

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 5:40 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

Trustees Present: Maureen Broderick, Jim Budzinski, Nancy Garcia Guillen, Diane Harris, Michelle Lee, Alicia Morales, Joshua Stamborski, and Student Trustee Ryan Queeney

Chairman Budzinski led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Communications

Kelly Rohder-Tonelli, Executive Director of Strategic Engagement, introduced Ted Trujillo, a Morris resident, Native American activist and member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe who spoke saying that JJC is being noticed and he is impressed with the DEI program which is going above and beyond for the Native American community.

1.3.1 Approval of November as Native American Heritage Month Proclamation

Robert Morris, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs, introduced JJC Student Selena Caldera to read the proclamation.

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

1.4 Public Comments

Sean Miller, a JJC student, addressed the board regarding the embarrassing conduct and disfunction of the board members.

Mark Jones, a JJC student, addressed the board regarding the temperature and climate of the board relating to the Title IX policy.

Andrew Martinez, a JJC student, addressed the board regarding the appointment of the new Trustee and his disappointment in the board's dividedness.

Trustee Maureen Broderick requested to address the board regarding the president's contract. Attorney Kopman stated it was not appropriate for a current Trustee to speak during public comments as she has an opportunity to do so during the board meeting. Trustee Broderick then passed on her opportunity to address the board.

Jen Howard from the Joliet Region Chamber addressed the board in support of the president's contract.

Terry D'Arcy, from the city of Joliet, addressed the board in support of Dr. Namuo.

Student Trustee Queeney read a letter from Elle Skibbe regarding the disfunction among the board members.

Trustee Lee read an email from the Gundy County Expansion committee who she said is pulling their support for the project.

1.5 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.

1.6.1 ERP Restart Report

Dr. Farmer, Executive Vice President, gave the report and said the ERP system is more than a tech upgrade – it's a strategic move to secure modernization and sustainability. Dr. Farmer provided the project ERP update, board action timeline and guiding project goals. She also presented the ERP optimization and modernization key implementation focus areas and budget planning.

1.6.2 Levy Report

Jeff Heap, Sr. Director, Financial Services & Controller, gave the report consisting of the 2024 tax cap calculation and budget review of the FY25 budget. Jeff reviewed the 2024 tax levy projections, tax cap scenario, 2024 debt service levy as well as the 2024 projections. Jeff also provided the proposed tax levy which shows a 4.12% increase. The published tax levy public hearing notice will be published and at the November board meeting the board will adopt the final tax levy.

1.6.3 Faculty Union Report

Curt Ward, Automotive Professor and VP of the Faculty Union, gave the report congratulating Trustee Stamborski on his appointment and said we are halfway through the fall semester. Curt is looking forward to upcoming events like Discover JJC and the upcoming spring semester.

1.6.4 Adjunct Faculty Union Report

Dr. Barbara Will-Henn addressed the Board congratulating Trustee Stamborski and said enrollment numbers are up and she is looking forward to the spring semester.

1.6.5 Building and Grounds Committee Report

There was no report.

1.6.6 Board Policy Committee Report

There was no report.

1.6.7 Finance Committee Report

There was no report.

1.6.8 President's Report

Dr. Namuo gave the report saying that enrollment is up with 15,181 students for fall which represents a 7.51% increase over last fall. There are over 1,000 new students with most of the gains from the 12x12x12 program with dual credit up 21%. Dr. Namuo gave the State of the College address on October 8th which was attended by prominent community members who previously attended JJC. The Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) celebration was on September 16th. He acknowledged the ICCCP Business Enterprise Program summit. He attended the Inaugural Joliet Philanthropy Recognition Awards Ceremony and the annual JJC Foundation 5K. He acknowledged the cabinet and the leaders in the room for their contribution to the success of JJC.

1.7 Closed Session #1

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Stamborski, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to move to a closed session at 6:48 p.m. for the reasons of 2(c)1.

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

1.8 Return to Public Session

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to return to public session at 7:40 p.m.

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

1.9.1 Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on September 11, 2024

Trustee Harris moved, seconded by Trustee Garcia Guillen, for the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on September 11, 2024 to be approved as submitted.

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

1.9.2 Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting held on September 25, 2024

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Lee, for the minutes of the Board of Trustees Special Meeting held on September 25, 2024 to be delayed until legal litigation is resolved.

AYES: Broderick & Lee. NAYS: Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Morales & Stamborski. Student Trustee Queeney did not favor the motion. The motion failed.

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, for the minutes of the Board of Trustees Special Meeting held on September 25, 2024 to be approved as submitted.

