

THE BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 515

Organizational Meeting April 27, 2021

MINUTES

Dr. Ronald White convened the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 515 at 6:16 p.m., Tuesday, April 27, 2021, in the Board Room of the College.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present

Dr. Ronald White, Vice Chair
Mr. Christopher Baikauskas, Secretary
Mr. Jay Readey
Mr. John Stanfa
Ms. Camiella Williams
Mr. Christian Ponce, Student Trustee

Trustee Elect Present

Ms. Monica Gordon

Board Members Absent

Ms. Joelle Mulhearn

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 Present via Conference Call

Mr. Thomas Nicholas, Faculty Representative

Table Participants Absent

Ms. Carmen Dover, Support Staff Representative

Administrators Present

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

Administrators via Conference Call

Ms. Jan Bonavia; Ms. Tiffany Brewer

Faculty Members Present via Conference Call

Dr. Craig Mulling; Mr. Chad Vlietstra

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Managers Present

Mr. Jay Barriga

Managers Present via Conference Call

Ms. Crystal Alston-Nobles; Mr. Joel Nightingale; Ms. Jameta Rogers

Staff Members Present via Conference Call

Mr. William Berkley

Others Present

The Honorable Cynthia Cobbs; Mr. Charles Dieringer; Mr. Chuck Dieringer; Mr. Pat Franklin; Ms. Tab Franklin; Ms. Tiffani Graham, Park Forest Village Trustee; Mr. Theos Griffin; Ms. Candyce Herron, Park Forest Village Trustee; Mr. JoJo Martin; Mr. Ricardo Martinez, Prairie State College Student; Ms. Donna Miller, Cook County Commissioner Sixth District; The Honorable Judge Nichole Patton; Mr. Ven Sherrod, Photographer; Dr. C. Tillman

Others Present via Conference Call

Mr. David Gonzalez, Chicago Heights Mayor

ORAL/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Charles Derringer shared upcoming community events. There will be a 25-100 Mile Spring Fling Bike-Riding event on June 6th. Bloom Township is hosting a week in Nashville in September for \$650; you must be a resident of Bloom Township. Thorn Creek Environmental Club is working on a project to make the community a green area. They would like to create a green sanitation plant that would not destroy Thorn Creek.

CANVASS OF APRIL 6, 2021 ELECTION

The Board of Trustees adopted the Resolution declaring the results of the April 6, 2021 election for Cook and Will Counties.

OATH OF OFFICE AND SEATING OF NEW TRUSTEES

Mr. Baikauskas administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Monica Gordon and Dr. Ronald J. White.

Resolution – Censure of Jay S. Readey

Mr. Stanfa moved and Mr. Baikauskas seconded that the Board of Trustees approves a Resolution censuring Trustee Jay Readey for violating Board Policies of the Illinois Community College District No. 515, Counties of Cook and Will, State of Illinois.

Mr. Readey asked if the resolution would be read or made public and published after the vote as it is marked, "Confidential for Board Members Only." Dr. White answered that it would be published and made public. Mr. Readey said he wanted to respond for the record. "It says I purported to speak on behalf of the Board about official Board business. That is false. I was elected two years ago as an independent voice for this Board. I spoke out as that independent voice, charging that there had been improper actions by the majority of the board, and so I did not purport to speak, on behalf of the Board, about official Board business. This response, using as I assume, the legal resources of the College to draft this resolution, just shows the Board majority's actions and proves my point. It also says, members of the Board should be working together harmoniously and representing the district in a manner, which commands respect, interest, and support in the community. And I would point out that when the President was terminated a year ago, she was offered termination papers before certain members of the board, myself included, had even been approached about the matter being offered to her. So, I understand now,

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there are documents sealing the results of that process. And those documents can probably only be unsealed by a higher authority, like, the Attorney General's Office or the Higher Learning Commission. So, we will wait for that to be done in order to see how that process actually unfolded. But if we are going to be talking about working harmoniously and building trust; that is not the way to do it, Dr. White. One more thing, in the resolution it says the purpose is to admonish, censure, reprimand and request that I resign. My response to that is, no, I will not resign. Finally, at the end of the resolution as drafted has Marc Wiley's name as Chair for signature. I have been informed by Mr. Wiley in an e-mail message that can be reached by FOIA by any member of the public, because it included all of the members of the board that he has resigned. So when you respond, please let us know the status of that resignation and whether he, in fact can sign this resolution if it passed."

