

THE BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 515

Eight Hundred Thirty-Ninth Regular Meeting December 7, 2021

MINUTES

Dr. Ronald White, Chairman, convened the 839th Regular Meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 515 at 5:33 p.m., Tuesday, December 7, 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
Mr. Ryan Jones, Student Trustee

Table Participants Present

Dr. Michael D. Anthony, President
Ms. Patricia Gallagher-Trost, Chief of Staff
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
Mr. Thomas Nicholas, Faculty Representative
Ms. Cheron Ricks, Support Staff Representative

Administrators Present

Dr. Tiffany Brewer; Ms. Alisha Clark; Ms. Annette Dolph; Ms. Deborah Havighorst; Mr. Greg Kain; Mr. Tim Kosiek; Ms. Kim Kunce; Dr. Anthony Martin; Ms. Grace McGinnis; Dr. Charmaine Sevier; Mr. Felix Simpkins;

Faculty Members Present

Ms. Rebecca Buckle; Ms. Desiree Schieholz; Ms. Gail Szewczyk; Ms. Cydney Williams;

Managers Present

Mr. Georges Sanon

Support Staff Present

Mr. Allan Scarbello; Mr. B.J. Schmidt

Others Present

Mr. David Lockman, Akil-Abree Consulting, LLC

Appointment of Mr. Christopher Baikauskas as Secretary

Mr. Baikauskas will take the secretary responsibilities until Ms. Gordon arrives.

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ORAL/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Introduction and Recognition – Pioneer Award

The Board presented Mr. Georges Sanon, Manager of the Military Student Affairs, the award of Pioneer in Excellence. Dr. Tiffany Brewer, Dean of Equity and Inclusion, nominated Mr. Sanon for this award.

Ms. Gordon arrived at 5:39 p.m. and Mr. Baikauskas relinquished the secretary responsibilities to Ms. Gordon.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Minutes

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the 837th Regular Meeting of September 28, 2021; the Minutes of the 838th Regular Meeting of October 26, 2021; and Closed Session of October 26, 2021; as presented.

Academic Calendar – 2022-2024 and 2024-2026

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approves the 2022-2024 and 2024-2026 Academic Calendar.

Full-Time Faculty Overloads and Adjunct Faculty Salaries on Teaching Assignments – Fall 2021, Twelve-Week Classes and Second Eight-Week Classes (Credit Courses)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approves the full-time faculty overload compensation in the amount of \$313,726.79, adjunct faculty compensation in the amount of \$778,803.45, and compensation for retired faculty on teaching assignments in the amount of \$7,926.46, for twelve-week classes and second eight-week classes of the Fall 2021 term (credit courses).

Bills Payable – FY2022

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the FY2022 List of Bills Payable for, October and for November 1, 2021 to November 15, 2021 (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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

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ACTION ITEMS

Appointment of Dean of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Ms. Melissa Hebert-Johnson as Dean of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, effective January 10, 2022, at a salary of \$99,000.

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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Appointment of Director of Athletics

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Mr. Joseph Belcaster as Director of Athletics, effective January 10, 2022, at an annual salary of \$73,000.

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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Contract Approval -- 2021-2024 Adjunct Instructors United Agreement, IEA-NEA of Prairie State College

Ms. Slaughter moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the 2021-2024 Agreement between the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 515 and the Adjunct Instructors United, IEA-NEA of Prairie State College.

Mr. Readey asked about the negotiations. Mr. Wilson said he and Dr. Sevier met with the union about six times. He said negotiations went smoothly. Both teams worked well together and Mr. Wilson believes they made headway to get to things important to both the institution and the faculty. Some highlights include salary and he believes they were able to show the college's commitment to the adjuncts and their value as instructors. Their pay had not been raised in some time and the College was able to do that.

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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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Resolutions

Dr. Anthony asked that the next three items be tabled. He wants to correct some language.

Mr. Readey moved and Ms. Williams seconded to remove Items 5.4, 5.5, and 5.6 from the agenda.

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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Approval of Revision to Dental Clinic Fee Structure

Ms. Williams and Ms. Slaughter that the Board of Trustees approves a revision to the Dental Clinic fee structure.

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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Authorized Signatories Required for College Financial Accounts

Ms. Slaughter moved and Mr. Readey seconded that the Board of Trustees authorize the following as signatories for the College's financial accounts: Michael Anthony, President; Thomas D. Saban, Treasurer; and Cheri Taylor-Lawton, Controller.

