

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 5:34 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

Trustees Present: Maureen Broderick, Jim Budzinski, Nancy Garcia Guillen, Diane Harris, Michelle Lee (arrived at 5:44 p.m. and left at 7:38 p.m.), Alicia Morales, Joshua Stamborski, and Student Trustee Ryan Queeney.

Elaine Bottomley led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Communications

Kelly Rohder-Tonelli, Executive Director of Strategic Engagement, introduced Jenn Donckers from Plainfield North High School and Colleen Uremovic, JJC Disabilities Services. Jenn discussed the biggest challenges to those who are neuro diverse regarding employment. Colleen recognized World Autism Day where JJC hosted multiple events.

1.3.1 Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month Proclamation

JJC student Jul Hwangbo read the proclamation.

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

1.4.1 Sharon Valentino Recognition of Retirement

Dr. Amy Gray read the recognition.

Trustee Stamborski moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to approve the recognition. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried.

1.5 Public Comments

JJC Student Luke Galloway acknowledged the outgoing Student Trustee Ryan Queeney. He thanked them for unifying the students, uplifting student voices and always standing up for the students.

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 ACCT GLI Reports

Trustees Alicia Morales, Diane Harris and Nancy Garcia Guillen reported on the Governance Leadership Institute conference they recently attended. Trustee Morales reported on the sessions she attended which included: a) Building Trust Through Effective Communication and b) Elevating the Board and President's Communications. Trustee Garcia Guillen reported on the following sessions: a) What Trustees Need to Know about Board Governance; b) Board Ethics and How to Work with Challenging Board Members and c) What Trustees Need to Know about Advocacy and Higher Education. Trustee Harris reported on the sessions titled: a) Strategic Planning and Culture of Innovation; b) Succession Planning for the Board and c) Best Practices of Highly Effective Boards.

1.7.2 Faculty Union Report

Curt Ward gave the faculty union report recognizing the Facilities Services Department for their quick response to an issue in the auto shop and he thanked the Student Government for participating in Student Advocacy Day in Springfield. He also acknowledged the outgoing Student Trustee Ryan Queeney and Trustee Joshua Stamborski.

1.7.3 Adjunct Faculty Union Report

Dr. Barbara Will-Henn thanked all those that ran in the recent elections and said she is amazed all that JJC does for the students including help with crisis housing, food insecurity and mental health. She also said the adjunct union is continuing negotiations and they are going well.

1.7.4 JJC Foundation Report

Kristi Mulvey, Executive Director, Institutional Advancement, had a written report that recapped the Crawford Honors College Appeal that has been mailed out. The Empty Bowls event raised \$4,425. The JJC Foundation and Athletics Golf Outing will be July 11 and the JJC Alumni & Friends trip to Switzerland, Germany and Italy has 8 open spots left. The annual philanthropy cord fundraiser has kicked off and the April Roots and Branches JJC Alumni podcast is currently out.

1.7.5 Building and Grounds Committee Report

There was no report.

1.7.6 Board Policy Committee Report

Trustee Garcia Guillen recapped the first and second reads that were on the agenda.

1.7.7 Finance Committee Report

There was no report.

1.7.8 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Queeney gave their report recapping the recent campus & community events and student advocacy day in Springfield. They also recapped the Latinos Unidos ILACHE Conference and the upcoming campus and community events. The Sustainability Update included the Earth Day Extravaganza, LEED Building Tour and the Repair Café at the Romeoville campus. They also reflected on their past year as Student Trustee and thanked those that supported them.

1.7.9 President's Report

Dr. Namuo gave his report congratulating Ryan Queeney on their service this past year and said the mark they left is kindness. He then reviewed the enrollment report. He highlighted the Wandering Feast fundraiser and the recent athletic and local events he has attended. He recapped the Governance Leadership Institute conference as well as his experience at Ellucian Live 2025 and the American Association of Community Colleges annual convention where he was one of four finalists for the CEO of the Year award. He said there were over 150 employers at the Joliet Region Career Fair. He acknowledged Luke Galloway's scholarly presentation on Immigration in America. Dr. Namuo announced the Executive Fellow Leadership program participants include Dr. Erica Reyes, Fatina Sayegh and Katie Smith.

1.8 Closed Session #1

There was no closed session.

