

# THE BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 515

## Eight Hundred Thirty-Sixth Regular Meeting August 31, 2021

### MINUTES

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Dr. Ronald White, Chairman, convened the 836th Regular Meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 515 at 5:10 p.m., Tuesday, August 31, 2021, in the Board Room of the College.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

##### Board Members Present

Dr. Ronald White, Chairman  
Mr. Christopher Baikauskas, Vice Chairman  
Ms. Monica Gordon, Secretary  
Mr. Jay Readey  
Ms. Miriam Slaughter  
Mr. John Stanfa  
Ms. Camiella Williams

##### Table Participants Present

Dr. Thomas Saban, Interim President  
Ms. Jodi Pedersoli, Board Recorder  
Dr. Michael Anthony, Vice President, Student Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness  
Mr. Elighie Wilson, Interim Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Mr. Eric Stach, Del Galdo Law Group  
Mr. Thomas Nicholas, Faculty Representative  
Ms. Cheron Ricks, Support Staff Representative

##### Administrators Present

Ms. Alisha Clark; Ms. Annette Dolph; Ms. Patricia Gallagher Trost; Dr. Megan Hughes;  
Mr. Gregory Kain; Mr. Timothy Kosiek; Ms. Kim Kunce; Dr. Charmaine Sevier;  
Ms. Deborah Smith Havighorst

##### Faculty Members Present

Dr. Christa Adam; Ms. Rebecca Buckle; Ms. Monique Campbell; Dr. Danielle Coleman;  
Dr. La Tia Collins; Mr. William Condon; Dr. Alanna Cotch; Dr. Angela Hung;  
Ms. Kathleen Karwoski; Mr. Thane Montaner; Dr. Jessica Nastal; Ms. Valerie Nicholson;  
Ms. Heather Pevion; Ms. Kimberly Piña; Ms. Dawn Piper; Ms. Desiree Schierholz;  
Ms. Angela Simpson; Dr. George Streeter; Ms. Gail Szewczyk; Dr. Johnson Thomas;  
Ms. Rhonda White; Ms. Denita Williams

##### Managers Present

Ms. Crystal Alston-Nobles; Dr. Lee Helbert; Ms. Dawn Sterning

##### Staff Members Present

Mr. William Berkley; Ms. Michelle Guiliani; Mr. Georges Sanon; Mr. Bradley Schmidt

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### Others Present

Mr. Charles Dieringer, Thorn Creek Environmental Club; Mr. Charles Dieringer, II;  
Mr. Edward Schwarz, District Resident; Mr. Walter Szewczyk

### CALL TO ORDER

Dr. White welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the following:

*To the Board of Trustees, Interim President, Vice-Presidents, Chief of Staff, Union Presidents, Student Government Representative, Department Heads, Faculty, Staff, Students, and to those of protocol I may have forgotten to call . . . Good Evening!*

*There have been several changes over the past year or so and even now there will be changes to occur. I want you to know that "Business as Usual is no Longer Acceptable."*

*First, allow me to thank you, the members of the Community College District 515 and Prairie State College who supported me and voted for me to be your humble servant at this moment. I thank you because this opportunity gives me a chance to say something important to you who really care. It is truly a distinct privilege and an immense opportunity to have been elected to the Board of Trustees and elected to have served as Secretary, Vice-Chairman, and now Chairman of the Board. As I thought about what I might say to you this evening, I want to share a story with you that caught my attention as it relates to achievement and excellence. A Zen master invited one of his students over to his house for afternoon tea. They talked for a while, and the time came for tea. The teacher poured the tea into the student's cup. Even after it was full, he continued to pour. The cup overflowed and the tea spilled out onto the floor. Finally, the student said, "Master you must stop pouring; the tea is overflowing-it's not going into the cup." The teacher replied, "That's very observant of you and the same is true with you. If you are to receive any of my teaching, you must first empty out what you have in your mental cup."*