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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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Contract Renewal – OmniUpdate

Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the two-year contract renewal with OmniUpdate, in the amount of \$20,500.00.

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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Contract Approval – Virtuous Business Services, LLC.

Mr. Stanfa moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the contract with Virtuous Business Services, LLC in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the TRiO Upward Bound Program upcoming 2022 Grant Writing Competition.

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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

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Contract Approval – 160 Driving Academy

Ms. Slaughter moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees awards the contract for the truck driving program to Rock Gate Capital, LLC d/b/a 160 Driving Academy in the amount of \$250 per student, with a guarantee minimum cash payment each year of \$45,000.

Mr. Stanfa asked how much students need to pay for class by credit hour or a fee. In addition, will the tuition pay for the use of the building and trucks.

Ms. Alisha Clark, Executive Director of Workforce Development and Community Education, gave an overview of the process used. They received 3 responses to the RFP. The program cost is \$3,995 and there are grant opportunities – WIOA and WEI grants -- that will partner with 160 and cover the cost of the program for students. There are a number of corporate opportunities also. Mr. Stanfa asked about the cost to the College. Fortunately, 160 has a robust level of experience with the program and the College will not have any costs. In addition, they will provide instructors. The College will provide the space they need. Mr. Stanfa asked if they will use the College's trucks. Ms. Clark said they use the College's trucks in addition to their own trucks. The College will identify them as a partner on the website.

Mr. Baikauskas asked about the cost of the facilities and how that is covered. The College will be responsible for the facilities. For every student that is enrolled there an additional \$250 per student.

Mr. Readey asked about the previous enrollment numbers for KLLM. Ms. Clark did not have those available. Usually the Board sees the other bidders. He did say it's an impressive proposal and it makes sense. He asked what the comparison to the other bidders. Ms. Clark said the others were Road Runner and All Pro and they were competitive.

Mr. Jones asked what would happen if the College does not meet the student requirement. Ms. Clark responded that nothing would happen. The College would get the \$45,000 upfront. Mr. Jones asked how many rigs the College has. There are two. He asked if the College would need more. Ms. Clark said 160 has trucks.

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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Dr. Anthony said he would get the KLLM numbers to the Mr. Readey.

Dr. White noted that the Board members would like to make sure that they have all the information to review in their packets so they do not have to ask those types of questions.

Contract Approval – Sentinel Technologies, Inc.

Ms. Slaughter moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees approves a contract with Sentinel Technologies, Inc. for general technology staffing services not to exceed \$250,000.

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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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Project Recommendation – Main Campus and TWL Asphalt Repairs and Sealcoating

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the Main Campus and TWL Asphalt Repairs and Sealcoating Project at an estimated cost of \$70,000, including construction costs and contingency.

Mr. Baikauskas asked if this was just patching and not a complete job. Mr. Kosiek said it was simply patching, striping and sealcoating.

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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Bid Recommendation – Main Building High Voltage System Replacement

Ms. Slaughter moved and Mr. Stanfa seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the High Voltage System Replacement Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Broadway Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$1,049,000 plus a 10% construction contingency of \$104,900 for a total construction price not to exceed \$1,153,900 for base bid only.

Mr. Baikauskas asked if this is a union company. Mr. Kosiek responded that it is.

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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

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The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Bid Recommendation – AccessRX

Mr. Readey moved and Ms. Gordon seconded that the Board of Trustees awards the bid for one (1) AccessRX Secure 4 Tier Model to the bidder, Pocket Nurse Enterprises, Inc., the only bidder after 2 attempts, in the amount of \$14,117.34.

Mr. Readey expressed his appreciation for noting the two attempts and only one bidder.

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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Bid Recommendation – Intraoral X-Ray System

Ms. Slaughter moved and Ms. Gordon seconded that the Board of Trustees awards the bid for one (1) Intraoral X-Ray System to the bidder, Dental Equipment and Supply of Illinois, the only bidder after 2 attempts, in the amount of \$15,980.00.

Mr. Stanfa asked what this system is and it appears the College is purchasing four units. It is for the inside of the mouth.

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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Purchase Recommendation – Instructor Stations

Ms. Williams moved and Mr. Baikauskas seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of HP workstations (with warranties) to replace aging equipment throughout the College from CDW-G, under Illinois Community College System Procurement Consortium pricing, plus 10% contingency, not to exceed the amount of \$39,725.