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

1.10 Approval of Agenda

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

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

1.11 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 2.1.1; 2.1.2; 3.1; 3.2.10 & 3.2.13. Chairman Budzinski announced that agenda item 2.1.3 has been removed from the agenda.

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

- 2.2.1 Recommending Approval of Retirement as Requested by One Faculty Member
- 2.2.2 Recommending Approval of Retirement as Requested by One Faculty Member
- 2.2.3 Recommending Reappointment of Six Non-Tenured Faculty Members
- 2.2.4 Recommending Tenure for Four Faculty Members
- 2.3.1 Classified Staff Report Includes New Hires, Replacements and Separations
- 3.2.1 Bid: Ultrasound Machine
- 3.2.2 Consortium: Access Control for Student Mental Health & Wellness Center
- 3.2.3 Consortium: Ford F150 Lightning EV
- 3.2.4 Consortium: Furniture for Student Mental Health & Wellness Center
- 3.2.5 Consortium: Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Filters
- 3.2.6 Consortium: JJC Ticket System Solution for Information Technology
- 3.2.7 Consortium: Security Camera Replacement
- 3.2.8 Consortium: Virtual Machine Replacement-Hyperconverged
- 3.2.9 Contractual Service: Programming, Design and Construction Administration for Honors College
- 3.2.11 RFP: Compensation Study (over not-to-exceed previously approved amount)
- 3.2.12 Sole Source: Instructional Design Software for iCampus
- 3.3 Treasurer's Report
- 3.4 Financial Report
- 3.5 Board of Trustees Approval to Adopt the Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2024

PULLED ITEMS

2.1.1 Recommending Approval of the President's Employment Contract

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

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

2.1.2 Recommending Approval of Appointment of Vice President, Student Development

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Broderick, 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.

3.1 Approval to Pay the Listing of Bills for the Period Ending September 30, 2024 as Presented

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Morales, 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.

3.2.10 RFP: Managed Detection and Response Services

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

AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Lee, Morales and Stamborski. The motion carried.

3.2.13 Sole Source: Purchases for Homeless and Food Insecure Students

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

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

5.1 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Queeney gave their report which included recent and upcoming campus & community events. They also gave an update on the JJC community college baccalaureate survey where 1,372 students participated in the survey. The survey showed 61% of students have plans to pursue their bachelor's degree after graduation from JJC. 81% said they would be interested in receiving their bachelor degrees from JJC if JJC offered it. Student Trustee Queeney also reported that JJC students have concerns surrounding the board's recent conduct. They said students have concerns about Trustees suing the college, Trustees pursuing personal agendas that do not benefit the student body as a whole and how well the Trustees are representing the diverse students' interests at JJC.

5.2 Representative to the JJC Foundation Report

Kristi Mulvey, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, did not have a report.

5.3 Representative to ICCTA/ACCT Report

Trustee Harris gave her report consisting of reporting on the last ICCTA meeting held on September 13th & 14th which included a presentation of a roadmap for presidential searches. Trustee Harris also reported on the ACCT awards that will be presented at the conference including JJC winning the regional Equity Award. The meeting also focused on the ICCTA's diversity statement. The Trustee roundtable focused on communication and how to build effective leadership for Trustees within boards and understanding a Trustee's role. The government relations and public policy conversations are still on-going about baccalaureate degrees.

5.4 Trustee Update

Student Trustee Queeney said they are excited to be heading Seattle to the ACCT conference. Trustee Stamborski said he is getting up to speed on board issues. Trustee Garcia Guillen thanked the students for coming to the meeting. Trustee Morales said that all Trustees get a budget to travel and thanked the students for attending tonight. Trustee Broderick said the ICCTA meeting also discussed the duties of the chair. Trustee Lee said that she feels there is a lack of communication and transparency from the President and legal counsel

regarding removing the terms men and women from scholarships and making everything gender neutral which she feels is a big deal. She also said regardless if you are a they/them and you prefer to be called a by different pronoun, there still is the fact that a man is a man and a woman is a woman and you should be able to be proud to be a man, and you should be able to be proud to be a woman and there are people who elected her who agree with her and she's here to stand up for them. Trustee Harris said thank you for her appointment to the policy committee. She looks forward to working on it.

5.5 Chair Report

Chairman Budzinski acknowledged Dr. Namuo's contract extension which not only represents great faith in Dr. Namuo's leadership but also demonstrates confidence in his continued success in the progress of JJC. He thanked the members of the community who spoke on Dr. Namuo's behalf.

8. Adjournment

Trustee Harris moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, for the meeting to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.