

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 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

Trustees Present: Maureen Broderick, Jim Budzinski, Nancy Garcia Guillen (left at 8:35 p.m.), Diane Harris, Michelle Lee (arrived at 5:42 p.m. and left at 8:56 p.m.), Jake Mahalik and Student Trustee Ryan Queeney.

Trustees Absent: Alicia Morales

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

**1.2 Communications**

Kelly Rohder-Tonelli, Executive Director of Strategic Engagement, played the videos submitted by Dr. Paul Schrik, Superintendent of Troy Community Consolidated School District 30-C, and Dr. Theresa Rouse, Superintendent of Joliet District 86, thanking JJC for the opportunity to be a partner with them on the Future Wolves summer camp program.

**1.3.1 Board of Trustees Approval of September as Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation**

Robert Morris, Interim Vice President, Student Development, introduced Felix Rodriguez who read the proclamation in both English and Spanish.

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to approve the proclamation with the revision of adding into the English version that JJC will “raise the Hispanic Heritage Month flag in celebration of its students and community”.

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

**1.3.2 Board of Trustees Approval of Jake Mahalik Appreciation Proclamation**

Chairman Budzinski read the proclamation. The Chairman and the President congratulated and presented Trustee Mahalik with a plaque.

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

#### **1.4 Closed Session #1**

Trustee Mahalik moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to move to a closed session at 5:54 p.m. for the reasons of 2(c)2 & 2(c)21.

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

#### **1.5 Return to Public Session**

Trustee Mahalik moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to return to public session at 6:31 p.m.

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

#### **1.6 Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **1.7 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.

#### **1.8.1 Future Wolves and Kids College Report**

Dr. Escortina Ervin highlighted the Future Wolves summer camp experience which encouraged early college learning and exposure for K-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Fifty participants from Troy Community Consolidated School District 30-C and Joliet Public District 86 attended the camp. The parent feedback and satisfaction survey had a 100% rating of very satisfied.

Dr. Amy Gary gave an overview of the Kids College at JJC which has been offered since 2004. Kids College aims to be an affordable and accessible option for students and families to connect to JJC through engaging and academic focused camps and programming. In 2024, there were 434 students served which is a 267% growth over last year. Amanda Bendoraitis, Employee Learning & Wellness Manager, highlighted some of the forty-eight programs that are offered.

#### **1.8.2 Faculty Union Report**

Dr. Bob Marcink gave his report saying classes just started and there is excitement on campus. He also acknowledge Trustee Mahalik for his service to JJC and said the faculty will miss him.

#### **1.8.3 Adjunct Faculty Union Report**

Barbara Will-Henn, the new Adjunct Faculty President, addressed the Board saying she has been with JJC since 2016 and she appreciates the wonderful relations the adjunct faculty has with everyone at JJC.

#### **1.8.4 Building and Grounds Committee Report**

Student Trustee Queeney and Trustee Mahalik gave the report recapping the projects that are currently in construction and the current project bids.

### **1.8.5 Board Policy Committee Report**

Trustee Lee reported that there was no meeting this month. She also said that the Title IX policy on the agenda had not gone through the committee and she recommends it be tabled. Trustee Garcia Guillen said that this policy had been shared via email with the committee.

### **1.8.6 Finance Committee Report**

Trustee Mahalik said there was no report.

### **1.8.7 President's Report**

Dr. Namuo gave his report stating that enrollment is up for the semester. Headcount is up 14.48% and credit hours are up 2.9%. Dr. Namuo has also accepted an invitation to join the Will County Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity. Dr. Namuo acknowledged Trustee Jake Mahalik and thanked him for his service to JJC. He said the Foundation Golf Outing was a success and JJC plans to expand the Future Wolves Kids Camp. He recapped some of the summer community happenings he attended including the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet where he was the keynote speaker. Dr. Namuo also gave an update on the repairs to the City Center Campus where the plan is to have the campus open on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Namuo highlighted DEI accomplishments including the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award won by JJC and that JJC is the central region winner of the ACCT Equity Award. JJC is also a contender for the national award from ACCT. Fall Convocation and the Day of Service were held on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The Namuo Family Scholarship is at \$57,795 and has awarded the first two scholarships.

