

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

1.0 **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 at Joliet Junior College, 1215 Houbolt Road, Board Room, Joliet, IL was called to order by Chairman O’Connell at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

Trustees Present: Maureen Broderick, Jim Budzinski, Jake Mahalik, Alicia Morales, Dan O’Connell and Student Trustee Stamborski.

Trustees absent: Michelle Lee and Nancy Garcia Guillen.

Chairman O’Connell appointed Trustee Jake Mahalik as Secretary pro-tempore Trustee Broderick motioned and Student Trustee Stamborski seconded to approve Trustee Jake Mahalik as secretary pro-tempore. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

Chairman O’Connell welcomed everyone to the Joliet Junior College Board meeting.

Student Trustee Josh Stamborski led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.0.4
Public
Comments

There were no public comments.

1.0.5
Communications

Kelly Rohder-Tonelli read a letter from the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce President Jen Howard regarding their appreciation of Dr. Escortina Ervin help in created the Chamber’s DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion) council which Dr. Ervin co-chairs. The letter also thanked Monique Clayborne and the JJC administration for partnering with the chamber.

1.0.6
Closed
Session

Trustee Morales motioned and Trustee Broderick seconded that the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College move to a closed session at 5:36 pm for the reasons of 2(c)1 and 2(c)11. Ayes: Broderick, Budzinski, Mahalik, Morales and O’Connell. Student Trustee Stamborski favored the motion. The motion carried.

1.0.7
Return to
Public
Session

Trustee Broderick motioned and Trustee Morales seconded, that the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College return to public session at 5:46 pm. Ayes: Broderick, Budzinski, Mahalik, Morales and O’Connell. Student Trustee Stamborski favored the motion. The motion carried.

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2.1 May as Asian American & Pacific Islander Month Proclamation Roberto C. Valadez, Vice President, Student Development introduced Juell Lagonero to read the proclamation. Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Student Trustee Stamborski for the Board of Trustees to approve the proclamation as read. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.
- 1.2.2 Recognition of Retirement Dr. Amy Gray recognized retiree Clifford Althoff for 32 years of dedicated service
- 1.2.3 Recognition of Retirement Dr. Amy Gray recognized retiree Christopher Bene for 26 years of dedicated service. Christopher said he enjoyed his tenure and has enjoyed watching the students grow up. He feels he has never really worked a day in his life as he has enjoyed what he was doing.
- 1.2.4 Recognition of Retirement Dr. Amy Gray recognized retiree Linda Blanco for 19 years of dedicated service. Linda thanked the Board and everyone for the opportunity to teach at JJC. She always tried to hold the student's hand whenever they needed it.
- 1.2.5 Recognition of Retirement Dr. Amy Gray recognized retiree Caryn Genens for 43 years of dedicated service.
- 1.2.6 Recognition of Retirement Dr. Amy Gray recognized retiree Lori Komorowski for 12 years of dedicated service.
- 1.2.7 Recognition of Retirement Dr. Amy Gray recognized retiree Laura Michelsen for 15 years of dedicated service. Laura said she didn't go back to college until she was over 50 and JJC took a big chance on her because she had never taught before. She now has a bachelor and two master's degrees. Her goal was always to help the students.
- 1.2.8 Recognition of Retirement Dr. Amy Gray recognized retiree Fredric Miller for 24 years of dedicated service.
- 1.2.9 Recognition of Retirement Dr. Amy Gray recognized retiree Andrew Neill for 30 years of dedicated service.
- 1.2.10 Recognition of Retirement Dr. Amy Gray recognized retiree Lisa Perkins for 34 years of dedicated service.
- 1.2.11 Recognition of Retirement Dr. Amy Gray recognized retiree Janet Sullivan-Stromberg for 19 years of dedicated service.

- 1.2.12 Recognition of Retirement Dr. Amy Gray recognized retiree Cristobal Trillo for 30 years of dedicated service. Christobol said it was a privilege and pleasure to be at JJC for 30 years. He is the head coach of the men's soccer team and will continue to do so.
- 1.2.13 Recognition of Retirement Dr. Amy Gray recognized retiree Robert Verkler for 15 years of dedicated service.
- Trustee Mahalik said his favorite retiree on the list was Clifford Althoff who was his teacher for Econ 101 & 102. He brought an energy and enthusiasm that was amazing. Trustee Mahalik said it just pushed him to be better as Clifford just loved his class and he brought so much energy and passion.
- Trustee Broderick said we are going to miss you all greatly. We know that you left a definite imprint on JJC. Thank you.
- Trustee Morales said congratulations to all those who are retiring. You have all help JJC increase enrollment.
- Trustee Broderick motioned and Trustee Mahalik seconded, that the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College approve the all of the recognitions of retirements. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.
- 1.2.14 Faculty Union Report Chairman O'Connell welcomed Dr. Bob Marcink to the podium to give the report. He congratulated each of the retirees. He said they are an all-star lineup and will be missed.
- 1.2.15 Adjunct Faculty Report Ms. Laurel Dieskow gave the report. She acknowledged all the retirees and appreciated their contributions to the college.
- 1.3.1 Approval of Regular Minutes Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Broderick that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on March 15, 2023, be approved as submitted. Ayes: Broderick, Budzinski, Mahalik, Morales, and O'Connell. Student Trustee Stamborski favored the motion. The motion carried.
- 1.4 Approval of Agenda Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik that the agenda be approved. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.
- 1.5 Approval of Consent Agenda Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Student Trustee Stamborski that the items identified as consent agenda items be approved as presented. Ayes: Broderick, Budzinski, Mahalik, Morales, O'Connell. Student Trustee Stamborski favored the motion.
- 2.1.1 Recommending Appointment of Department Chairs, 2023-2025
 - 2.2.1 Recommending the Approval of Appointment of One Full-Time Associate Professor, Agricultural, Horticultural, and Veterinary Sciences Department (Tenure Track)
 - 2.2.2 Recommending Approval of Retirement as Requested by One Faculty Member
 - 2.2.3 Recommending the Approval of Appointment of One Full-Time Associate Professor, English, Philosophy, & World Languages Department (Tenure Track)

