

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 12:07 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

Trustees Present: Maureen Broderick, Jim Budzinski, Nancy Garcia Guillen – virtual (left at 2:05 p.m.), Diane Harris (arrived 1:57 p.m.), Alicia Morales, Joshua Stamborski, and Student Trustee Ryan Queeney.

Trustees Absent: Michelle Lee

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Garcia Guillen, to appoint Trustee Stamborski as secretary pro-tem. AYES: Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Morales and Stamborski. ABSTAIN: Broderick. Student Trustee Queeney favored the motion. The motion carried.

Former Student Trustee Iyeshia Ellis led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Communications

Kelly Rohder-Tonelli, Executive Director of Strategic Engagement, introduced Sharon Johnson, the Government Affairs Manager from Constellation Energy which has a joint dual enrollment program with JJC for the advanced integrated maintenance program. This program saw enrollment increase from 12 students to 22 students. Some of the key milestones are the Operations Engineering Technician program which includes interns and hiring JJC graduates as well as giving six scholarships for students who continue their education at JJC. She also thanked Doctors' Namuo, Farmer and Gray for their shared strategic vision and solid partnership.

1.3.1 Retirement Recognition

Karen Kissel, Vice President Finance & Administrative Services, read the retirement recognitions for Cathy Boyes.

Trustee Broderick 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.

1.4 Public Comments

There were 2 public comments:

Tim Fitzgerald, a JJC Alumni, addressed the Board regarding Board decorum and concerns over Trustee Lee's disruptive and hostile behavior toward the Student Trustee.

Luke Gallaway, a JJC student, addressed the Board regarding the relationship between the students and school administration and reminded everyone the students are watching and the students support the Student Trustee, Dr. Namuo and Title IX. Luke said the students are the heart and soul of this institution and are a powerful voice.

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 The Federal Government's Role Report

Dr. Namuo highlighted the local control and federal regulations including Title VII (employee protection); Title IX (safeguarding students); federal financial aid policies (FAFSA & student loans); and funding support (federal & state grants). 75.8% of JJC students access Pell and MAP grants. 11,387 students are impacted by either federal or state funding. The federal government and the Higher Learning Commission are responsible for accountability and quality in higher education. Federal laws like Title IX ensure equity and prohibit discrimination in education. The ADA mandates accessible environments for all students and federal regulations drive colleges to promote diversity, equity and inclusion.

1.6.2 Faculty Union Report

Professor Curt Ward gave the faculty union report where he gave a shout out to the faculty for making it through the semester especially the culinary arts faculty who faced challenges at the beginning of the semester. Mr. Ward said it takes a village and the JJC village together made sure it all worked out.

1.6.3 Adjunct Faculty Union Report

No report was given.

1.6.4 JJC Foundation Report

Kristi Mulvey, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, gave the report highlighting alumni giving had an increase of 69% in the number of donors who gave a total of \$648,137 which was a 37% donation increase. The Friends and Corporate, Foundation & Organization giving both saw a 55% increase in the number of donors. Employee giving had an increase of 14% in total donations. FY24 had over 1 million dollars awarded in scholarships to students. There were 27 new annual and endowed scholarships over the last year. The Roots and Branches Alumni podcast was launched this year. The Dr. Curtis J & Mrs. Gina Crawford Honors College will open in the fall of 2025 due to their \$1.8 million dollar gift. The JJC sock campaign will be kicking off in February.

1.6.5 Building and Grounds Committee Report

No report was given.

1.6.6 Board Policy Committee Report

Trustee Garcia Guillen gave the report consisting of an overview of the one policy that is on the agenda as a first read and the fourteen policies on the agenda as second reads.

1.6.7 Finance Committee Report

No report was given.

1.6.8 President's Report

Dr. Namuo gave the report where he congratulated Trustee Harris on being appointed to serve on the ACCT Public Policy and Advocacy Committee and he welcomed Dr. Karl Brooks on being the new Vice President of Student Development. Dr. Namuo then acknowledged the tremendous efforts and contributions of Dean Bob Morris while he served as interim VP of Student Development. Dr. Namuo highlighted enrollment was up 7.5% and up 6.02% in credit hours for the 2024 fall semester. Dr. Namuo attended the ICCCA & ICCTA/ICCCP meeting in November. The ICCCP legislative priorities for next year will include applied bachelor's degree, dual credit, articulation/transfer, authority for local control and workforce ecosystems. He also highlighted his visits and connections around District 525 over the last month. Dr. Namuo then acknowledged the tremendous efforts of those in administration, facilities and maintenance as well as the culinary arts department for their resilience in working through the storm damage issues at the City Center campus.

1.7 Closed Session #1

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to move to a closed session at 1:07 p.m. for the reasons of 2(c)1, 2(c)6, 2(c)8 & 2(c)11.

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

1.8 Return to Public Session

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to return to public session at 1:57 p.m.

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

1.9.2 Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on November 13, 2024

Student Trustee Queeney moved, seconded by Trustee Stamborski, for the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on November 13, 2024 to be approved as submitted.