*The moral of this story is that we need the ability to unlearn what we know -and the important ability to go well beyond what we already know. Our minds are cluttered with ready-made answers; we do not have the freedom to strike off the beaten path in new directions. Our attitudes, approaches, and responses have created a lot of mental locks. We need to be able to undo some of what we know, and we need to learn to go well beyond what we already know. This flowing-over process will help us unlearn and learn again.*

*Excellent means very good of its kind: eminently good: FIRST-CLASS. Excellence means the quality of being excellent. It can also mean intellectual awareness. You must find a way to stimulate insight. Insight is the wisdom of the mind and insight comes to the prepared mind. That's why I enjoy talking to you - people with prepared minds. You have laid the foundation-at least some of the essential footings for continuing and creating excellence or for capitalizing on your full potential. But too often, I think, we talk of education in the traditional, formal sense, as that which occurs during certain segments of a person's life - Kindergarten, Grade School, Junior High, High School, or College. There is the tendency to stress the "formal" side of education - classroom and academics. We must continue our education processes of Prairie State College to continue to develop and educate persons seeking higher education degrees. The relationship between Prairie State College and our students is the epitome of the development of educational excellence processes.*

*Let me share with you the kind of learning that takes place every day in a thousand ways, the kind of growing that takes place when we react and respond appropriately to the experiences with which life confronts us. I want to talk to you about what happens IN us when things happen to us ...*

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*Tolstoi, the great Russian writer, once told a story of a Russian bear hunter, who in the process of the hunt, loses his gun, and becomes not the hunter, but the "hunted." He is chased by the bear across a vast moor with no refuge in sight. Finally, the hunter finds an abandoned well into which he descends, suspending himself above the water by hanging tenaciously to a small shrub, growing out from a wall of the well. Thus, he rests and waits for the bear to leave the premises. But after a while, a mouse runs out on the branch of a shrub to which the hunter is holding and starts to gnaw away at the branch. Obviously, in a few moments, the branch will give way and the hunter will plummet into the water below. So, he peers downward to see the nature of the "below." To his consternation, beneath him, its jaws opened wide-is a huge crocodile. What a dilemma ... The bear above ... The crocodile below. No choice but to go up to face the bear--or in a few moments, to drop into the jaws of the crocodile.*

*Then, to make matters worse, a deposit of honey situated on a branch further up, begins to drop annoyingly into the hunter's face. What does the hunter do?*

*According to Tolstoi, he opens his mouth wide and catches each drop of the honey; for he is determined that LIFE WILL BE SWEET TO THE BITTER END!"*

*Tolstoi doesn't tell us what happens to the hunter - to do so would be missing the point of the story. Whether or not he survives is not important ... HOW he survives IS! Life is measured not in resources, but in responses! It is not what happens TO us, but what happens IN us that count!*

*And here within lies our great educational need for the great lesson LIFE calls us to learn - to test, to teach, to train our responses and reactions. We have the best professors of any institution, and our focus is to emphasize excellence in our education here at Prairie State College.*

*Surely in a room like this, a gathering like this, we can each recall in our own life, or the life of a loved one, some tragic experience. For someone it was the end ... and for someone else it was the beginning. For one it is doom, for the other deliverance. What makes the difference? The Chinese describe this in one word. In their language there is a word picture for what we call CRISIS. It consists of two characters, one meaning DISASTER or collapse, the other meaning OPPORTUNITY (CREATIVITY) - that is, in every experience there are the seeds of collapse or creation ... But which it will be, depends on the individual. .. you!*

*But how do we train the human spirit to react and respond-victoriously?*

*May I suggest a three-step formula?*

*FIRST, WE MUST LEARN TO ACCEPT OUR EXPERIENCE. The poet William Earnest Henley shouts this stoic acceptance in his great lines for "Invictus"-"out of the night that covers me, black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods may be, for my unconquerable soul."*

