

THE BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 515

Eight Hundred Thirty-Fourth Regular Meeting May 25, 2021

MINUTES

Dr. Ronald White, Chairman, convened the 834th Regular Meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 515 at 5:08 p.m., Tuesday, May 25, 2021, via Conference Call and 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
Mr. John Stanfa

Board Members Absent

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

Table Participants Absent

Ms. Valerie Nicholson, Faculty Representative
Ms. Cheron Ricks, Support Staff Representative

Administrators Present

Mr. Gregory Kain; Mr. Timothy Kosiek; Dr. Anthony Martin; Dr. Charmaine Sevier;
Ms. Deborah Smith Havighorst; Ms. Patricia Gallagher Trost

Administrators via Conference Call

Ms. Jan Bonavia; Ms. Tiffany Brewer; Ms. Carolyn Ciesla; Ms. Annette Dolph;
Dr. Megan Hughes; Dr. Janice Kaushal; Ms. Kim Kunce; Mr. Felix Simpkins

Faculty Members Present

Dr. Craig Mulling

Faculty Members Present via Conference Call

Dr. Danielle Coleman

Managers Present

Ms. Crystal Alston-Nobles; Mr. Jay Barriga; Mr. Paul Murtagh

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Managers Present via Conference Call

Ms. Deanna Burghardt; Ms. Kristen Carrera; Ms. Cindy Brncich-Drew; Ms. Mary Fitzpatrick;
Mr. Gordon Griffin II; Ms. Helen Manley; Mr. Lirim Neziroski; Mr. Joel Nightingale;
Ms. Oshunda Williams

Staff Members Present via Conference Call

Ms. Karen Rhomberg; Mr. Brian Stanley

Others Present

Bishop Lance Lanal Jefferson, Trustee Candidate; Mr. David Jones, Trustee Candidate;
Mr. Emmanuel Lopez, Honorary Degree Recipient; Ms. Maria Lopez; Dr. William McClinton,
Trustee Candidate; Mr. Colin Slaughter; Ms. Miriam Slaughter, Trustee Candidate;
Mr. John Wysocki, GW & Associates

Others Present via Conference Call

Dr. Marie Hansel; Dr. Debra Prendergast; Ms. Beverly Saban

ORAL/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

No public oral or written communications

INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Honorary Degree Presentation – Mr. Emmanuel Lopez

Dr. Saban welcomed Mr. Emmanuel Lopez and his mother, Maria. Dr. White presented Mr. Lopez with an Honorary Degree of Associate in Arts.

Audit Presentation – GW & Associates

Mr. John Wysocki of GW & Associates gave an audit presentation summarizing the report provided to the Board and answered questions.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Minutes

That the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of 833rd Regular Meeting of April 27, 2021; and Organizational Meeting of April 27, 2021; as presented.

Resignation of Michelle M. Keane, Assistant Professor of Nursing

That the Board of Trustees accepts the resignation of Michelle M. Keane, Assistant Professor of Nursing.

Resignation of George Nkulenu, Assistant Professor of Information Technology and Cybersecurity

That the Board of Trustees accepts the resignation of George Nkulenu, Assistant Professor of Information Technology and Cybersecurity.

Bills Payable – FY2021

That the Board of Trustees approves the FY2021 List of Bills Payable for April 2021 (including trustee and employee travel expenditures), as indicated in the enclosure.

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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

The vote being five (5) Ayes, no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Appointment of Dean of Math, Natural Sciences, and Academic Standards

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Mr. Readey seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Ms. Annette Dolph as Dean, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Academic Standards, effective July 1, 2021, at a salary of \$95,000.00.

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

The vote being five (5) Ayes, no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Appointment of Dean of Allied Health and Emergency Services

Mr. Readey moved and Mr. Baikauskas seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Dr. Megan Hughes as Dean, Allied Health and Emergency Services, effective July 1, 2021, at a salary of \$98,000.00.

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

The vote being five (5) Ayes, no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

CDL Training Program – Request for Proposals

Mr. Stanfa moved and Mr. Readey seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the Request for Proposal for a Commercial Driver’s License truck driver training program.

Mr. Readey asked why the College did not renew the KLLM Driving Academy agreement. Dr. Saban said KLLM did not renew with the College. KLLM is renovating a training facility in Burns Harbor, Indiana. Dr. Saban said the College is looking for proposals from companies that would work together in running the program.

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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

The vote being five (5) Ayes, no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Purchase Recommendation – Cameras

Mr. Readey moved and Dr. White seconded that the Board of Trustees approves payment to Current Technologies upon completion of surveillance camera installation in the amount of \$21,059.30.

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

The vote being five (5) Ayes, no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Biology Lab Renovation

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Mr. Stanfa seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the Biology Labs Renovation Phase 2 Project at an estimated cost of \$1,518,000, including architectural/engineering services, construction costs and contingency.

Mr. Baikauskas inquired as to whether this project would be going out for bid. Mr. Kosiek answered that it would first go to design development. The next step is to sit down with the faculty and plan phase two for the rooms included in this project. After the design, they will prepare for summer construction.

Mr. Baikauskas asked Mr. Kosiek to explain the phases. Mr. Kosiek said phase one is the Board allowing the project to move forward. After project approval, the next stage is design development, which includes the faculty, key people from information technology, and facilities. They will finalize the design and then move into the bidding stage. The College receives the public bids and the lowest bid is presented to the Board for approval. The next phase is the contract phase and finally construction and punch-list. Dr. Saban added the College had two successful lab renovations last year.

