BOARD AGENDA ITEM 1.10.1
November 12, 2025
Minutes of October 15, 2025

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 5:31 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

Trustees Present: Elaine Bottomley, Maureen Broderick, Jim Budzinski, Nancy Garcia Guillen (virtual - arrived at 8:19 p.m. and left at 8:46 p.m.), Diane Harris, Alicia Morales and Student Trustee Brenton Bishop.

Trustee Garcia Guillen was approved to attend the meeting virtually.

Trustee Lee was absent.

Kristi Mulvey led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Communications

Kelly Rohder-Tonelli, Executive Director of Strategic Engagement, introduced Kayli Rizzo, Manager of the Walk to End Alzheimer's Association of Will County. Kayli thanked JJC for their valued partnership in raising awareness, advancing education and promoting lifelong brain health. She said she is thrilled to welcome Dr. Namuo as the Executive Event Chair for the Walk to End Alzheimer's Will County.

1.3 Recognition of Retirement

Karen Kissel read the recognitions for Sandi Ebersohl.

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Bottomley, for the recognition to be approved as submitted. A voice vote was taken. All voted yes. The motion carried.

1.4.1 Approval of Native American Heritage Month Proclamation

JJC student Gabriela Topacio Huertai read the proclamation.

Trustee Bottomley moved, seconded by Trustee Broderick, for the proclamation to be approved as submitted. A voice vote was taken. All voted yes. The motion carried.

1.4.2 Approval of National Veterans and Military Families Month Proclamation
JJC students Oscar Estrada Junior, Sandra Morales and Antonio Martinez read the proclamation.

Trustee Bottomley moved, seconded by Trustee Morales, for the proclamation to be approved as submitted. A voice vote was taken. All voted yes. The motion carried.

1.4.3 Approval of Proclamation Celebrating Joliet Public School District 86 Partnership in the Future Wolves Initiative
Dr. Escortina Ervin read the proclamation.

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Bottomley, for the proclamation to be approved as submitted. A voice vote was taken. All voted yes. The motion carried.

1.4.4 Approval of Proclamation Celebrating Troy Community Consolidated School District 30-C Partnership in the Future Wolves Initiative
Dr. Escortina Ervin read the proclamation.

Trustee Harris moved, seconded by Trustee Broderick, for the proclamation to be approved as submitted. A voice vote was taken. All voted yes. The motion carried.

1.5 Public Comments
There were no public comments.

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.

1.7.1 Grundy County Expansion Update
Dr. Yolanda Farmer gave the report reviewing the Grundy County Expansion committee members and the project's timeline journey. She recapped Grundy County's population, economics, workforce and student enrollment statistics and the proposed land site in Morris. Dr. Farmer then reviewed the promise and vision of the project and said the committee has submitted a letter of support. Dr. Farmer introduced Nancy Norton, President & CEO of the Grundy County Economic Development Council who said the county is growing in population, jobs and new businesses and they are thrilled and thankful for JJC be a part of it.

1.7.2 ERP Optimization & Modernization Update Part II
Dr. Yolanda Farmer thanked Dr. Namuo, VP Karen Kissel, Interim CIO Dr. Chris Ostwinkle and EVP Fellow Dr. Erica Reyes and the Board for their support. She then reviewed the timeline and Board action on the project. Dr. Farmer also presented the project goals of the ERP restart and thanked CampusWorks for leveraging the enterprise assessment path to SAAS. She highlighted the new project governance team members which now includes Karen Kissel as the optimization & modernization project lead. Dr. Chris Ostwinkle reviewed the project timeline which included the projects completed, in process and yet to be done. Dr. Farmer and Karen Kissel then shared the budget review and key implementation focus areas which include the cost allocation and forecasting, long-term investment strategy and a contingency plan. Dr. Farmer also reviewed the guiding project goals which include 1) transparency & communication; 2) honoring employees' voices; 3) leveraging talent and 4) facing challenges with confidence.

1.7.3 Faculty Union Report

Curt Ward, the Faculty Union President, addressed the Board saying this is week nine of the semester. He acknowledge the Board and their continued efforts through proclamations to honor the many faces of our college community. He said JJC's core values is what makes this college great. He said he recently listed to a 53-minute podcast featuring Dr. Namuo titled "what America's original community college teaches about the future".