*Or hear John Neihardt, singing the third stanza from his writing "Let Me Live Out My Years" ...*

*"And grant that when I face the grisly thing,  
My song may trumpet down the Gray Perhaps,  
Let me be as a tune swept fiddlestring,  
That feels the Master melody and snaps!"*

*But we must do more than merely ENDURE our experiences, we must UTILIZE THEM creatively. The first step is to ACCEPT. But THE SECOND essential step is to ADAPT ... ADJUST.*

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*Think of this image ... Life throws daggers (experiences, if you will) at us as people ... We can catch them by the blade, or by the handle. If we catch the daggers by the blade, they will cut us and hurt us; if we catch them by the handle, we can use them as weapons for our own defense. It's the reaction that determines the result. Circumstances can be controlled by the certain stance of the soul. What happens to us is never as important as what happens in us!*

*Which leads us to the third step ... we must ADVANCE!*

*Every experience in life ought to be viewed as a means of self-improvement and growth ... Did you ever stop to think that the beautiful and lustrous pearl is the product of a sandy irritation ... ? A grain of sand works its way into a soft lining of the oyster ... To protect itself from the irritation, the oyster exudes a nacreous substance that hardens around the grain of sand ... and over and over, layer after layer the process continues, until one day the painful problem becomes a purposeful pearl. The burning irritation has become a beautiful inspiration!*

*We see this most clearly in the lives of the persons who use the dark depths of despair as springboards for the triumphant living.*

*Yes, it is true ... the reaction determines the result. The measure of a man or woman is not what happens TO them but rather what happens IN them!*

*To be able to accept the loveliness and the darkness, and to derive the depth of purpose from them both - this is the great lesson of life ... that we can ADAPT, ADJUST, AND ADVANCE. You, Prairie State College personnel, are the cream of the crop. You are the envy of many. You have a duty. I challenge you. I charge you. Excellence is yours to have.*

*If you want to be a Person of Excellence you must first desire to be that type of person. A person of excellence doesn't take short-cuts. They don't go for the cheap things. They have a genuine desire to be excellent and they have an attitude that is not willing to settle for half-baked, half-done and half-assed results. What you commit yourself to become, determines what you are.*

*Even now, I have the desire to help people further their educational pursuits. In 1995 when pastoring in Washington State I was elected to a K-12 school board in Pasco, Washington where I first served as Vice-President and after one year was elected as President of the Board. In July 2021, I was sworn-in as President of the International Conference of Police Chaplains with roughly 2,500 members worldwide. In February 2020, just prior to Covid-19 hitting us, I met with the President of the International Association Chiefs of Police (IACP) with 31,000 members worldwide. We discussed police chaplaincy and the need for qualified and trained chaplains. The result of our meeting was the International Association of Chiefs of Police establishment of a Police Chaplains Section, which I am humbled to be the appointed Chair of the Section.*

*In order to cultivate excellence, you must have an Example. What does Excellence look like in your educational area? In your map of the world, what does excellence really look like? How does it sound, feel, smell, and what does it taste like? Excellence leaves clues ... you'll have to find them and collect them.*

*Once you've found an Example of Excellence you must gain Access to that example up close and personal so you can see the behind-the-scenes because excellence is 80% back-end and 20% of what you see. And if you want to be excellent you can't just sit in the audience and enjoy the play, you'll have to gain access to backstage which is where the real excellence is born. Sometimes gaining access to excellence may mean buying into that access. Investing in events, retreats, experiences, training, and or opportunities to*

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*get time with the people you want to gain access to. Do whatever you need to gain access. Invest in yourself!!!*

*If you are blessed to gain access to a good example of excellence, then serve excellence. Find a way to serve. Donate your time. Work for free. Don't ask for a single penny, because what you learn, you could never pay for anyway. As you educate our students, you will quickly learn, if you haven't already, that excellence is a crackpot process. There are no microwave results with excellence! It takes time. But if you have a humble and helping heart, you can serve your way into Excellence.*