- 2.2.4. Recommending the Approval of Appointment of One Full-Time Assistant Professor, English, Philosophy & World Languages Department (Tenure Track)
- 2.2.5 Recommending Approval of Retirement as Requested by One Faculty Member
- 2.2.6 Recommending Approval of Retirement as Requested by One Faculty Member
- 2.3.1 Classified Staff Report Includes New Hires, Replacements and Separations
- 2.3.2 Faculty Columnar Advancement Schedule
- 3.1 Approval to pay the listing of bills for the period ending March 31, 2023 as presented
- 3.2 Approval to award bids/contracts as follows under Business Services:
 - 3.2.1 Bid: Certified Nurse Assistants Lab (CNA) at Romeoville Campus
 - 3.2.2 Bid: Salary Market Data Analysis Tool
 - 3.2.3 Bid: Veterinary Technology Equipment
 - 3.2.4 Consortium: Anatomical Models for Natural Sciences
 - 3.2.5 Consortium: Update Classroom and Public Space Seating
 - 3.2.6 Consortium: City Center Camera Replacement
 - 3.2.7 Consortium: Fire Protection Maintenance Increase over 10% of Contract
 - 3.2.8 Contractual Service: Troy Fire Protection District Payment for Fire Academy
 - 3.2.9 Professional Service: Employee Retention Credits Consulting Services
 - 3.2.10 RFP: Online Tutoring Services
 - 3.2.11 Sole Source: Increase Approval Amount for English as a Second Language Online Service
 - 3.2.12 Sole Source: Purchase Vehicle for Campus Security Officers Use
 - 3.2.13 Sole Source: Bookstore Purchases for Resale
- 3.3 Approval of Treasurer’s Report
- 3.4 Approval of Financial Report
- 4.2 Second Reading and Approval of Board Policies
 - 4.2.1 02.04.09 Tuition Waiver for JJC Classes for Part-Time Non-Union Employees
 - 4.2.2 02.04.17 Certification to Return to Work

Trustee Broderick complimented Karen Kissel, VP of Finance and Administration, on getting motr details into the bills list. She also complimented Kelly Rohder-Tonelli on the details provided in the social media bills description.

New Business

- 4.1 Trustee Morales gave a brief overview of the first read policies.
 - First 4.1.1 03.01.02 Transfer Credit – it now includes foreign credits.
 - Reading of 4.1.2 08.01.00 Budget - updated language. VP of Administration has been changed Board Policies to VP of Finance and Administration
 - 4.1.3 08.01.06 Capital Funds Policy - updated language to include the college’s strategic plan initiative.
 - 4.1.4 08.01.09 Capital Assets - changed the calculations for depreciation expenses
 - 4.1.5 08.03.01 Pay Advancements (to rescind) - rescinding the entire policy
- 4.3.1 Dr. Namuo gave an overview of the ERP restart including proposing two project managers. Ellucian One for HCM/Finance and one for the SIS (Student Information System) both of which will Colleague report to Dr. Farmer. Dr. Namuo proposed to stay with Ellucian Colleague for another two years (2023 – 2025). JJC will also execute the suggestions CampusWorks provided including creating a new governance structure. JJC will have a new budget for the restart which will come from reserves. JJC will appoint a Trustee as a liaison to receive regular updates. JJC will continue to engage CampusWorks over the life of the project. Trustee Broderick thanked Dr. Namuo and Dr. Farmer for their open approach and leadership regarding Workday. Trustee

Morales said she wanted everyone to know that the board has been listening and also thanked Dr. Namuo and Dr. Farmer. Dr. Namuo acknowledged that there will be challenges moving forward but he is committed to transparency and open communication on a regular basis.

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik to approve the Ellucian Colleague renewal of annual software maintenance agreements for two more years. Ayes: Broderick, Budzinski, Mahalik, Morales, and O'Connell. Student Trustee Stamborski favored the motion. The motion carried.

