

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 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

Trustees Present: Elaine Bottomley, Maureen Broderick, Jim Budzinski, Nancy Garcia Guillen, Diane Harris, Michelle Lee - (arrived at 6:43 p.m.), Alicia Morales – virtual (arrived at 6:16 p.m.) and Student Trustee Brenton Bishop.

Trustee Nancy Garcia Guillen led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Communications

Dr. Namuo introduced Greg Peerbolte, CEO of the Joliet Area Historical Museum. Greg announced the Joliet Area Historical Museum was named the 2025 Illinois Museum of the Year by the Illinois Association of Museums and he said JJC has a spot on the museum board. Greg highlighted that Route 66 is turning 100 years old and Joliet Junior College is turning 125 years old and he is grateful for the partnership with JJC.

1.3 Public Comments

JJC student Kimberly Martinez, past president of Latinos Unidos addressed the Board. She said that at the last meeting, some Board members had concerns for raising a flag along with the proclamation that was read. She wanted to express the student perspective on this issue and stated how meaningful and impactful the flag raising events can be. She shared that many students told her how proud they felt to be part of such a moment. She asked the Board to be courageous and not be afraid. She said there are many things we cannot control as an institution or as individuals, but we can control how welcome, seen and safe our students feel when they come to campus. Raising a flag may seem like such a small gesture, but for many it represents presence, visibility, respect and belonging.

1.4 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.

1.5.1 12x12x12 Report

Dr. Namuo gave the presentation that included thanking the area superintendents and the JJC Foundation Board for their support for this program. The JJC Foundation has authorized \$500,000 to support successful 12x12x12 students who decide to enroll at JJC after graduation. One hundred eighty-six scholarships were awarded in AY24-25. JJC has seen steady growth in the program. The initial objectives of 12x12x12, were to improve the relationships that we have with our districts, to enhance the dual credit structure at JJC and ultimately to increase JJC's matriculation rate. There are now 5,781 or 15% of area students participating in dual credit and these students are more prepared and more likely to be successful when they get to college. There are fewer seniors graduating, yet JJC has seen an increase in the number of high school seniors who choose to come to JJC.

1.5.2 Facilities Master Plan Report

Karen Kissel, Vice President Finance and Administration, reminded the Board that in February, the Board approved the hiring of Legat Architects to provide a facilities master plan for the campus which will guide the development of JJC's campuses for the next 10 to 15 years. She then introduced Michael Lundeen from Legat Architects who presented an overview of the process to develop a Comprehensive Campus Master Plan. The process will include defining the objectives and solving problems. The plan will include defining goals, gathering information, interviewing all departments to determine needs and requests and to develop objectives. The plan will also develop and document options and costs. At a future Board workshop, they will present the future of higher education, JJC's goals and the Board's aspirations for the master plan.

1.5.3 Faculty Union Report

Curt Ward, the Faculty Union President, addressed the Board saying there were a record number of students who earned honor roll status and congratulated the faculty who made that happen. He then highlighted some of the faculty who are presenting their work to other higher education institutions.

1.5.4 Adjunct Faculty Union Report

There was no report.

1.5.5 JJC Foundation Report

There was no report.

1.5.6 Building and Grounds Committee Report

There was no report.

1.5.7 Board Policy Committee Report

Trustee Garcia Guillen said there are three first reads which will be discussed at the 4.1 agenda item.

1.5.8 Finance Committee Report

There was no report.

1.5.9 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Brenton Bishop gave his report which included the ICCTA trustee development conference in June which included the open meetings act, freedom of information act, financial oversight & fiduciary responsibilities and collective bargaining agreements and negotiations. He also attended the Morris State of the City meeting and the Illinois Legislative Update Breakfast. Brenton concluded with highlighting the upcoming and past campus events.

At this point, Trustee Morales requested to join the meeting virtually. Hearing no objection, she joined the meeting.

1.5.10 President's Report

Dr. Namuo gave his report which included congratulating the women's golf team on winning the national title. He discussed a few of the items before the Board on the agenda and the financial reporting recognitions JJC has received relating to finance reporting. He then summarized enrollment data for summer and fall which is up 9.6% and he credited the efforts of the advising staff. He acknowledged the events around campus and the around and beyond the district events he attended. The employee spotlight was on JJC advisors. The team includes 8 academic advisors, 5 success coaches, a transfer specialist and a team of approximately 60 faculty members contracted to support the advising of students.

1.6 Closed Session #1

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to move to a closed session at 6:31 p.m. for the reasons of 2(c)5, 2(c)6 and 2(c)11.

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

1.7 Return to Public Session

Trustee Bottomley moved, seconded by Trustee Garcia Guillen, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to return to public session at 7:19 p.m.

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

1.8.1 Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on May 21, 2025

Trustee Harris moved, seconded by Trustee Morales, for the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on May 21, 2025 to be approved as submitted.

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

1.9 Approval of Agenda

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, for the agenda to be approved as submitted. A voice vote was taken. All voted yes except Trustee Broderick who voted no. The motion carried.

1.10 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; 3.2.16 & 3.6. Trustee Budzinski pulled 3.2.10 & 3.2.11.