Dr. White said, "Let me first say that you are discussing personnel issues that we discussed in closed session, which are not be disclosed and discussed publicly. And I am pertinacious that you possess obstreperous, insipid, and erratic characteristics. We are ready to move forward."

Mr. Readey reminded Dr. White that the Board had not voted.

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

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Ms. Gordon	Aye
Mr. Readey	Nay
Mr. Stanfa	Aye
Dr. White	Aye
Ms. Williams	Abstain
Mr. Ponce	Advisory (Abstain)

The vote being four (4) Ayes, one (1) Nay, one (1) Abstain, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair

Mr. Stanfa moved and Ms. Williams that the Board of Trustees appoint Dr. Ronald White as Chair of the Board of Trustees.

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

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

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

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Vice Chair

Dr. White moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Mr. Christopher Baikauskas as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

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

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

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

Secretary

Ms. Williams moved and Mr. Stanfa seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Monica Gordon as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

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
Mr. Ponce	Advisory (Aye)

The vote being six (6) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Recorder

Mr. Stanfa moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Jodi Pedersoli as Recorder of the Board of Trustees.

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
Mr. Ponce	Advisory (Aye)

The vote being six (6) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

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Treasurer

Mr. Stanfa moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Dr. Thomas D. Saban as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

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
Mr. Ponce	Advisory (Aye)

The vote being six (6) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 REGULAR BOARD MEETING DAY, TIME AND PLACE

Approval of 2021-2022 Regular Board Meeting Day, Time and Place

Ms. Williams moved and Mr. Baikauskas seconded that the Board of Trustees hold the 2021-2022 Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 515 on the last Tuesday of each month, except for July and November, at 5:00 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
Mr. Ponce	Advisory (Aye)

The vote being six (6) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

2021-2022 APPOINTMENTS

Appointment to Ethics Commission

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees appoints Mr. John Stanfa, trustee and Mr. Michael Wortham, a resident of the College district, as members of the Ethics Commission.

Mr. Readey inquired about how Michael Wortham is associated with the College. Ms. Trost responded that Mr. Wortham use to work at Governor's State University for a long time and it is through that relationship the College knows him.

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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
Mr. Ponce	Advisory (Aye)

The vote being six (6) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Prairie State College Foundation Representative(s)

Mr. Stanfa moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Monica Gordon as Representative to the Prairie State College Foundation.

Mr. Readey asked if the Board was going to elect alternate representatives. Dr. White responded that they would be voting on alternates as a later date.

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
Mr. Ponce	Advisory (Aye)

The vote being six (6) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

ICCTA Representative(s)

Mr. Baikauskas moved and Mr. Readey seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Camiella Williams as Representative to the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA).

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
Mr. Ponce	Advisory (Aye)

The vote being six (6) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

ACCT Representative(s)

Ms. Williams moved and Mr. Baikauskas seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Dr. Ronald White as Representative to the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT).

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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
Mr. Ponce	Advisory (Aye)

The vote being six (6) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.

Dr. White welcomed Ms. Gordon and thanked the Board for their trust and confidence allowing him to serve as chairman of the board. He concluded the meeting by saying, "That it is never a wrong time to do the right thing. Wrong is not right just because everyone is doing it and right is not wrong even if you are the only one doing it. We cannot always change everything that is wrong. We can always chose not to be a part of it, chose not to agree with, choose not to go along with it. Continue to stay safe, take care of yourselves and your families as we continue to deal with COVID-19. We are really looking forward to our students coming back for person studies in August."

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Baikauskas moved and Ms. Williams seconded that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. All members present voted Aye, and the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Dr. Ronald J. White, Vice-Chair

Christopher Baikauskas, Secretary

Jodi Pedersoli, Board Recorder