### **1.9.1 Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on June 26, 2024**

Trustee Mahalik moved, seconded by Trustee Garcia Guillen, for the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on June 26, 2024 to be approved as submitted.

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

### **1.9.2 Approval of Notes for the Board Retreat held on July 17, 2024**

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, for the notes of the Board of Trustees Retreat held on July 17, 2024 to be approved as submitted.

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

### **1.9.3 Approval of Minutes for the Emergency/Special Meeting held on August 6, 2024**

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, to amend the minutes to read "Special Meeting" of the Board of Trustees held on August 6, 2024 and to be approved as submitted on the green sheet.

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

### **1.9.4 Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session Meetings Held on 7/28/22, 8/10/22, 10/12/22, 11/09/22, 12/14/22, 1/18/23, 2/1/23, 2/15/23, 3/15/23, 4/5/23, 4/12/23, 5/10/23, & 6/14/23 and Destruction of the Verbatim Recording of the Closed Session Meetings Held on 7/28/22, 8/10/22, 10/12/22, 11/09/22, 12/14/22 & 1/18/23 and to Find that the Need for Confidentiality Exists for All Remaining Closed Session Minutes**

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik, to amend the motion to read “Approval and release of the minutes of the closed session meetings held on 7/28/22, 8/10/22, 10/12/22, 11/09/22, 12/14/22, 1/18/23, 2/1/23, 2/15/23, 3/15/23, 4/12/23, 5/10/23, & 6/14/23 and the destruction of the verbatim recording of the closed session meetings held on 7/28/22, 8/10/22, 10/12/22, 11/09/22, 12/14/22 & 1/18/23 and to find that the need for confidentiality exists for all remaining closed session minutes”.

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

### **1.10 Approval of Agenda**

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

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

### **1.11 Approval of Consent Agenda as Presented**

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik, for the items identified on the consent agenda to be approved as presented. Trustee Lee pulled agenda item 4.2.1. Trustee Broderick pulled agenda items 3.1 & 3.2.11.

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

- 2.1.1 Recommending the Approval of Appointment of One Full-Time Associate Professor, Technical Department (Tenure Track)
- 2.2.1 Classified Staff Report Includes New Hires, Replacements and Separations
- 3.2.1 Bid: Forklift
- 3.2.2 Bid: New 4X4 Pickup Trucks
- 3.2.3 Consortium: Fire Protection Maintenance
- 3.2.4 Consortium: Bobcat Toolcat for Facility Services
- 3.2.5 Consortium: Microsoft Campus Agreement
- 3.2.6 Consortium: Elevator Maintenance
- 3.2.7 Contractual Service: Morris Hospital Paramedic Agreement
- 3.2.8 Professional Service: Instructor for Contract Trainings for Corporate & Community Services
- 3.2.9 RFP: Continuing Education Registration Software
- 3.2.10 Sole Source: Syllabus Library Software
- 3.2.12 Sole Source: Microsoft Unified Support
- 3.2.13 Sole Source: Business Recovery Services
- 3.2.14 Sole Source: High Bandwidth Wide Area Network
- 3.2.15 Sole Source: English Placement Testing Units
- 3.2.16 Sole Source: Obstetrics Simulator
- 3.2.17 Sole Source: Festo Meclab Systems Assembly Line
- 3.2.18 Sole Source: Microsoft Azure Cloud Infrastructure
- 3.3 Treasurer’s Report
- 3.4 Financial Report

## **PULLED ITEMS**

### **3.1 Approval to Pay the Listing of Bills for the Period Ending June 30 and July 31, 2024 as Presented**

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

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

#### **3.2.11 Sole Source: Workday Consulting for Human Resources (over 10% previous approved amount)**

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

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

#### **4.2.1 Approval of Board Policy 05.03.00 Title IX Policy 2024**

Trustee Lee moved, seconded by Trustee Harris to table the agenda item.

