

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

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**

The Special 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 5:37 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025.

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

Hearing no objection, Trustee Morales was allowed to attend the meeting virtually.

Student Trustee Ryan Queeney led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Public Comments**

Ayesha Shafiuddin congratulated Trustee Joshua Stamborski for his dedication and always giving his best to JJC, in two different capacities as a Student Trustee and as an appointed Trustee.

**3. Closed Session**

Trustee Stamborski moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to move to a closed session at 5:43 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.

**4. Return to Public Session**

Student Trustee Queeney moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to return to public session at 6:01 p.m.

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

## **5. Election Results**

President Namuo reported the election results and announced the winners as Nancy Garcia, Maureen Broderick and Elaine Bottomley. Each will serve a six-year term as Trustee for Joliet Junior College.

Student Trustee Queeney moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to accept the elections results.

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

## **6.1 Recognition of Trustee Joshua Stamborski Leaving the Board**

President Namuo presented Trustee Stamborski with a plaque recognizing his dedication and commitment to JJC. Dr. Namuo said Josh brought a combination of intelligence, integrity and a deep sense of justice in his role as a Trustee.

## **6.2 Recognition of Student Trustee Ryan Queeney Leaving the Board**

Dr. Namuo recognized and thanked Ryan Queeney for their powerful voice in their effort to bring bachelor degrees to Illinois community colleges. He said Ryan lead with empathy, compassion, justice and kindness. Dr. Amy Kuspa-Sims also acknowledged Ryan for their support of inclusion on campus and that Ryan's term highlighted kindness by showing us patience, grace and love every day.

## **7. Adjourn Sine Die of Old Board**

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Garcia Guillen, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to adjourn sine die of the old board at 6:17 p.m.

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

## **8. New Student Trustee Appointment**

Dr. Amy Kuspa-Sims welcomed the new Student Trustee Brenton Bishop and said he has been highly engaged in his academics. Brenton obtained his GED from JJC's Department of Adult Education and Literacy and continued on to receive his CNA certificate. He is in the process of obtaining a degree in nursing.

## **9. Oath of Office and Seating of Newly Elected Board Members and the Student Trustee**

Dr. Namuo issued the oath of office to the elected Trustees – Elaine Bottomley, Maureen Broderick and Nancy Garcia as well as the new Student Trustee Brenton Bishop. They all were then seated as members of the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College.

## **10.1 Roll Call**

At 6:24 p.m., President Namuo asked to call to order the new board: Trustees present: Elaine Bottomley, Maureen Broderick, Jim Budzinski, Nancy Garcia Guillen, Diane Harris, Michelle Lee, Alicia Morales (virtual) and Student Trustee Brenton Bishop.

Hearing no objection, Trustee Morales was allowed to attend the meeting virtually.

## **11. Board Reorganization**

Dr. Namuo read JJC policy 01.10.00 – Officers of the Board.

### **11.1 - ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Trustee Morales nominated Trustee Budzinski

Trustee Lee nominated Trustee Broderick

Trustee Broderick nominated Trustee Bottomley

Trustee Nancy Garcia Guillen nominated herself

Attorney Kopman called for a point of order and confirmed per policy 01.10.00 – Officers of the Board, that Trustee Broderick is not in good standing and therefore, not eligible to run to be an officer on the board.

Trustee Garcia Guillen motioned, seconded by Trustee Morales, to close nominations for the office of Chair of the Board. AYES: Bottomley, Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Lee and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. The motion carried.

The vote for Jim Budzinski for Chair of the Board was as follows: AYES: Bottomley, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. NAYS: Broderick & Lee.

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved and Trustee Bottomley seconded, to appoint Jim Budzinski as Chair of the Board of Trustees. AYES: Bottomley, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. NAYS: Broderick & Lee. The motion carried.

### **11.2 - ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Trustee Budzinski nominated Trustee Morales

Trustee Harris nominated herself

Trustee Lee nominated Trustee Garcia Guillen

Trustee Broderick motioned, seconded by Trustee Harris, to close nominations for the office of Vice Chair of the Board. AYES: Bottomley, Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Lee and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. The motion carried.

Alicia Morales did not accept the nomination and no vote was taken.

The vote for Diane Harris for Vice Chair of the Board was as follows: AYES: Broderick, Budzinski & Harris: NAYS: Bottomley, Garcia Guillen, Lee & Morales. ABSTAIN: Student Trustee Bishop.

The vote for Nancy Garcia Guillen for Vice Chair of the Board was as follows: AYES: Bottomley, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Lee and Morales. NAYS: Broderick & Harris. ABSTAIN: Student Trustee Bishop.

Trustee Bottomley moved and Trustee Broderick seconded, to appoint Nancy Garcia Guillen as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. AYES: Bottomley, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. NAYS: Broderick & Lee. The motion carried.

### **11.3 - ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

Trustee Garcia Guillen nominated Trustee Morales

Trustee Broderick nominated Trustee Bottomley

Trustee Garcia Guillen motioned, seconded by Trustee Bottomley, to close nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board. AYES: Bottomley, Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Lee and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. The motion carried.

The vote for Alicia Morales for Secretary of the Board was as follows: AYES: Budzinski, Garcia Guillen & Morales. NAYS: Bottomley, Broderick & Lee. ABSTAIN: Harris & Student Trustee Bishop.

The vote for Elaine Bottomley for Secretary of the Board was as follows: AYES: Bottomley, Broderick, Budzinski, Harris & Lee. NAYS: Garcia Guillen. ABSTAIN: Morales & Student Trustee Bishop.

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved and Trustee Harris seconded, to appoint Elaine Bottomley as Secretary of the Board of Trustees. AYES: Bottomley, Broderick, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris, Lee and Morales. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. The motion carried.

### **12. Adjournment**

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Bottomley, for the meeting to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.