1.7.4 Adjunct Faculty Union Report

Laurel Dieskow thanked the Board, Dr. Gray and Mark Morrissey for their support in the recent contract negotiations.

1.7.5 JJC Foundation Report

There was no report.

1.7.6 Building and Grounds Committee Report

Trustee Bottomley said they did not have a meeting but they took a field trip to the see the construction on the lakeshore walkway. The next meeting is November 12th.

1.7.7 Board Policy Committee Report

There was no report.

1.7.8 Finance Committee Report

Trustee Morales said the committee met and discussed the agenda item related to the tax agreement. She said this is a positive move for the college.

1.7.9 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Brenton Bishop gave his report which included events on National Coming Out Day where 75 students attended. The Center for Multicultural Access and Success (CMAS) recently held the following events: 1) Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration; 2) NIU campus tour; 3) Latinx Empowerment conference; 4) a Leadership Conference at Mall of America and, 5) a first-generation celebration. He highlighted the annual Manufacturing Day which had 16 high schools with 850 students and 34 district employers in attendance. Brenton also attended and recapped the Leading Illinois Together conference he recently attended. He then reference upcoming campus events and the sustainability union's composting event and the Romeoville Repair Café event.

1.7.10 President's Report

Dr. Namuo gave his report acknowledging the Student Trustee and all he is involved in. He thanked the Board for their support of the proclamations that mean something to our students. He then highlighted items before the Board and the current enrollment data for fall 2025 & spring 2026. He recapped events around campus including Senator Mike Halpin, the co-sponsor for the legislation that would authorized community colleges to offer bachelor degrees. Dr. Namuo thanked him for accepting the invitation to come to JJC. Manufacturers Day had 911 students attend the event in the event center. The futures wolves of district 86 visited the board room to see how Board meetings are run. He said the foundation 5K event was a great event. He then referenced events he attended around the district. He said an email was sent to students and employees affirming JJC's values and highlighting the resources available to those who may be experiencing some challenges due to federal immigration activities. Dr. Namuo thanked IL State's Attorney Jim Glasgow for his support for the Men Who Cook event. He recently toured the IKEA distribution facility in Joliet. He said Governor JB Pritzker came to celebrate the opening of the JJC Center of Wellness. He highlighted the employees who are on the federal funding task force. Dr. Namuo also acknowledged Karen Kissel for applying for a $1.9 million pandemic employee retention credit. These funds will be allocated for the Morris and Grundy County expansion.

1.8 Closed Session #1

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to move to a closed session at 7:11 p.m. for the reasons of 2(c)5.

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

1.9 Return to Public Session

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Bottomley, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to return to public session at 8:19 p.m.

AYES: Bottomley, Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. The motion carried.

1.10.1 Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on September 10, 2025

Trustee Harris moved, seconded by Trustee Morales, for the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on September 10, 2025 to be approved as submitted.

AYES: Bottomley, Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. The motion carried.

1.11 Approval of Agenda

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, for the agenda to be approved as submitted. A voice vote was taken. All voted yes except Trustee Broderick who voted no. The motion carried.

1.12 Approval of Consent Agenda as Presented

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Garcia Guillen, for the items identified on the consent agenda to be approved as presented. Trustee Broderick pulled agenda items 3.1; 3.2.5; 3.2.7; 3.2.14; 3.6 and 4.4.

AYES: Bottomley, Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. The motion carried.

2.1.1 Recommending Approval of Retirement as Requested by One Faculty Member
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2.1.6 Recommending Approval of Retirement as Requested by One Faculty Member
2.1.7 Recommending Reappointment of Eight Non-Tenured Faculty Members
2.1.8 Recommending Tenure for One Faculty Member

2.1.9 Recommending Fourth Year Extension for One Non-Tenured Faculty Member
2.1.10 Recommending the Approval of the Resignation of One Full-Time Professor of Technical Education
2.2.1 Classified Staff Report Includes New Hires, Replacements and Separations
3.2.1 Konica Minolta Aerodr GL-P Radiography System
3.2.2 Printer Services Cutting and Finishing Table
3.2.3 Black Box Theatre AHU & Pipe Insulation
3.2.4 E-Building Heat Wheel Replacement
3.2.6 Campus Police Vehicle
3.2.8 Laptop, Desktop and All-in-One Computer Purchase Program
3.2.9 Fire Protection Maintenance
3.2.10 Computer & Financial Literacy Software
3.2.11 Bookstore Course Materials
3.2.12 Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Software
3.2.13 Study Abroad Trip to South Africa
3.3 Treasurer's Report
3.4 Financial Report
3.5 Board of Trustees Approval of the Sale of College Personal Property
4.2.1 Policy 10.01.05 Incident Response
4.2.2 Policy 10.01.07 Account Lifecycle
4.3.1 Policy 02.01.11 Conflicts of Interest