AYES: Broderick, Budzinski, Harris, Lee and Mahalik. NAYS: Garcia Guillen. Student Trustee Queeney abstained. The motion carried.

#### **4.1 Emergency Purchase: City Center Fresh Air Plenum (Dog House)**

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

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

#### **4.3 Taking from the Table the June 2024 Agenda Item 4.3: Censure #1 of Trustee Michelle Lee for making disparaging comments about Dr. Namuo to college cabinet members as well as yelling at and rudely demanding action from the Board Assistant, all in violation of Board Policy 01.03.00 Trustee Code of Conduct**

Student Trustee Queeney moved, seconded by Trustee Garcia Guillen, for the agenda item to be taken from the table.

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

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

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

**4.4 Taking from the table the June 2024 agenda item 4.4: Censure #2 of Trustee Michelle Lee for sharing her JJC email account password with another, in violation of Board Policy 10.01.00 Information Security Governance**

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Student Trustee Queeney, for the agenda item to be taken from the table.

AYES: Budzinski, Garcia Guillen and Mahalik. NAYS: Broderick, Harris & Lee. Student Trustee Queeney favored the motion. The motion failed.

**4.5 Resolution 2024R03: Affirming Policy Governance & Board Communication**

Student Trustee Queeney moved for the agenda item to be approved as submitted. No one seconded the motion.

**4.6 Declaring a Vacancy on the Board of Trustees as of August 20, 2024, with the resignation of Trustee Mahalik**

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, for the agenda item to be amended to read “August 21, 2024”.

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

**5.1 Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee Queeney gave their report welcoming the 8,500 new and returning students. They acknowledged recent campus and community events including the information session for the Romeoville Repair Café, the JJC steel band concert, new student advising and the CMAS block party. Ryan attended a webinar regarding Board behavior and working positively together. Ryan also highlighted upcoming campus and community events and they attended the Academic Update Student Panel. Ryan gave an update on their Student Trustee project regarding the Community College Baccalaureate Degrees.

**5.2 Representative to the JJC Foundation Report**

Kristi Mulvey said she did not have a report.

### **5.3 Representative to ICCTA/ACCT Report**

Trustee Lee said she did not attend the ICCTA executive committee meeting so Trustee Broderick gave a recap of that meeting.

### **5.4 Trustee Update**

Student Trustee Queeney thanked Trustee Mahalik for his service and said the students will miss him. Trustee Garcia Guillen wished all the JJC students good luck. Trustee Harris said she really loves the Future Wolves program and when she attends ICCTA meetings she always learns something. She said we all need to act on what is being taught on how to be a good trustee. Trustee Lee said it is an honor to stand up for women's rights, men's rights, parental rights and the rights of our children and she is staying true to her fiduciary duty. Trustee Broderick said she would like to see an update on the 12x12x12 program and the search for the CIO and the open vice president position. She would also like to see JJC have committees of the whole and she feels there is a conflict of interest with Trustee Morales being the Joliet Township Supervisor and a JJC trustee.

### **5.5 Chair's Report**

Chairman Budzinski said that JJC has obtained an independent firm to investigate employee grievances against members of this Board. Members of the Board, the cabinet, the administration and staff may be contacted and as the chair, he would like full cooperation.

### **6. Closed Session #2**

Trustee Garcia Guillen moved, seconded by Trustee Harris, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to move to a closed session at 8:27 p.m. for the reasons of 2(c)1, 2(c)3 & 2(c)8.

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

### **7. Return to Public Session**

Trustee Mahalik moved, seconded by Trustee Broderick, for the Board of Trustees of Joliet Junior College to return to public session at 9:45 p.m.

AYES: Broderick, Budzinski and Mahalik. NAYS: Harris. Student Trustee Queeney favored the motion. The motion carried.

### **8. Adjournment**

Student Trustee Queeney moved, seconded by Trustee Mahalik, for the meeting to adjourn at 9:46 p.m. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.