*Think about it. What makes a great dining experience excellent? What makes a great vacation excellent? What makes a car buying experience excellent? What makes a movie, play or production excellent? What makes Prairie State Collehe excellent? It's the attention to educational detail! If you want to be excellent, focus on the details of your area of expertise and deliver on those details. What may have been good yesterday may not be good today. Just because we've always done it this way doesn't mean it's the right way or good for the College. Each day that we are awakened is a new day and today is no different. Business as usual is no longer acceptable. The quality of our leadership will determine the future of Prairie State College.*

*One of the biggest mistakes I see people make as they strive for excellence is to negatively compare their own excellence with someone who has been excellent for 30 or 40 years, and they get discouraged. Stop the madness! If they've been doing something for 30 or 40 years longer than you, yes, they are going to be much better at it than you. So now that that's settled, focus on being excellent at your level, with your resources, your education, your background, your credentials, your support system, your know-how, your creativity and hustle. Be excellent at your level, and that will be more than enough for your community to love you. But through the grace given to you, to every person that is among you, not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think; but to think soberly, according to the measure of faith that each of us have been dealt.*

*What makes people and organizations Excellent is their commitment to continually improve upon their last level of excellence. Think about it, the root word of Excellence is Excel, which means to go above and beyond. As you do all these things to cultivate excellence, know that you will always be making changes, improvements, modifications and adjustments to grow your excellence on a daily basis. Always remember, that your best .. is your Next!*

*If you think it, you can do it. Any person, who sets a limit on what he or she can do, also sets a limit on what he or she will do. No one can determine how much you can produce except you. So, there is nothing in this world that should stop you from accomplishing and realizing and fulfilling and maximizing your full potential.*

*Think about the things you've been thinking recently. The fact that you thought them means you can do them. Now don't get me wrong. Thinking doesn't get it done. Thinking implies you can do it. See yourself doing the thing in your thoughts. Make your thought into an idea, and your idea into an imagination. Take that imagination and document it into a plan. Then go to it. Put your plan into action. If you thought it, you can do it.*

*You are so much more than others expect from you. You are so much more than you expect from yourself. When you wake up tomorrow morning, stretch, look in the mirror and say: "You successful thing you." That's what you should see. No matter what kind of bum day is planned for you, you can decide in the morning that it's going to be a successful one. Why? Because if you believe it is possible the day will be good. It is possible to rejoice every day if you believe it! Go ahead! Stretch! Look at the success that is waiting to happen.*

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*Potential must be exercised to be fulfilled. Demands must be made on potential if it is to be released and fulfilled. Unless you make demands on it, you will die with it. Unless you venture to try things you've never done before, you'll never experience the wealth that lives within you. Decide today, "I'm going to do something I've never done before."*

*The greatest works in the world will be done by people who don't care who gets the credit. I don't want to be famous; I want to be faithful. I don't want to be well-known; I want to be well-used. I don't want to be powerful; I want to be potent. I want to make an impact not an impression. Success requires striking out on new paths instead of traveling those that are well-worn. There are many people with great ideas, but they have no desire to try. There are four steps to the accomplishment of your dreams: Prepare prayerfully. Plan purposefully. Proceed positively. Pursue persistently. Failure is the path of least resistance.*

*No one can climb beyond the limitations he or she has placed on himself or herself. Success is never final - failure is never fatal. It is courage that counts - courage and the willingness to move forward. A great deal of talent is lost to the world for want of a little courage. Every day sends to the grave obscure men and women, whom fear and timidity have prevented from making their first attempt to do something. Never tell a person that something can't be done, because someone may have been waiting for centuries for someone ignorant enough to believe that the impossible could be possible.*

*One good thing about failure is that it is proof that you tried. The greatest mistake you can make is to be afraid of making one. People who do nothing in life are usually people who do nothing. People who don't make mistakes in life are usually people who didn't have a chance to make any because they never tried. Prairie State College, challenge your potential! Demand things of yourself that are beyond what you have already done! Expect more from yourself than the accomplishments that are easily within your reach!*

*Remember business as usual is no longer acceptable!*

*Always, Always, Always outwork your potential!*

### **ORAL/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Dieringer requested to use Prairie State College's meeting space for the Thorn Creek Environmental Club.