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

The vote being five (5) Ayes, no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

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Payment Recommendation – Value Management Resources

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Ms. Gordon seconded that the Board of Trustees approves payment to Value Management Resources for work completed as a result of a contract between the State of Illinois, the Illinois Tollway and Prairie State College in the amount of \$14,787.50.

Mr. Readey asked why the Board was voting on this. Mr. Paul Murtagh, Construction Business Development Center Coordinator confirmed that payments over \$10,000 require board approval. Mr. Murtagh explained that this is a contract with Prairie State College for technical assistance and construction. His division has been the top technical assistance provider for six years. This closes out the contract that Prairie State College has with Illinois Tollway.

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

The vote being five (5) Ayes, no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Contract Approval – TRIO Educational Talent Search Online Training Program

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Ms. Gordon seconded that the Board of Trustees approves TRIO Educational Talent Search Program to contract with Academic Tutoring for \$37,487.50, to facilitate a 6-week Virtual Online Training for program participants in grades 6-10 and Virtual Online ACT/SAT Preparation for program participants in grades 11 and 12.

Mr. Readey asked how many students are served. Ms. Brewer responded that Educational Talent Search typically serves 500 students; due to it being a summer program, they anticipate 50 to 100 students.

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

The vote being five (5) Ayes, no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Purchase Recommendation – HURST NCLEX Review Live Exam Prep Program

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Ms. Gordon seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of the HURST NCLEX Review – Live Exam Prep Program for \$ 15,705.00.

Mr. Readey inquired about NCLEX. Dr. Anthony responded that the program was for the nursing students' exam that they must take for their licensure.

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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

The vote being five (5) Ayes, no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Budget Transfers – April 2021

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

Mr. Baikauskas asked about the Athletic budget transfer. Dr. Saban responded that it was transferred from contracts to travel in preparation for tournament travel expenses.

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

The vote being five (5) Ayes, no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

Presentation of FY2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audit

Mr. Stanfa moved and Mr. Baikauskas seconded that the Board of Trustees accepts the FY2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Audit, as presented.

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

The vote being five (5) Ayes, no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

REPORTS

President and Cabinet Monthly Reports

Dr. White asked if the Board had any questions or comments on the monthly reports. Mr. Baikauskas responded that he was excited that Brave Pioneer won the “name the firetruck contest.”

Monthly Financial Report

Dr. Saban summarized his monthly report.

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Schedule for Future Board/College Events

Dr. White highlighted upcoming events.

ICCTA/ACCT Report

No report.

Prairie State College Foundation Report

Ms. Havighorst reminded the Board about the upcoming June 7 Golf Outing and helicopter ball drop. The Foundation partnered with the Homewood Science Center to offer four high school students involved in the STEAM SUCCESS Club program a free class. The Pathway to Summer SUCCESS Scholarship allows the district high school students to attend the College's virtual campus this summer and the Foundation will be providing their books. Ms. Havighorst also welcomed Trustee Gordon to the Foundation Board.

Information Items

Dr. White is pleased that the Bureau of Motor Vehicles is off the ground and running and thanked everyone for their hard work. He is also excited about the Prairie State College's firetruck naming and congratulated Trustee Gordon on her election. Mr. Baikauskas saw an article about Prairie State College's police officer, Mr. Brian Smith, regarding his mentorship to officers serving local municipalities and his service to the community. He commended the Chief of Police and his Department in their efforts to keep the College safe. Chief Martin said he has a great group of guys and they are a great team.

Faculty Report

Mr. Nicholas said they finished a challenging academic year and has heard good things from his colleagues. He inquired about the presidential search and other interim positions. Dr. White said they are in the process of filling a vacant position on the board and they will be discussing the search.

Support Staff Report

No report.

Student Government Association Report

No report.

Consideration of Candidates for Vacant Trustee Position

Dr. White invited the candidates for the vacant trustee position to expand on why they should be a trustee.

Trustee Candidates Bishop Lance Lanal Jefferson; Mr. David Jones; Dr. William McClinton; and Ms. Miriam Slaughter each gave an overview of why they should be a trustee.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Mr. Readey seconded that the Board of Trustees go into closed session for the discussion of "the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance." 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (3).

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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

The vote being five (5) Ayes, no (0) Nays, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 6:35 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Stanfa moved and Mr. Baikauskas seconded that the Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 7:02 p.m. All members voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Action As a Result of Closed Session

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Ms. Gordon seconded that the Board appoint Mariam Slaughter to the position of trustee at Prairie State College District 515 by unanimous consent.

Oath of Office/Seating of New Trustee

Ms. Gordon administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Mariam Slaughter.

CLOSED SESSION:

Mr. Readey moved and Mr. Stanfa seconded that the Board go into closed session “to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or specific individuals who serve as independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, volunteer of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.” 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1)

Dr. White stated the closed session would be for discussion only and no action would be taken following the meeting.

Dr. White concluded the meeting with the following words, “Life is short, don’t take one day for granted. Everything can change in a moment. Be grateful for all that we have and all that we are. Remember who is most important to you and always cherish them. Life is both a gift and a blessing.”

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

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

The vote being six (6) Ayes, no (0) Nays, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:08 p.m.

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Mr. Stanfa seconded that the Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 8:14 p.m. All members voted Aye, and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stanfa moved and Mr. Readey seconded that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. All members present voted Aye, and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Dr. Ronald J. White, Chairman

Monica Gordon, Secretary

Jodi Pedersoli, Board Recorder
