

THE BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 515

Eight Hundred Fiftieth Regular Meeting January 31, 2023

MINUTES

Dr. Ronald White, Chairman, convened the 850th Regular Meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 515 at 5:41 p.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2023, in the Board Room of the College.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present

Dr. Ronald White, Chairman
Ms. Camiella Williams, Vice Chair
Ms. Monica Gordon, Secretary
Ms. Michelle Aldana
Mr. Jay Readey
Ms. Miriam Slaughter
Mr. John Stanfa
Ms. Chidinma Obialor, Student Trustee

Table Participants Present

Dr. Michael D. Anthony, President
Ms. Jodi Pedersoli, Board Recorder
Mr. Elighie Wilson, Vice President, Academic Affairs
Mr. Bernard Little, Vice President, Student Affairs
Mr. Thomas Nicholas, Faculty Representative
Mr. Eric Stach, Del Galdo Law Group

Table Participants Absent

Ms. Cheron Ricks, Support Staff Representative

Administrators Present

Ms. Alisha Clark; Ms. Deborah Havighorst; Ms. Melissa Hebert-Johnson; Dr. Megan Hughes;
Dr. Anthony Martin; Ms. Grace McGinnis; Ms. Jaime Miller; Mr. William Ouchark;
Dr. Charmaine Sevier; Mr. Felix Simpkins; Ms. Cheri Taylor-Lawton; Ms. Patricia Trost

Managers Present

Dr. Jermaine Morales; Mr. Georges Sanon; Ms. Dawn Sterning; Ms. Oshunda Williams;
Ms. Juanita Wyatt

Support Staff Present

Ms. Kathryn Hanrahan

Others Present

Ms. Ora Adams, Prairie State College Student and Resident/Property Owner in the Village of Lynwood; Mr. Ryan Jones, Prairie State College Student; Mr. David Lockman, Akil-Abree Consulting;

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ORAL/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Ora Adams, Prairie State College student and resident/property owner in the Village of Lynwood has concerns regarding allegations made in the December 21, 2022, *Southland Voice* regarding Chief Anthony Martin and the lack of a background check performed upon employment. She urged the Board to investigate the matter.

INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Pioneer Award – Jaime Miller, Dean of Enrollment Management/Registrar

Dr. Little nominated Dean Miller for the Pioneer Award. Dr. Anthony read the nomination and presented Dean Miller with the award.

Introduction of Dr. Bernard R. Little, Vice President of Student Affairs

Dr. Anthony introduced Dr. Bernard Little, Vice President of Student Affairs.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Minutes of the 849th Regular Meeting – December 6, 2022

That the Board of Trustees approves the Minutes of the 849th Regular Meeting of December 6, 2022; as presented.

Retirement of Felix C. Simpkins, Dean of Student Development

That the Board of Trustees accepts the retirement of Felix J. Simpkins, Dean of Student Development, effective May 31, 2023.

Retirement of Patricia Trost, Chief of Staff

That the Board of Trustees accepts the retirement of Patricia Trost, Chief of Staff, effective June 16, 2023.

Resignation of Dr. Megan Hughes, Dean of Allied Health and Emergency Services

That the Board of Trustees accepts the resignation of Dr. Megan Hughes, Dean of Allied Health and Emergency, effective February 28, 2023.

Approval of Sabbatical Leave for LaLinda De La Fuente, Associate Professor of Sociology/Coordinator, Social Sciences

That the Board of Trustees approves a one semester sabbatical leave in Fall 2023 for LaLinda De La Fuente, Associate Professor of Sociology/Coordinator, Social Sciences, according to the provisions in Section 4.25 of the 2020-2023 Agreement between the Board of Trustees of Community College District 515 and Prairie State College Federation of Teacher, Local 3816, AFT, AFL-CIO.

Approval of Sabbatical Leave for Dr. Jessica Nastal, Associate Professor of English

That the Board of Trustees approves a one semester sabbatical leave in Fall 2023 for Dr. Jessica Nastal, Associate Professor of English, according to the provisions in Section 4.25 of the 2020-2023 Agreement between the Board of Trustees of Community College District 515 and Prairie State College Federation of Teacher, Local 3816, AFT, AFL-CIO.

Adjunct Faculty Compensation for Non-Credit Courses, 2022 Fall Term

That the Board of Trustees approves the adjunct faculty compensation in the amount of \$103,305.37, for 2022 fall term (non-credit courses).

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Bills Payable – FY2023

That the Board of Trustees approves the FY2023 List of Bills Payable for November 16 - 30 and December 1-23, 2022 (including trustee and employee travel expenditures), as indicated in the enclosure.

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

Ms. Aldana	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Obialor	Aye (Advisory)

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

ACTION ITEMS

Review of Closed Session Minutes

Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that in accordance with the guidelines of the Open Meetings Act, it is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the release of no Closed Session minutes such the same remain sealed and confidential.

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

Ms. Aldana	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Obialor	Aye (Advisory)

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

Review of Verbatim Recordings of Closed Session Meetings

Mr. Readey moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded, in accordance with the guidelines of the Open Meetings Act, the Board of Trustees authorize the destruction of the verbatim recordings of following Closed Session meetings: both sessions of May 25, 2021 and June 15, 2021.

