

THE BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 515

Eight Hundred Forty-fourth Regular Meeting May 31, 2022

MINUTES

Dr. Ronald White, Chairman, convened the 844th Regular Meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 515 at 5:39 p.m., Tuesday, May 31, 2022, in the Board Room of the College.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present

Dr. Ronald White, Chairman
Mr. Christopher Baikauskas, Vice Chairman (*arrived at 5:50 p.m.*)
Ms. Monica Gordon, Secretary
Mr. Jay Readey
Mr. John Stanfa
Ms. Camiella Williams

Board Members Absent

Ms. Miriam Slaughter

Table Participants Present

Dr. Michael D. Anthony, President
Ms. Jodi Pedersoli, Board Recorder
Mr. Elighie Wilson, Vice President, Academic Affairs
Dr. Thomas Saban, Vice President, Finance & Administration
Ms. Jaime Miller, Interim Vice President, Student Affairs
Mr. Eric Stach, Del Galdo Law Group

Table Participants Absent

Mr. Thomas Nicholas, Faculty Representative
Ms. Cheron Ricks, Support Staff Representative

Administrators Present

Mr. Joe Belcaster; Ms. Jan Bonavia; Ms. Alisha Clark; Ms. Melissa Hebert-Johnson;
Ms. Deborah Havighorst; Dr. Megan Hughes; Dr. Anthony Martin; Dr. Jessica Nastal;
Dr. Charmaine Sevier; Ms. Patricia Trost

Faculty Members Present

Mr. William Condon; Dr. Angela Hung; Mr. Patrick Reichard; Ms. Dana Trunnell

Managers Present

Ms. Crystal Alston-Nobles; Ms. Lisa Hanson; Mr. Chris Kuchta; Ms. Yvette McGee;
Dr. Jermaine Morales; Ms. Dawn Sterning; Ms. Oshunda Williams; Ms. Juanita Wyatt

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Support Staff Present

Ms. Jessica Watson; Mr. Frank Wilkins; Mr. Fred Ziems

Others Present

Ms. Shenetha Beard, Prairie State College Student; Mr. Charles Dieringer, Thorncreek Environmental Club; Ms. Sharon Dieringer; Ms. Julia Hernandez, Prairie State College Student; Mr. David Lockman; Akil-Abree Consulting, LLC; Ms. Bresis Nathan, Prairie State College Student; Ms. Annamarie Piattoni, Prairie State College Student; Mr. Ken Slavicek; Ms. Morgan Slavicek, Prairie State College Student; Dr. Johnnie Thomas, Rich Township High School District 227

ORAL/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Charles Dierringer talked about Vision 2023, including a third airport in the area. He believes the College should have a private aviation ground school to help solve the pilot shortage.

Mr. Dierringer would like to bring back the radio station that the College used to host and start a HAM Radio Club at the College to teach students the techniques for emergency communications.

Mr. Dierringer would like to see the Sustainability Coordinator position filled.

INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Presentation – Southland Career and Technical Education Center

Dr. Johnnie Thomas, Superintendent of Rich Township District 227, gave a presentation on the collective focus to bring advanced career technical education options to the area.

Dr. White said he supports the project and would like to discuss it further with Dr. Thomas.

Ms. Gordon asked Dr. Thomas where the Urban Agricultural program he referenced was. Dr. Thomas answered Rich 227.

Mr. Readey asked how the College could assist. Dr. Thomas responded that continuing to allow Dr. Anthony to continue to support and lend his expertise. They need a fiscal agent to oversee the cash flow and intergovernmental agreements to continue working together and grant opportunities.

Mr. Readey asked where the institutional breakdown is in drawing the lines to say we need a new program rather than using the high schools and the community colleges.

Dr. Anthony said he loved that it is called a collective because it is not a competition. He sees this as an opportunity to stack these programs. Dr. Anthony would like to see vocational options introduced to students starting at a younger age. He went on to say that the region had a lot of need but not a lot of capacity. The district leaders are saying that they need more.

Dr. Thomas agreed in the past, they had worked separately and this is an opportunity to work together to secure the funds from downstate and get the resources to make this happen.

Introduction of Athletic Teams

Mr. Belcaster announced that seven athletes were nominated for NJCAA All-American Academic awards by maintaining a 3.6 GPA or better for the academic year.