3.1 Approval to Pay the Listing of Bills for the Period Ending September 30, 2025 as Presented

Trustee Bottomley moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, for the agenda item to be approved as presented.

AYES: Bottomley, Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. The motion carried.

3.2.5 T-Building Restroom Renovation

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Bottomley, for the agenda item to be approved as presented.

AYES: Bottomley, Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. The motion carried.

3.2.7 Custodial Supplies

Trustee Bottomley moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, for the agenda item to be approved as presented.

AYES: Bottomley, Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. The motion carried.

3.2.14 ERP Project Management and Support

Trustee Bottomley moved, seconded by Trustee Morales, for the agenda item to be approved as presented.

AYES: Bottomley, Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. The motion carried.

3.6 Board of Trustees Approval of Equistar Chemical, LP Property Tax Agreement
Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Bottomley, for the agenda item to be approved as presented.

AYES: Bottomley, Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. The motion carried.

4.4 Approval of Joliet Junior College Foundation Memorandum of Understanding
Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Bottomley, for the agenda item to be approved as presented.

AYES: Bottomley, Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. The motion carried.

4.1 First Reading of Board Policies

4.1.1 01.65.00 Policy Amendments
4.1.2 03.22.00 Comprehensive Agreement Regarding the Expansion of Education Resources (Career)
4.1.3 05.01.00 Institutional

The Board had no comments on any of the policies.

4.5 Resolution Authorizing Grundy County Expansion Land Acquisition Negotiation for Joliet Junior College District 525
Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Bottomley, for the agenda item to be approved as presented.

AYES: Bottomley, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris and Morales. NAYS: Broderick. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. The motion carried.

5.1 Representative to ICCTA/ACCT Report
Trustee Harris said there was an ICCTA meeting in Springfield on September 13/14 where the topics covered were 1) presidential contract reviews; 2) how are colleges addressing the needs of students who may be impacted by federal deportation policies or the withholding of federal funds and; 3) should the ICCTA consider advancing legislation to amend the Open Meetings Act to address potential budget draining risk threats, threating litigation and threatening civil penalties. Trustee Harris said the legislative update focused on continuing to pursue community college baccalaureate degrees.

5.2 Trustee Updates
Trustee Morales said as we close out Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrate Native American Heritage Month, we recognize that these celebrations happen in the shadow of a hostile immigration system. To the immigration students and staff, she wanted to say clearly that you all belong here. This college is your home, your dreams, your labor and your brilliance and not just during these heritage months, but every single day. We see you and we stand by you.

Trustee Bottomley said she agreed with Trustee Morales. She said she submitted a last-minute request for a land acknowledgment. But she understands that this needs to be done with the proper respect. She also wanted to thank the Board, for their continued commitment to the students especially within the Hispanic and Latinx communities. She is also really excited about the Grundy County expansion project. She was also very happy and excited to run in the Foundation's 5K fundraiser with her Dad.

Trustee Broderick thanked the extra police presence in the room. She would also like to see JJC look into Lincoln-way North as an expansion project for dual enrollment and credit.

Trustee Harris said voting is very important and the Board is here for the students to help them achieve their goals.

Student Trustee Bishop said the JJC Nursing program application opened today and the scholarship applications also opened. The Romeoville Repaid Café will be taking place on Saturday. He then thanked Trustee Morales, Bottomley and Harris for reaffirming the values of this Board and putting the diverse students experience at the forefront of their statements.

5.3 Chair Report

Chairman Budzinski said he had an opportunity to sit in front of JJC's student government where they spoke about work-life balance. He also got to meet some of the students who have been brave enough to speak at Board meetings. He also encouraged everyone to attend the Repair Café in Romeoville.

6. Closed Session #2

There was no closed session #2.

8. Adjournment

Trustee Harris moved, seconded by Trustee Bottomley, for the meeting to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.