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

- 2.1.1 Recommending the Approval of Appointment of One Full-Time Assistant Professor, Health Services Department (Tenure Track)
- 2.1.2 Recommending the Approval of Appointment of One Full-Time Assistant Professor, Nursing Department (Tenure Track)
- 2.1.3 Recommending the Approval of Appointment of One Full-Time Associate Professor, Social & Behavioral Sciences Department (Tenure Track)
- 2.1.4 Recommending the Approval of Appointment of One Full-Time Associate Professor, English, Philosophy & World Languages Department (Tenure Track)
- 2.1.5 Recommending the Approval of Appointment of One Full-Time Assistant Professor, Public Services Department (Tenure Track)
- 2.1.6 Recommending the Approval of Appointment of One Full-Time Assistant Professor, Technical Department (Tenure Track)
- 2.1.7 Recommending the Approval of Appointment of One Full-Time Assistant Professor, Public Services Department (Tenure Track)
- 2.2.1 Recommending Approval of Workers Compensation Settlement Case Number: W004077519
- 2.3.1 Classified Staff Report Includes New Hires, Replacements and Separations
- 3.2.1 Bid: Refuse & Recyclable Material Collection
- 3.2.2 Consortium: Autonomous Vacuum
- 3.2.3 Consortium: Firewall Replacement Migration
- 3.2.4 Consortium: Network of Illinois Learning Resources in Community Colleges
- 3.2.5 Consortium: Saver Dining Room Furniture
- 3.2.6 Consortium: Bobcat L95 Compact Wheel Loader
- 3.2.7 Consortium: Vernier LabQuest 3
- 3.2.8 Consortium: Legacy Email Gateway Authenticator
- 3.2.9 Professional Service: Tree Inventory & Urban Forestry Management Plan
- 3.2.12 RFP: Promotional Items
- 3.2.13 Sole Source: Medical Imaging Education System
- 3.2.14 Sole Source: Textbooks for Technical Cohort Students
- 3.2.15 Sole Source: Advanced Pediatric Hal S2225
- 3.3 Treasurer's Report
- 3.4 Financial Report
- 3.5 Board of Trustees Approval of the Sale of College Personal Property
- 3.7 Board of Trustees Approval of Resolution to Transfer Funds from Education Fund to Operations & Maintenance Restricted Fund
- 3.8 Board of Trustees Approval of Resolution to Transfer Funds from Operations and Maintenance Fund to Operations & Maintenance Restricted Fund

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

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

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

3.2.10 Professional Service: Technical Personnel Supplementation for ERP Restart Project

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

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

3.2.11 Professional Service: Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)

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

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

3.2.16 Sole Source: In-Person Training for the Title IX and Behavioral Intervention Teams

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

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

3.6 Board of Trustees Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 Resource Allocation and Management Plan for Community Colleges (RAMP/CC)

Trustee Morales moved, seconded by Trustee Bottomley, for the agenda item to be approved as presented.

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

3.9.1 Motion to Suspend Rules Temporarily to Allow for Public Comment on FY 2026 Budget

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Morales, to Suspend Rules Temporarily to Allow for Public Comment on FY2026 Budget at 8:02 pm.

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

There were no public comments.

3.9.2 Motion to Return to Regular Session

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Morales, to return to regular session at 8:03 p.m.

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

3.9.3 The President Requests Approval of the Administrative Recommendation for the FY 2026 Budget

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Lee, to postpone the vote on agenda item 3.9.3 to July 26, 2025.

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

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Morales, for the agenda item 3.9.3 to be approved as presented.

AYES: Bottomley, Budzinski, Garcia Guillen, Harris and Morales. NAYS: Broderick. ABSTAN: Lee. Student Trustee Bishop favored the motion. The motion carried.

4.1 First Reading of Board Policies

Trustee Garcia Guillen recapped the policies that were on First Read which included:

4.1.1 02.01.20 Pay for Performance for Eligible Non-Union Exempt and Non-Exempt Employees

4.1.2 02.04.18 Retiree Benefits – Event Passes, Tuition Waiver, and Fitness Center

4.1.3 03.21.00 Hazing Prevention (New Policy)

5.1 Representative to ICCTA/ACCT Report

Trustee Harris gave her report recapping the June 6/7, 2025 ICCTA meeting which included the required professional development training and the annual awards banquet. Diane received a trustee education award. She also gave the ACCT federal update which included Pell grants, elimination of TRIO programs, the reduction of the federal work-study budget, cuts to DEI initiatives and the restructuring of the Federal Department of Education.

5.2 Trustee Updates

Trustee Garcia Guillen said she was excited for the summer school students and those who will enroll in the fall. She said she has concerns with everything going on at the federal level with ICE and violations of basic human rights, the role of the United States in bombing Iran, threats to education, elimination of the TRIO and DEI programs. She is proud to be part of a Board of a higher education institution that has the opportunity and responsibility to be courageous, innovative and forward thinking and has a commitment to supporting the students.

Trustee Morales said she agrees with Trustee Garcia Guillen and will continue to support the students. She said all Trustees need to prioritize their travel budgets.

Trustee Bottomley said happy Pride month and belated Juneteenth. She said that we don't all have to agree but need to be respectful and continue talking and she is looking forward to the JJC Foundation 5K event.

Trustee Broderick said that since she was reelected, the censors, resolution and not being in good standing should no longer be in effect. She also said that it is not fair that the Student Trustee got a bigger travel budget than elected Trustees.

Trustee Harris said as the Board's representative for the JD Ross Extraordinary Service Award Committee, she announced that Larry Weirs will receive this year's JD Ross Extraordinary Service Award. She also attended the legislative breakfast and is glad to know that all of the legislators are fully on Board with the baccalaureate program. She will also attend the JJC golf outing.

Trustee Bishop said he has learned so much already about the budget, fiduciary responsibilities and the general operations of a community college Board. He also thanked the Finance Committee for all of the hard work that went into the budget.

Trustee Lee said she attended the on-line trustee training and felt the in-person training was better and she said everyone could attend every ICCTA meeting not just the JJC representative.

5.3 Chair Report

Chairman Budzinski said he appreciates everyone's questions about the budget and is glad we got through it. He acknowledged the finance committee for their work and agreed to updating the process moving forward.

6. Closed Session #2

There was no closed session.

8. Adjournment

Student Trustee Bishop moved, seconded by Trustee Morales, for the meeting to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.