1.10.1 Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting Held on March 5, 2025

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Stamborski, for the minutes of the Board of Trustees Special Meeting held on March 5, 2025 to be approved as submitted.

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

1.10.2 Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on March 12, 2025

Trustee Stamborski moved, seconded by Trustee Garcia Guillen, for the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2025 to be approved as submitted.

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

1.11 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.

1.12 Approval of Consent Agenda as Presented

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Stamborski, for the items identified on the consent agenda to be approved as presented. Trustee Broderick pulled agenda items 3.1 & 4.2.1.

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

- 2.1.1 Recommending Appointment of Department Chairs, 2025-2027
- 2.2.1 Recommending the Approval of Appointment of One Full-Time Assistant Professor of Mathematics (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 of Agriculture, Horticulture & Veterinary Technology (Tenure Track)
- 2.2.4 Recommending the Approval of Appointment of One Full-Time Associate Professor of Fine Arts (Tenure Track)
- 2.3.1 Classified Staff Report Includes New Hires, Replacements and Separations
- 2.3.2 Faculty Salary Schedule Columnar Advancement
- 3.2.1 Bid: Crawford Honors College
- 3.2.2 Consortium: Crawford Honors College Furniture
- 3.2.3 Consortium: Grill/Fryer Line Replacement
- 3.2.4 Sole Source: Spanish and English TV Commercial Spots
- 3.2.5 Sole Source: Bookstore Course Materials/General Merchandise and Supplies
- 3.2.6 Sole Source: Streaming Film Database
- 3.2.7 Sole Source: Tik Tok
- 3.2.8 Sole Source: Spotify
- 3.3 Treasurer's Report
- 3.4 Financial Report
- 3.5 Board of Trustees Approval of the Sale of College Personal Property
- 4.2.2 Policy 02.03.00 Internships
- 4.2.3 Policy 02.04.13 Light/Alternate Duty Assignments

3.1 Approval to Pay the Listing of Bills for the Period Ending March 31, 2025 as Presented

Student Trustee Queeney moved, seconded by Trustee Garcia Guillen, for the Board of Trustees to approve the agenda item as submitted.

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

4.2.1 Policy 02.01.16 Performance Management

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, for the Board of Trustees to approve the agenda item as submitted.

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

4.1 First Reading of Board Policies

Trustee Garcia Guillen recapped the four policies up for first read.

5.1 Representative to ICCTA/ACCT Report

Trustee Harris gave her report recapping the ICCTA meeting on March 14 which included an update on DEI and the Department of Education as well as the strategies for the upcoming Lobby Days.

5.2 Trustee Updates

Trustee Garcia Guillen thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Trustee Stamborski said this is his last meeting and wanted to remind everyone of a quote that says all that we have built does not collapse when bad people do bad things, it's when good people stand by and do nothing. He said his goal serving on this Board (both times) was to just do his best.

Student Trustee Queeney thanked the students that have come to the meetings and supported them during their term.

Trustee Morales said it has been an honor to serve on this Board for ten years. She was both a student and employee at JJC and that is what motivated her to run for Trustee. She said she has always focused on the students and what's best for them.

Trustee Broderick said she attended Discover JJC and thought the event went well. She said the ICCTA is working with the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity and Illinois Innovation Network on a campaign to connect individuals with advanced manufacturing degrees.

Trustee Lee said congratulations to the election winners.

Trustee Harris congratulated the election winners and congratulated Dr. Namuo for his CEO of the Year nomination. She said she was proud to serve with Trustee Stamborski & Student Trustee Queeney this past year.

5.3 Chair Report

Chairman Budzinski said he is looking forward to the new year with the new Trustees. He congratulated newly elected Trustee Elaine Bottomley and outgoing Trustee Josh Stamborski and Student Trustee Ryan Queeney. He also thanked the staff for all the work that goes on behind the scenes.

6. Closed Session #2

Trustee Stamborski moved, seconded by Trustee Morales, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to move to a closed session at 7:38 p.m. for the reasons of 2(c)1 and 2(c)2.

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

7. Return to Public Session

Trustee Stamborski moved, seconded by Trustee Broderick, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to return to public session at 8:43 p.m.

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

8. Adjournment

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, for the meeting to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.