### **INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

#### Introduction of New Faculty (2020-2021)

Dr. Saban called on Mr. Wilson to introduce the new faculty. Mr. Wilson introduced:

Heather Pevion  
Kimberly Piña  
Latia Collins  
Desire Scherholz  
David Torres  
Jessica Hansen (not present)  
Rhonda White  
Dawn Piper  
Monica Campbell  
Michelle Manual

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Introduction and Recognition -- 2021 NISOD Excellence Award Recipient, Dr. Jessica Nastal, Associate Professor, English

Mr. Wilson introduced and congratulated Dr. Nasal on her award. Dr. Nasal was nominated by a first-year, instructor, Dawn Piper, who she was mentoring. Dr. Nastal thanked Dawn for her nomination and her faculty colleagues who mentored her, Mr. Wilson, and the administrative team who have challenged and supported her.

Prairie State College Foundation Update

Ms. Havighorst updated the Board of Trustees on the Foundation's audit status. She shared two new marketing videos created to attract new board members and donors. The Foundation is also utilizing a consultant to assist in determining the strengths and weaknesses of the department. Ms. Havighorst presented statistical data regarding scholarships, degree/diploma completion, and those statics showed that the male students were not applying for scholarships. Ms. Williams suggested that she work with Mr. Berkley, Male Success Initiative Coordinator, to improve those numbers.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Ms. Williams moved and Mr. Stanfa seconded that the Board of Trustees approve the items on the Consent Agenda.*

Minutes

*That the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the 835th Regular Meeting of June 29, 2021; as presented.*

Bills Payable – FY2021 and FY2022

*That the Board of Trustees approves the FY2021 List of Bills Payable for June and FY2022 List of Bills Payable for July (including trustee and employee travel expenditures), as indicated in the enclosure.*

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

*The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

Tenure Recommendation – Mr. William J. Condon, Instruction and Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor

*Mr. Readey moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees awards a faculty tenure appointment to Mr. William Condon, Instruction and Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor, effective January 2022.*

Mr. Wilson summarized the tenure process and Ms. Dolph highlighted portions of Assistant Professor Condon's portfolio of documentation and recommendation for tenure.

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Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

Tenure Recommendation – Ms. Gail S. Szewczyk, Assistant Professor of Dental Hygiene

*Mr. Stanfa moved and Ms. Williams moved that the Board of Trustees awards a faculty tenure appointment to Ms. Gail Szewczyk, Assistant Professor of Dental Hygiene, effective January 2022.*

Dr. Hughes highlighted portions of Assistant Professor Szewczyk's portfolio of documentation and recommendation for tenure.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

Dr. White called a recess to celebrate the newly tenured faculty in the staff lounge at 6:22 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:40 p.m.

Award of Annual Contracts for the 2021-2022 Academic Year for Eligible Full-Time Tenure Track Faculty Members (Credit)

*Mr. Stanfa moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the continuation of employment and the issuance of annual contracts for the full-time, tenure track faculty members below for the 2021-2022 academic year.*

**Faculty Entering Third Year at PSC (Credit)**

LaTia Collins, Assistant Professor/Coordinator, Childhood Development

Kimberly Piña, Assistant Professor/Coordinator, Certified Nursing Assistant

**Faculty Entering Second Year at PSC (Credit)**

Monique Campbell, Assistant Professor/Clinical Coordinator, Surgical Technology

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Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

