog), who was a beloved member of the JJC police department.

### **1.8 Closed Session #1**

Trustee Stamborski moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to move to a closed session at 7:00 p.m. for the reasons of 2(c)1 & 2(c)21.

AYES: Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Lee, Morales and Stamborski. Student Trustee Queeney favored the motion. The motion carried.

### **1.9 Return to Public Session**

Trustee Harris moved, seconded by Trustee Stamborski, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to return to public session at 7:50 p.m.

AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Lee, Morales and Stamborski. Student Trustee Queeney favored the motion. The motion carried.

### **1.10.1 Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on December 11, 2024**

Trustee Stamborski moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, for the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2024 to be approved as submitted.

AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Morales & Stamborski. ABSTAN: Lee. Student Trustee Queeney favored the motion. The motion carried.

### **1.10.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session Meetings held on 4/5/23, 8/16/23, 8/23/23, 9/13/23, 10/18/23, 11/13/23, 11/15/23, 12/13/23, 1/17/24, 1/31/24, 2/14/24, 3/27/24, 4/10/24, 5/15/24, 5/22/24, 6/26/24 & 7/17/24 and Destruction of the Verbatim Record of the Closed Session Meetings Held on 2/1/23, 2/15/23, 3/15/23, 4/5/23, 4/12/23, 5/10/23, 6/14/23 and to Find that the Need for Confidentiality Exists for All Remaining Closed Session Minutes.**

Trustee Harris moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, to revise the agenda item to: Approval and Release of the Minutes of the Closed Session Meetings held on 8/16/23, 8/23/23, 9/13/23, 10/18/23, 11/13/23, 11/15/23, 12/13/23, 1/31/24, 2/14/24, 3/27/24, 4/10/24, 5/22/24, 6/26/24 & 7/17/24 and Destruction of the Verbatim Record of the Closed Session Meetings Held on 2/1/23, 2/15/23, 3/15/23, 4/12/23, 5/10/23, 6/14/23 and to Find that the Need for Confidentiality Exists for All Remaining Closed Session Minutes.

AYES: Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Morales & Stamborski. ABSTAN: Broderick & Lee. Student Trustee Queeney favored the motion. The motion carried.

### **1.11 Approval of Agenda**

Student Trustee Queeney moved, seconded by Trustee Garcia Guillen, for the agenda to be approved as submitted. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

### **1.12 Approval of Consent Agenda as Presented**

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, for the items identified on the consent agenda to be approved as presented. Trustee Broderick pulled agenda items 3.1 & 3.2.1. Trustee Lee pulled agenda item 4.2.1.

AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Lee, Morales & Stamborski. Student Trustee Queeney favored the motion. The motion carried.

- 2.1.1 Recommending Approval of Retirement as Requested by One Faculty Member
- 2.2.1 Classified Staff Report Includes New Hires, Replacements and Separations
- 3.2.2 Sole Source: Accessibility Software
- 3.2.3 Sole Source: Cloud Connect for Learning
- 3.2.4 Sole Source: Enterprise Document Management
- 3.3 Treasurer's Report
- 3.4 Financial Report
- 3.5 Board of Trustees Approval of the Sale of College Personal Property

## **PULLED ITEMS**

### **3.1 Approval to Pay the Listing of Bills for the Period Ending December 31, 2024 as Presented**

Trustee Lee moved, seconded by Trustee Stamborski, for the agenda item to be approved as submitted.

AYES: Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Morales & Stamborski. NAYS: Broderick & Lee. Student Trustee Queeney favored the motion. The motion carried.

### **3.2.1 RFP: Lobbyist Services**

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, for the agenda item to be approved as submitted.

AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Lee, Harris, Morales & Stamborski. Student Trustee Queeney favored the motion. The motion carried.

### **4.2.1 13.04.00 - Sale/Disposal of College Property**

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Stamborski, for the agenda item to be approved as submitted.

AYES: Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Morales & Stamborski. NAYS: Broderick & Lee. Student Trustee Queeney favored the motion. The motion carried.

### **4.1 First Reading of Board Policies**

There was discussion on the increase of fees in policy 11.04.00 Parking and Motor Vehicle Codes.

### **5.2 Representative to ICCTA/ACCT Report**

Trustee Harris gave her report stating ICCTA and ACCT will be meeting at the National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC in February and she will be attending the Governance Leadership Institute conference in March.

### **5.3 Trustee Updates**

Student Trustee Queeney said they will be starting an internship with the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities and they will be attending the Student Advisory Committee meeting at Heartland College on January 17<sup>th</sup>, as well as attending the National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC next month.

Trustee Stamborski wished best of luck to all the students in the upcoming semester.

Trustee Garcia Guillen wished the students, faculty and administration an excellent start to this semester. She reminded everyone that JJC is committed to supporting all of our students and making sure that we're providing resources and anything that they might need to be successful on and off campus and JJC continues to be committed despite changing potential policies at the federal level.

Trustee Morales said she wanted to echo the sentiments of the other trustees regarding the change of administration coming next week and we want to ensure that all of our students feel safe, especially our DACA recipients and the documented and undocumented students.

Trustee Lee said Happy New Year to everyone.

Trustee Harris said that as a trustee, she will definitely support the goals and the missions of the college as it relates to our students' benefit and the Board is here for the college.

Trustee Broderick acknowledged Mike McGreal, Department Chair of the Culinary Arts Department. She would like to know what the agenda for the NLS conference will be and said that all trustees are members of ICCTA.

#### **5.4 Chair Report**

Chairman Budzinski said we will move the Student Trustee Report to the report section of the agenda permanently and to let the students in attendance know the Board is listening and everyone is welcome at JJC and we want everyone to feel comfortable. He said the Board knows the students are keeping an eye on them and we appreciate it, as the Board should be held accountable by the students, because that's why we're all here.

#### **6. Closed Session #2**

There was no closed session.

#### **8. Adjournment**

Trustee Harris moved, seconded by Trustee Stamborski, for the meeting to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.