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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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Purchase Recommendation – Security Cameras

Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the purchase and installation of security surveillance cameras from Current Technologies in the amount of \$10,447.84 with a 10% contingency for a total of \$11,492.62.

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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Lobbying Services Agreement – Maren Ronan, Ltd.

Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees approves a one-year service contract with Maren Ronan, Ltd. effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 at a rate of \$5,400.00 per month for lobbying services.

Ms. Gordon asked if there was an RFP for the lobbying services. Dr. Anthony responded that he will be working with Ms. Ronan on a regular basis. He is confident Ms. Ronan will serve the College well. They will be meeting in Springfield in January. Dr. Anthony does not know how this was done before, but he is supportive of this.

Mr. Readey asked when the last time this was bid. Dr. Saban said Ronan has been the College's lobbyist for some time.

Ms. Gordon asked if it is renewed every year. Dr. Anthony responded yes. He wants to see how things go in 2022.

Mr. Baikauskas said since it is professional services, it does not have to go out to bid.

Mr. Readey said that he respects what Dr. Anthony is saying about needing to get through 2022, and he is going to vote no on this contract, but he does not believe the College has used its lobbying services well.

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Every month the Board gets a summary of the bills that have come up and for \$5,000 per month, he does not believe there is a whole lot of value there. He is starting from a point of questioning the lobbying function. He does understand the point in Dr. Anthony's memo that colleges with lobbyists do better than colleges who do not have one. With all due respect to the contents of the memo, it has been some time since the College has benefited from lobbying services so he does not think something from several years ago buys the College much. Mr. Readey added that he thinks Ms. Ronan's chief qualification is she is a family member of the longtime lobbyist. There is an opportunity here because this Board has stood for hiring local people and hiring firms owned by people of color. He is familiar with a number of lobbying firms that meet those characteristics. Mr. Readey believes this is a missed opportunity. He added that previously he expressed his concern about Ms. Ronan and her family donating to local politicians that would be illegal under the Hatch Act if it were federal politics. For the record, he is asking that Ms. Ronan not make those contributions.

Dr. White said that the Board cannot control who makes contributions to whom. Mr. Readey said he knows the Board can not control that, but he is making that request. Lobbying gets so close to government. He believes it is a mistake for lobbyists to be contributing to politicians who then make contributions to candidates for office on this Board.

Dr. White added that this Board is a Board of education at this institution and the Board is not about the politics, about what goes on outside. He wants to make sure that the Board keeps its efforts directed toward education and not keep going off on tangents about politics. The Board needs to focus on education and what they are about at Prairie State College. And that is about educating every student that comes in.

Mr. Readey said the Board should find a good lobbying firm that deals with education. He added, that with all due respect, this is not about this Board or about the politics of who gets elected to it; but rather about the conduct of our lobbyist. So, he is making that request on the record for the lobbyist with the 2022 contract and believes the Board should revisit this in a year.

Dr. White said that Mr. Readey's comment is duly noted and it is appreciated.

Mr. Baikauskas said it is a first amendment right to contribute to who you want to. Mr. Readey agreed. There are many first amendment rights, but people can still make dumb statements and do dumb things. Mr. Readey is suggesting that the College's lobbyist should not be contributing to political campaigns or political organizations that attempts to influence the election for the Board of Trustees.

Dr. White said he duly noted Mr. Readey's comment.

Dr. Anthony added, as the new president, he does not know how much the lobbyist is doing for the College. He did reach out to her and asked her to contact the representatives about a bill; Ms. Ronan agreed to do so. Dr. Anthony is unsure if they were used like that before. He is committed to using them.

Ms. Gordon added that she would like to see a more competitive process. She added that she does not know much about Ms. Ronan or her performance. Ms. Gordon would just like a more competitive process.

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

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Nay
Ms. Slaughter	Aye

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Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being six (6) Ayes, one (1) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Budget Transfers – October and November 2021

Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the budget transfers for October and November 1-15, 2021 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
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

2021 Tax Levy Resolution

Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the Resolution to Adopt the 2021 Tax Levy, which establishes the level of taxes that will be requested for the College from Cook and Will Counties for the 2021 tax year.

Dr. Saban reviewed the tax levy noting it supports 40% of the education fund and over 60% of the operations and maintenance fund. It is very important to the College.