Appointment of Interim Dean of Learning Resources and Assessment

*Mr. Stanfa moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Dr. Jessica Nastal as Interim Dean, Learning Resources and Assessment, effective September 1, 2021, at a salary of \$92,000.*

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

Contract Renewal – Lobbying Services Agreement

*Ms. Williams moved and Mr. Baikauskas seconded that the Board of Trustees approves a six-month service contract with Maren Ronan Ltd effective July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 at a rate of \$5,400 per month for lobbying services.*

Mr. Stanfa asked if Springfield should shut down due to the virus in the next couple of months would the College need their lobbying services. Ms. Slaughter replied that they would still have virtual hearings and Ms. Ronan would act on the College's behalf.

Mr. Readey stated that with the evening's discussions of excellence and integrity for the Board, he had noted in the past several people involved in contracting with the College and College leadership had made contributions to the political fund of Chicago Heights Mayor Gonzalez. Mr. Readey believes there is a conflict of interest because of the amount of business the City of Chicago Heights does under the Mayor's leadership. Both Ms. Ronan and her father were contributors to that political fund and he feels that it is inappropriate. He would like the record to reflect his request that Ms. Ronan does not contribute to such a political fund during the time that she contracts with the College. He said he will abstain from voting on this motion.

Dr. White said that he appreciates Mr. Readey's comments; however, he does think we cannot ask someone to refrain from making a contribution as it is a personal decision.

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Mr. Readey stated that on a federal level it would be a Hatch Act violation and illegal to make a contribution to a political body that has influence over the governance of a body that you are contracting with. For that reason, he believes the College should hold its contracting entities to that same standard.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Abstain
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (6) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Abstain the motion carried.***

Contract Extension – Vending Services

*Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees extends the contract for vending services for the period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024, to A.H. Management Group, Inc., of Rolling Meadows.*

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

Lease Extension – Illinois Department of Employment Security

*Mr. Stanfa moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the five-year lease extension for the use of the premises from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2026.*

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

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Contract Renewal – Nourish Food Service Group

*Mr. Baikauskas moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees approves a contract with Nourish Food Service Group for complete manual service for the period September 1, 2021 through September 31, 2023.*

Mr. Readey wanted to explain his abstention on this vote. One of the general managers of the foodservice, Mr. Adam Shorter, is involved in local politics. Mr. Readey said that when he was elected to the Prairie State College Board, Mr. Shorter was an officer of the Rich Township Democratic Organization. The organization supported Mr. Readey in the election. Mr. Readey feels it is inappropriate to vote on a contract to do business with him. Some of the other trustees may have similar conflicts, but he is speaking for himself. He wanted to be clear; when this contract came previously, he was challenged afterward for not supporting a minority-owned businesses in the community. A majority of his professional life is spent supporting the development of minority-owned businesses in the community. He is in favor of Nourish going forward but is abstaining from the vote in order to promote excellence on the part of the Board. Mr. Readey is a contributor to the political campaign of Mr. Shorter's sister, in addition to other conflicts of interest.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Abstain
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (6) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Abstain the motion carried.***

Renewal Annual License - Meraki Mobile Device Management

*Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the annual renewal of the software license agreement for Meraki through campus agreement from CDW-G, under Illinois Community College System Procurement Consortium pricing, totaling \$11,400.*

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

License Renewal – Google Workspace for Education

*Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the license purchase agreement for Google Workspace for Education Suite for \$14,112.00 with a 10% contingency for a total of \$15,523.20.*

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Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

**Project Recommendation – Main Building High Voltage System Replacement**

*Mr. Baikauskas moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the Main Building High Voltage System Replacement Project at an estimated cost of \$2,304,000, including architectural/engineering services, construction costs and contingency.*

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

**Project Recommendation – Network Infrastructure Upgrade Main Campus**

*Mr. Baikauskas moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the Network Infrastructure upgrade project at an estimated cost of \$1,884,000.00, including architectural/engineering services, construction costs, racks, cabling, and contingency.*

