

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

**1. General Function: Call to Order/Roll Call/Public Comments**

The Workshop 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 5:37 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

Trustees Present: Maureen Broderick, Jim Budzinski, Diane Harris, Michelle Lee (arrived at 5:44 p.m.), Jake Mahalik, Alicia Morales and Student Trustee Iyeshia Ellis.

Trustees Absent: Nancy Garcia Guillen

There were no public comments.

**1.3 Review of April 26, 2023 Workshop Minutes**

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Morales, for the minutes of the Board of Trustees Workshop Meeting held on April 26, 2023 to be approved as submitted.

AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Harris, Mahalik and Morales. Student Trustee Ellis favored the motion. The motion carried.

**2. College Business**

Dr. Namuo acknowledged and thanked the trustees for their service. He also announced there will be no increase to tuition this year.

**2.1 Preliminary Budget Outlook**

Karen Kissel, Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services, introduced Jeff Heap, Sr. Director Financial Services and Controller, who reported FY24 credit hours are trending slightly over budget. The state revenue is \$9.7 million and state budget allocation is \$10.7 million. Property taxes are expected to be slightly over budget as well as interest revenue which is expected to be one million over budget. Operating expenses included vacant salaries of \$2.7 million. Adjunct and Faculty overloads and contractual supplies are trending under budget. FY25 projections include revenue to be \$116,568,284 and expenditures and transfers projections are projected at \$114,839,672. Initiatives are projected to be \$990,000 and contingency \$700,000 with a surplus projected to be \$38,612. This will be another balanced budget for JJC.

## **2.2 Structure & Operations Overview**

Dr. Farmer presented a structure and operations overview of each of the executive leaders' team members. JJC currently has 1,250 employees including 207 faculty and 350 adjunct faculty and 6 unions. Currently 74% of employees are in a union.

## **2.3 Brand & Perception Study First Look**

Kelly Rohder-Tonelli, Executive Director of Strategic Engagement, saided that 6 focus groups and 500 surveys were done with alumni, parents, current students, Spanish speaking students, business owners and the general public. Research shows that parents are on the top of the list of influencers of students' college choices and concerns primarily revolving around costs/taking on debt and workload. The name Joliet Junior College has a neutral perception for all groups surveyed. In summary, there is a disconnect between what prospective students, parents, and other external stakeholders think about JJC and what current students and alumni get from the experience. Those in the JJC community recognize the value of community college.

## **3. Board Business**

There was no Board Business.

## **4 Closed Session**

Trustee Lee moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to move to a closed session at 6:54 p.m. for the reasons of 2(c)1 & 2(c)11.

AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Harris, Lee, Mahalik and Morales. Student Trustee Ellis favored the motion. The motion carried.

## **5. Return to Public Session**

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to return to public session at 7:37 p.m.

AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Harris, Lee, Mahalik and Morales. Student Trustee Ellis favored the motion. The motion carried.

## **6. Adjournment**

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik, that the meeting adjourn at 7:38 p.m. A voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.