

THE BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 515

**Special Meeting
September 30, 2021**

MINUTES

Dr. Ronald White, Chairman of the Board, convened the Special Meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 515 at 5:34 p.m., Wednesday, September 22, 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. Patricia Gallagher-Trost, Chief of Staff
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

Administrators Present

Dr. Tiffany Brewer; Ms. Deb Havighorst; Dr. Anthony Martin; Ms. Grace McGinnis; Ms. Jaime Miller; Mr. Felix Simpkins; Dr. Charmaine Sevier

Faculty Present

Ms. Kate Sims-Drew; Dr. Alanna Cotch; Mr. Chad Vlietstra

Managers Present

Ms. Crystal Alston-Nobles; Ms. Kristin Carrera; Ms. Mary Fitzpatrick; Ms. Oshunda Williams

Staff Present

Ms. Kathryn Hanrahan; Ms. Lisa Hansen; Ms. Kristin Milligan; Mr. Georges Sanon

Others Present

Mr. Edward Schwarz; Olympia Fields resident

ORAL/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None.

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

None.

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ACTION ITEMS

Extension of Interim President's Contract

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees approves the extension of the contract for the Interim President, through October 30, 2021.

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

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| 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 President of Prairie State College

Mr. Stanfa moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees appoints Dr. Michael D. Anthony, President of Prairie State College.

Mr. Readey stated that he is planning to vote "Nay" on the motion, but he wants Dr. Anthony to know that he is committed to working with him. Mr. Readey is excited about what the future holds for the College. He believes that his "Nay" vote represents the fact that he believes there was another very strong candidate that had an enormous amount of support from within the College community and he wants to represent those voices. Anyone who was at the meeting on Tuesday night knows that he is a dissenting voice on a number of things in terms of how this Board has conducted its business, but he is outvoted. Elections do matter and so as the College moves forward, he will figure out ways to work with this Board and this president to make Prairie State College the greatest College that it can be. He is very excited about the future and eager for things to work out.

Mr. Baikauskas said that he is excited about this appointment and appreciates the Board members with their "Aye" vote showing their faith in Dr. Anthony and his vision of the future for this College.

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

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

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

Approval of New President's Contract

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Mr. Stanfa seconded to postpone the approval of the new president's contract until the October 26, 2021 Board meeting.

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

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| 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 announced that Dr. Saban's contract, as Interim President, has been extended until October 30, 2021 to enable a transition period where Dr. Anthony will be seated as president on October 15, 2021. This gives them a couple of weeks where there is a transition for Dr. Anthony to move into the office of the president. At the October 26 Board meeting, Dr. Anthony's contract will be approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Ms. Slaughter seconded that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. All members present voted Aye, and the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Dr. Ronald J. White, Chairman

Monica Gordon, Secretary

Patricia Gallagher-Trost, Chief of Staff