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

**Purchase Recommendation – Personal Protective Equipment**

*Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Slaughter It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of personal protective equipment for classrooms and common areas from Safety-Med totaling \$22,274.28.*

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Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

**Purchase Recommendation – Library Database Subscriptions**

*Ms. Slaughter moved and Mr. Baikauskas seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the renewal of library database subscriptions from Cengage Learning in the amount of \$10,789.25, from September 7, 2021 through September 6, 2022.*

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

**Purchase Recommendation – 2022 F-350 XL 4x4 Chassis Dump Truck**

*Mr. Readey moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of one 2022 Ford F-350 XL 4x4 Chassis Dump Truck from the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Contract #173 in the amount of \$43,081.00.*

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

**Bid Recommendation – Main Campus Sidewalk Replacement**

*Ms. Williams moved and Mr. Baikauskas seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the Main Campus Sidewalk Replacement Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Integral Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$199,600 plus a 10% construction contingency of \$19,960 for a total construction price not to exceed \$219,560 for base bid, alternate 1 and 2.*

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Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

**Bid Recommendation – Pediatric Simulator**

*Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees awards the bid for one Pediatric Simulator, to the bidder, Laerdal Medical Corporation, in the amount of \$28,443.00.*

Dr. Hughes confirmed that there were three bids and Laerdal had the lowest. Dr. White requested that all the bids be listed on the recommendation in the future.

**Bid Recommendation – Reconditioned Birthing Bed Suite Package and Reconditioned Hospital Bed Suite Package**

*Ms. Williams moved and Mr. Baikauskas seconded that the Board of Trustees awards the bid for one Reconditioned Birthing Bed Suite Package and one Reconditioned Hospital Bed Suite Package, to the bidder, Pocket Nurse, Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of \$10,769.28.*

Mr. Readey asked if more than one bid was received and Dr. Hughes confirmed that three bids were received.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

**Bid Recommendation – Online Orientation Software Package**

*Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of online orientation software to the lowest responsible bidder, Innovative Educators, for a three year contract of \$30,586.50 which includes the yearly maintenance fee.*

Dr. Anthony confirmed that there was only one bid and the price was reasonable and within a range typical for this type of software package.

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Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

*The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.*

Budget Transfers – June and July 2021

*Ms. Williams moved and Mr. Stanfa seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the budget transfers for June and July, as indicated in the enclosure.*

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

*The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.*

President's Cabinet Monthly Reports

Dr. Saban highlighted his monthly report focusing on building renovations.

Dr. Anthony highlighted the five-year Trio Talent Grant for another five years under Dean Brewer's direction. He added the Graduating Student Survey results were included with positive feedback from our students.

Mr. Wilson said the fall faculty convocation was successful. He added that Workforce Development and Community Education is moving forward under the direction of Executive Director Alisha Clark.

Monthly Financial Report

Dr. Saban highlighted his monthly financial report.

**ITEMS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Schedule for Future Board/College Events

None.

ICCTA/ACCT Report

Dr. White plans on attending the ACCT conference as long as COVID restrictions do not interfere.

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Prairie State College Foundation Report

Ms. Havighorst said the Foundation had received about 152 scholarship applications this semester and they have about 20 left to review.

Information Items

No items

Faculty Report

Mr. Nicholas said this is his favorite board meeting of the year as it highlights the work of faculty who chose to dedicate their careers to working with this group of students and this community. He thanked the Board for supporting and celebrating the newly tenured faculty. He is excited to be back in the classroom and classes are going fabulously.

Support Staff Report

No report.

Dr. White concluded by saying he loved this institution. He added that we are all on the same team; we just have different roles and every role is crucial for the operation of this College and to meet our objectives – which is excellence.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Dr. White moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. All members present voted Aye, and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.*

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Dr. Ronald J. White, Chairman

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Monica M. Gordon, Secretary

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Jodi Pedersoli, Board Recorder

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