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Mr. Belcaster introduced the two baseball Skyway Conference winners. Mr. Richard Woodruff, the Second Team All-Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference winner, had a .405 conference batting average and a .542 on-base percentage. He also had a whopping .649 slugging percentage. Mr. Luis Civico made the league's honorable mention list. He played right field and was known for his defense. He batted .325 with eight RBIs in Skyway action.

Head softball coach, Frank Wilkens, expressed his appreciation for the athletic program staff. He introduced the team members honored at the Skyway Conference. Ms. Brooke Dusseau, pitcher and leading hitter, made the league's first team all-conference. Ms. Morgan Slavicek, starting center fielder and leadoff hitter, and Ms. Gabby Fredrickson, freshman outfielder were selected for honorable mention. Ms. Bethany Wisz, the starting shortstop and Ms. Kristina Adney, the shortstop, were second-team selections. The softball team had a 3.23 GPA for the whole year. Three of the last five years, the team has been one game away from going to the College World Series.

Dr. White thanked Coach Wilkens for his leadership.

Poetry Contest Winners

The English Department sponsored a poetry competition. The contest offered a \$100 cash prize for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place. Due to the cash prize, the department received more entries than the previous years (65 entries). The judges struggled to choose three, so they added a fourth honorable mention category. Dr. Patrick Reichard introduced the winners. First place winner, Ms. Annamarie Piattoni for "Feats of Choice," second place winner, Ms. Julia Hernandez for "To be the Mother of My Mother," third place winner, Ms. Bressis Nathan for "Music," and an honorable mention for "Seven Mistakes that God Made" by Mr. Carvell Price.

Pioneer Award

Dr. Jessica Nastal, Interim Dean, presented the Center for Teaching and Learning Faculty Learning Community Committee members, Ms. Dana Trunnell, Mr. Bill Condon, Dr. Angela Hung, Dr. Christine Brooms, Ms. Rebecca Buckle and Ms. Jessica Gravely with Pioneer Awards. The work of the group has made a positive impact on teaching and learning at Prairie State College. This spring they revitalized convocation and bettered teaching workshops by including students. Using their diverse range of perspectives from different disciplinary, the Committee studied the students' needs and modeled a student-centered approach to learning.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Minutes

That the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of 843rd Regular Meeting of April 26, 2022; and Closed Session Minutes of April 26, 2022; as presented.

Retirement of Mohammad R. Salami, Coordinator/Professor of Physics

That the Board of Trustees accepts the retirement of Mohammad R. Salami, Coordinator and Professor of Physics, effective June 1, 2023, and in accordance with Section 4.23 of the 2020-2023 Agreement between the Board of Trustees of Community College District 515 and Prairie State College Federation of Teachers, Local 3816, AFT, AFL-CIO.

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Retirement of Maureen Grady, Professor of Nursing

That the Board of Trustees accepts the retirement of Dr. Maureen Grady, Professor of Nursing, effective August 1, 2022.

Bills Payable – FY2022

That the Board of Trustees approves the FY2022 List of Bills Payable for April 2022 (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
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye

The vote being six (6) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Appointment of Dean of Learning Resources and Assessment

Ms. Williams moved and Mr. Baikauskas seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Mr. William Condon as Dean, Learning Resources and Assessment, effective July 11, 2022, at a salary of \$95,000

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

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

The vote being six (6) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Appointment of Executive Director of Marketing and Communications

Mr. Readey moved and Mr. Baikauskas seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Ms. Jeri Bingham as Executive Director of Marketing and Communications, effective July 11, 2022, at an annual salary of \$120,000.

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

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

The vote being six (6) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Approval of 2022-2023 Regular Board Meeting Day, Time and Place

Mr. Readey moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees hold the 2022-2023 Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 515 on the last Tuesday of each month, except for July and December, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room (Room 2274) at the College.

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

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

The vote being six (6) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Purchase Recommendation – American Eagle

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Mr. Stanfa seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of a marketing campaign from American Eagle, our preferred vendor, to continue the marketing strategies for the Division of Workforce Development and Community Education, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

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

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

The vote being six (6) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Purchase Recommendation – Athletics Apparel and Bags

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the athletic team apparel and travel suits from BSN Sports, at a total cost of \$24,177.70.