4.4
Approval
of New
Women's
Sport
(Women's
Wrestling)

Roberto C. Valadez said that funding for this sport will come via a donation from the Foundation. Greg Braun, Director of Athletics, said that female wrestling is just booming in the JJC area. Also, the softball team is ranked number eight in the country. Women's track and field, which is in their first year, is ranked number three in the country. Men's track and field, also in their first year in existence, is ranked number ten in the country. Trustee Morales asked if JJC's sports are highlighted when recruiting at the high school level. Mr. Braun said athletics are currently working with marketing on this issue. JJC will be the pioneers in having a female wrestling team. Trustee Budzinski suggested JJC should host a female high school wrestling tournament to promote that JJC has this sport.

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Student Trustee Stamborski to approve adding Women's Wrestling as a sport. Ayes: Broderick, Budzinski, Mahalik, Morales, and O'Connell. Student Trustee Stamborski favored the motion. The motion carried.

4.5
Agenda
Request
By a
Trustee

There was no agenda requests from any trustee.

Reports

5.1
President's
Report

President Namuo congratulated all the retirees and thanked all those that ran for the board. He congratulated trustee elects Alicia Morales and Diane Harris and thanked those that will be stepping away, Dan O'Connell and Student Trustee Joshua Stamborski. He welcomed the incoming Student Trustee Iyeshia Ellis. Dr. Namuo said he participate in the new CEO Academy at the American Association of Community College Annual conference in Denver, CO. He acknowledged the Will County Heroes Scholarship Program which will launch a \$10 million scholarship program to boost teaching and nursing recruitment. The President's cabinet had a retreat at City Hall in Morris with Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner who is an expert in community college stigma. Dr. Namuo acknowledged that the Governor's budget has an increase of 7% for higher education. He also gave a shout out to those third shift JJC employees.

5.2
Foundation

Kristi Mulvey from the Foundation said to mark your calendars for the JJC Foundation & Athletic golf outing on July 14. The JJC employee giving campaign has raised \$85,801 from 245 employees. The Night of Stars event will be coupled with the Foundation's 50th Anniversary celebration on September 15 at the Rialto. The annual JJC sock campaign raised \$5,500 selling 401 pairs of socks. This money goes to alumni scholarships.

- 5.3
ICCTA
Reports
- Chairman O'Connell introduced Trustee Broderick for the ICCTA report. Trustee Broderick informed the board that May 3rd is lobby day in Springfield. June 2nd and 3rd is the ICCTA annual convention in Bloomington where she will be sworn in as President of the ICCTA. On August 18th & 19th, the executive committee retreat will be at JJC. October 9th - October 12th is the ACCT Leadership Congress in Las Vegas. August 2nd – 4th is the Governance Leadership Institute in Washington, DC. The ICCTA legislative priorities are 1) Community College Baccalaureate degrees; 2) preparing Illinois future workforce; 3) protection for the MAP grant recipients; 4) equity in higher education including neurodiversity; 5) equitable funding for community college operations and 6) to maintain local government control of community colleges. Trustee Broderick said House Bill HB1013 requires all public universities and community colleges to provide free child care. HB1133 allows community colleges districts to spend down its' working cash fund to zero. Senate Bill SB150 requires public universities and community colleges to adopt free speech policies.
- 5.4
Student
Trustee
Report
- Student Trustee Stamborski gave his last report as Student Trustee. His report highlighted that Active Minds will have a picnic on April 27th where Dr. Namuo will also participate. Façade had their movie premier. The Collegiate Club Council will have a meeting on April 5th. The Blazer ran an article about Ramadan. Josh is currently participating in the fasting tradition of Ramadan. The ACCT SAC (student advisor committee) will have a meeting to modify bylaws and establish legacy documentation. Josh thanked all who participated in the Board of Trustees candidates forum on March 21st. Josh went to the ICCB-SAC meeting in Springfield. Trustee Morales said she was very proud of Josh and has watched him grow during this experience as Student Trustee. Trustee Broderick said she has been very impressed with all that he has done during his term. Trustee Mahalik said Josh has done a great and he has set the bar very high.
- 5.5
Building and
Grounds
Report
- Trustee Mahalik reported that the Building and Grounds committee approved to update some classroom and public space seating. They also approved the CNA lab renovations at Romeoville campus. The G building switches are still waiting on parts and material to arrive. G building restrooms will be remodeled. Parking lot improvement are ongoing. The board room dais will start construction in June. The air handling unit replacement has been delayed. It will be 18 months until the equipment arrives.
- 5.6
Board Policy
Committee
Report
- Trustee Morales gave the report stating there was nothing further to add other than what was previously reported.
- 5.7
Finance
Committee
Report
- Trustee Budzinski said there was nothing to report.
- 5.8
Chair's
Report
- Chairman O'Connell said that since this is his last regular meeting he wanted everyone to remember a few things. The position of Trustee is an apolitical position with a capital A. Trustees are here to service the college and the students and not here to run the college. We

hired the President to do that. Trustees have no right to tell the faculty and staff what to do. Trustee O'Connell said that Dr. Namuo and Dr. Farmer have technical knowledge and education backgrounds and the Trustees need to let them do their jobs. The trustees need to cut down on micromanagement. He then thanked the President and the administration for everything they do for JJC.

6 Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Student Trustee Stamborski for the meeting to
Adjournment adjourn at 7:19 p.m. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.