Mr. Baikauskas said he is supporting this. He added that the City of Chicago Heights, School District 170, Bloom Township and School District 206 did a 0% levy in order to create tax relief for taxpayers because there has been a lot of federal money received by these entities. However, this is important to the College and respects the College's commitment to keeping tuition low.

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

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Nay
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Mr. Jones	Aye (Advisory)

The vote being six (6) Ayes, one (1) Nay, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

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REPORTS

President's Report

Dr. Anthony thanked and noted how much he appreciates the employees for what they have been doing. He announced that Dr. White has been appointed to the ACCT Diversity and Equity Committee. Dr. Anthony said his listening sessions, both internal and external, have been going very well. He is sending a letter and a small gift to legislators and other partners in the community to reconnect with them.

The All College meeting will be scheduled in January which is an opportunity to discuss what is going on and for employees to have conversation.

Dr. Anthony is encouraging the Board and his President's Leadership Team to attend student events; they are wonderful and important to the College. He has recently attended the Jazz Concert, basketball games, the play Tin Woman. It is good for the College and reminds everyone of what the Colleges is about.

Omicron is upon us and the College is staying vigilant and it is continuing to follow the governor's mandate.

Dr. Anthony would like the Board to be miked during their meetings. He plans to work with Information Technology Resources to get this set up.

He announced that the holiday party is scheduled for Thursday, December 16 and invited Board members to attend. It will be done safely and there are lots of great gifts and giveaways.

Happy holidays to all and take the time to enjoy and reflect.

President's Cabinet Monthly Reports

Mr. Wilson, Dr. Saban and Ms. Miller reviewed their monthly reports.

Dr. White would like to meet with Ms. Miller to discuss equity and inclusion with regard to the ACCT committee.

Monthly Financial Report

Dr. Saban reviewed his report.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Schedule for Future Board/College Events

Dr. White said Leadership Training must be done. He told Board members that they need to get the training done before the end of this month.

He added that the College has faced some serious IT issues which are being addressed.

Dr. White asked Board members to supply their vaccination cards to Ms. Trost, Chief of Staff.

Congratulated Mr. Sanon for a great program on Veterans Day. Dr. White, along with Ms. Slaughter and Mr. Readey, attended the wonderful event.

ICCTA/ACCT Reports

There is nothing to report for ICCTA.

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With regard to his Association of Community College Trustees appointment, he is truly humbled that Dr. Anthony mentioned it earlier. Out of all the community college trustees across the nation, he was one that was selected to that committee. It's a national committee and there are 22 members on the committee; nine are elected. He will do his best to represent Prairie State College. In February, there is a national legislative summit that that committee is going to be meeting at in Washington DC. The ICCTA Board of Reps will be meeting there also.

Prairie State College Foundation Report

Ms. Havighorst thanked everyone who helped promote Giving Tuesday. They raised \$3,500; \$1,000 of which was donated specifically toward men of color. Currently, there are 56 applications submitted and half of them have been awarded.

The Foundation and President's office are working on the Investiture to be held on September 16. It is a way to celebrate with the community, employees, trustees, and students and to showcase the college. The investiture will take place on Thursday, September 15. The plan is to make this cost neutral with sponsorships.

Faculty Report

Mr. Nicholas said semester is coming to an end. It ends Thursday and exams start on Friday. He had his first sit down with Dr. Anthony and they discovered they are both talkers, meeting for 2-1/2 hours. It was a good discussion.

Support Staff Report

Ms. Ricks enjoyed the conversation with the president. She is glad he is opening doors to meet with them and to listen to them. She did present everything to the support staff and got a lot of feedback so there is more coming.

Dr. White was in Cleveland, Georgie to tour McConnell University for the International Conference of Police Chaplains where he serves as president. He went there to sign a MOU. In talking to their President, there may be opportunities for PSC students to consider McConnell. They offer bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

Mr. Baikauskas noted that Mr. Sanon spoke to the students at District 170 on Veterans Day and the students had a million and one questions for him. They put together a thank you card for him. He took time out of his busy day and Mr. Baikauskas appreciates what he did.

Dr. White closed the meeting with the following: Life is short; don't take one day for granted; be grateful for all 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. Merry Christmas and a Happy 2022 to you.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Dr. Ronald J. White, Chairman

Monica M. Gordon, Secretary

Patricia Gallagher-Trost, Chief of Staff