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

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

The vote being six (6) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Purchase Recommendation – Glean for Education Application

Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Gordon seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of Glean for Education note-taking application for a total cost of \$16,200 for three years.

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

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

The vote being six (6) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Payment Approval – Infiniti Transportation

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Mr. Readey seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the payment to Infiniti Transportation for \$10,339.57 for services rendered to the TRiO Talent Search program.

Dr. White pointed out that the figures attached to the motion are incorrect. Dr. White suggested that the Board could vote or hold until the next board meeting. Since the amount listed is correct, the Board was comfortable voting on the recommendation.

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

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

The vote being six (6) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Contract Approval – King College Tours

Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Gordon seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the contract with King College Tours, in the amount of \$53,850 for the TRiO Upward Bound Program Summer College Tour to Texas and Louisiana from July 17 through July 22, 2022.

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Mr. Readey noted that the Gerber College proposal is for 40 paying participants, including the chaperones, and the King Tour is for 30 students and two chaperones. He requested that the figures be consistent in the future.

Ms. Miller said that not all touring locations are the same among the different travel services. She does understand the point of keeping the numbers consistent.

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

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

The vote being six (6) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Contract Renewal – Toad Code, Inc.

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Mr. Readey seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the annual contract with Toad Code, Inc. to support the Colleague Application, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$18,600.00.

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

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

The vote being six (6) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Budget Transfers – April 2022

Ms. Williams moved and Mr. Readey seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the budget transfers for April 2022, as indicated in the enclosure.

Mr. Ready wanted to understand the label of enrollment and what it means to transfer from an enrollment expense to various sub-expenses. Dr. Saban explained that they had budgeted a sufficient amount in the miscellaneous category and now have use for the funds in a different category (i.e., travel, supplies, marketing, etc.). Ms. Miller continued explaining that that budget had cost savings due to vacancies. Using those extra funds allowed Student Affairs to purchase the transportation and athletic equipment.

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

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

The vote being six (6) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

REPORTS

President and Cabinet Monthly Reports

The Vice Presidents highlighted their monthly reports.

Dr. White said he was proud of how well commencement went. He thanked all that were involved.

Monthly Financial Report

Dr. Saban summarized the monthly financial report.

Mr. Readey asked about the College cash 389% variance in short-term investments and the \$5 million that was pulled. He wanted to know if that was why the College had more cash. Dr. Saban responded that it is working cash and Board approval is needed to use it. Mr. Readey pointed out that the College went from \$31.9 last year to \$38.2 this year and wanted to know where the extra cash was coming from. Dr. Saban said that is the official reserve or surplus of the College. He said the money had been set aside the previous year. The College will take it from working cash and move it to the general cash, where they can spend it. Mr. Readey confirmed \$38 million in total college cash as of the end of April and six million, which is equity or retained earnings. Dr. Saban said the funds are set aside that the College may not spend. He said half of that money is for Capital and not Operating Cash. Mr. Readey asked if the capital dollars for building construction showed up in college cash. Dr. Saban answered that it does if it is not spent. Mr. Stach suggested that Dr. Saban provide an annual overview of the College's budget.

2022 Student Satisfaction Inventory Survey Results

Dr. White was pleased with the student satisfaction survey. Dr. Anthony said this was a national survey allowing the College to benchmark against other colleges and itself.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June Board Meeting Date

Due to election day being on June 28, the Board decided to hold the June board meeting on June 30.

Schedule for Future Board/College Events

Dr. White spotlighted upcoming events from the schedule.

ICCTA/ACCT Report

No report.

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Prairie State College Foundation Report

Ms. Havighorst reminded the Board of the upcoming golf outing. She needs 40 more golfers to cover the scholarships for the fall semester. Dr. Anthony and Ms. Havighorst will be attending a dinner sponsored by Wind Creek Casino, where they will network on behalf of the College, Workforce Development and the Foundation.

Information Items

Dr. Anthony announced that Ms. Rebbie Davis had won the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship.

Faculty Report

No report.

Support Staff Report

No report.

Dr. White concluded the meeting with the following words, "Remember, life is not what happens to you but what you make of what happens to you. Everyone dies, but not everyone fully lives. Too many people are having near-life experiences."

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Readey moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Dr. Ronald J. White, Chairman

Monica M. Gordon, Secretary

Jodi Pedersoli, Board Recorder