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

1.10 Approval of Agenda

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Stamborski, for the agenda to be approved as submitted. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

1.11 Approval of Consent Agenda as Presented

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, for the items identified on the consent agenda to be approved as presented. Trustee Broderick pulled agenda items 3.1; 3.2.1; 4.2.1; 4.2.2; 4.2.3; 4.2.4; 4.2.5; 4.2.8 & 4.3. Student Trustee Queeney pulled 4.2.13.

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

- 2.1.1 Recommending the Approval of Appointment of One Full-Time Gap Advisor-Assistant Professor, Nursing (Tenure Track)
- 2.1.2 Recommending the Approval of Appointment of One Full-Time Gap Advisor-Assistant Professor, Health & Public Services (Tenure Track)
- 2.2.1 Recommending Approval of Workers Compensation Settlement Case Number: W002722129
- 2.3.1 Classified Staff Report Includes New Hires, Replacements and Separations
- 3.2.2 Bid: Switch & Wireless Replacement
- 3.2.3 Consortium: Furniture for Buildings S & T Concourse
- 3.2.4 RFP: JJC Brand Refresh & Targeted Communications Study
- 3.2.5 Sole Source: Course Catalog Management Software
- 3.2.6 Sole Source: Festo Meclab Systems Assembly Line
- 3.2.7 Sole Source: Enterprise Architecture Software
- 3.2.8 Sole Source: Nursing Testing Platform (Over 10% of Previously Approved Amount)
- 3.2.9 Sole Source: Math Placement Testing
- 3.3 Treasurer's Report
- 3.4 Financial Report
- 4.2.6 01.45.00 Meetings of the Board
- 4.2.7 02.01.07 New Employee Introductory Period
- 4.2.9 02.08.00 Photo Identification Card
- 4.2.10 04.12.00 Posthumous Degree Award
- 4.2.11 05.02.00 Prohibition of Sexual Discrimination and Sexual Harassment (Title IX Allegations – 2020)
- 4.2.12 10.01.09 AI Acceptable Use
- 4.2.14 12.07.00 Minor Protection Policy

PULLED ITEMS

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

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

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

3.2.1 Bid: Graduation Setup & Rentals

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

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

4.2.1 Policy 01.10.00 - Officers of the Board

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

AYES: Budzinski, Harris, Morales & Stamborski. NAYS: Broderick. ABSTAIN: Student Trustee Queeney. The motion carried.

4.2.2 Policy 01.11.00 - Trustee Development

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

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

4.2.3 Policy 01.27.00 - Committees of the Board

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

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

4.2.4 Policy 01.40.00 - Board Travel

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

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

4.2.5 Policy 01.41.00 - Trustees Development Budget

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

NAYS: Broderick, Budzinski, Harris, Morales & Stamborski. Student Trustee Queeney did not favor the motion. The motion lost.

4.2.8 Policy 02.02.01 - Administrative Contracts

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

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

4.2.13 Policy 11.04.00 - Parking and Motor Vehicle Codes

Student Trustee Queeney moved, seconded by Trustee Stamborski, for the agenda item to be sent back to the policy committee.

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

4.3 Approval of Board of Trustees Meeting Dates and Times for Calendar Year 2025

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

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

5.1 Approval of Certificate of Completion Agricultural Sciences (CCO 16 credits)

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

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

5.2 Approval of Certificate of Completion Precision Agriculture (CCO 16 credits)

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

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

6.1 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Queeney gave their report which included recent campus and community events as well as the upcoming campus & community events including the Nursing Pinning ceremony, Foster Palooza and winter break.

6.2 Representative to ICCTA/ACCT Report

Trustee Harris gave her report stating the last ICCTA meeting was November 14 & 15 in Schaumburg where the topics were the state of DEI and student success. The ICCTA legislative committee also approved their initiatives. Trustee Harris said she was appointed to serve on the ACCT Public Policy and Advocacy Committee and she is excited and looks forward to serving on the committee for the next year.

6.3 Trustee Updates

Trustee Harris said she gave an update on her attendance at the ACCT conference in Seattle, WA last month.

Trustee Broderick gave her report on her attendance at the ACCT conference which included attending sessions related to AI, building strong partnerships and president evaluations. A session on policies included the Board's involvement is governance and not rubber stamping everything. Another session was on effective Boards and dual credit.

Trustee Morales said she has asked Dr. Namuo to look into a tutoring program for the high school students of Joliet Township.

Trustee Stamborski's ACCT conference report highlighted his favorite sessions which included statics-based governance regarding collection of data and Board governance which discussed the relationship of the Board and the president. He also attended a session on risk assessment management.

Student Trustee Queeney gave their ACCT conference report which highlighted a session relating to how trustees can support their president as well as the student advisory committees' meetings and a session on community college baccalaureate degree programs. They attended sessions on clean energy funding and how community colleges can engage with the federal government relating to the inflation reduction act. They also attended a session on homelessness and housing insecurity among students and they plan on using the knowledge learned when they intern with the JJC Office of Student Rights. They also thanked the students who attended this meeting.

6.4 Chair Report

Chairman Budzinski said he recognizes there is currently student stress due to finals and hopes everyone reminds themselves about why we are all here, which is to focus on student success. He also wished everyone Happy Holidays.

7. Closed Session #2

There was no closed session.

9. Adjournment

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, for the meeting to adjourn at 3:07 p.m. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.