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

Ms. Aldana	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Obialor	Aye (Advisory)

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

First Reading – Board Policy G-42, Confidential Reporting of Illegal or Or Unethical Activity

Mr. Stanfa moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees approves for First Reading, Board Policy G-42, Confidential Reporting of Illegal or Unethical Activity, as revised.

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

Ms. Aldana	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Obialor	Aye (Advisory)

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

2023-2027 Strategic Plan

Ms. Slaughter moved and Ms. Aldana seconded that the Board of Trustees accepts and supports the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.

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

Ms. Aldana	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Obialor	Aye (Advisory)

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

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Schedule for Summer Work Hours

Mr. Stanfa moved and Ms. Aldana seconded that the Board of Trustees approves that the College be closed on Fridays during the summer of 2023 from May 26 through August 11, Monday – Thursday work and operating hours for employees will be adjusted accordingly.

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

Ms. Aldana	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Obialor	Aye (Advisory)

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

Lobbying Services Agreement – Maren Ronan, Ltd.

Mr. Readey moved and with no second the recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve a one-year service contract with Maren Ronan, Ltd. effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 at a rate of \$5,400.00 per month for lobbying services failed for lack of a second.

Contract Recommendation -- Judy Mitchell Consulting LLC

Ms. Slaughter moved and Ms. Aldana seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the contract with Judy Mitchell LLC for the part time, interim chief financial officer/professional coach for the Executive Director of Human Resources in the amount of \$15,000 per month beginning January 10, 2023.

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

Ms. Aldana	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Obialor	Aye (Advisory)

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

Contract Recommendation – Akil-Abree Consulting, LLC

Mr. Readey moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees approve the consulting contract with Akil-Abree Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$60,000 for twelve months to be paid in twelve monthly payments of \$5,000 per month for campus safety, technology, infrastructure enhancement, and grant identification and project management.

Mr. White moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees table the consulting contract with Akil-Abree Consulting, LLC pending additional information from Dr. Anthony.

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

Ms. Aldana	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Abstain
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Dr. White	Nay
Ms. Obialor	Abstain (Advisory)

The vote being five (5) Ayes, one (1) Nay, (1) Abstain and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Contract Recommendation – King Tours & Transportation – TRIO Student Support Services Spring Break College Tour

Mr. Stanfa moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the contract with King Tours & Transportation in the amount of \$29,340 for the TRIO Student Support Services Spring Break College Tour to Washington, D.C. from March 12, 2023 through March 15, 2023.

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

Ms. Aldana	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Obialor	Aye (Advisory)

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

Contract Recommendation – King Tours & Transportation – TRIO Upward Bound Spring Break College Tour

Mr. Stanfa moved and Ms. Obialor seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the contract with King Tours & Transportation in the amount of \$47,565 for the TRIO Upward Bound Program Spring Break College Tour to New York/Washington, D.C. from April 10, 2023 through April 14, 2023.

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

Ms. Aldana	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Obialor	Aye (Advisory)

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

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Contract Recommendation – King Tours & Transportation – TRIO Educational Talent Search Spring Break College Tour

Ms. Aldana moved and Ms. Gordon seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the contract with King Tours & Transportation in the amount of \$43,800 for the TRIO Educational Talent Search Program Spring Break College Tour to Georgia. from March 19, 2023 through March 22, 2023.

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

Ms. Aldana	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Obialor	Aye (Advisory)

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

Contract Recommendation – Maxient Student Services Software

Ms. Slaughter moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of the Maxient Student Services Software, in the amount of \$38,000.

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

Ms. Aldana	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Obialor	Aye (Advisory)

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

Contract Renewal – Alcove Insights

Ms. Gordon moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees approves additional services hours not to exceed \$17,500 with Alcove Insights for reporting and institutional research dashboard development.

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

Ms. Aldana	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Obialor	Aye (Advisory)

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

Budget Transfers – November and December 2022

Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the budget transfers for November 8-30 and December 2022, as indicated in the enclosure.

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

Ms. Aldana	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Aye
Ms. Slaughter	Aye
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Ms. Williams	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Obialor	Aye (Advisory)

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

President's Cabinet Monthly Reports

Dr. Anthony discussed concerns and encouragement.

Monthly Financial Report

Dr. Mitchell summarized the monthly financial report.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Schedule for Future Board/College Event

Dr. White highlighted future College events.

ICCTA/ACCT Report

No report.

Prairie State College Foundation Report

Ms. Havighorst shared the Foundation report.

Faculty Report

Mr. Nicholas highlighted the semester's start dates.

Support Staff Report

No report.

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Student Government Association Report

Ms. Obialor highlighted the Student Government Association's activities.

Before going into Closed Session, Dr. White shared the following quote, "Education is part of a foundation of all progress and growth. Both as an individual and as a society. All things are possible because anything can be learned."

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Slaughter moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees go into closed session for "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, or a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a 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).

The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 6:52 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Readey moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded to return to Open Session at 7:37 p.m. All members voted Aye and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Williams moved and Ms. Aldana seconded that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Dr. Ronald J. White, Chairman

Monica Gordon, Secretary

Jodi Pedersoli, Board Recorder
