

Item #11.2
December 1, 2023

APPROVED

Agenda
457th Meeting of the
Illinois Community College Board

Richland Community College
National Sequestration Education Center Exhibit Hall
One College Park
Decatur, Illinois 62521

September 15, 2023

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Board minutes of the September 15, 2023, meeting as recorded.

Item #1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Chair Lopez called the Board meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. and asked Ann Knoedler to call roll. The following Board members were present: An-Me Chung, Marlon McClinton, Mara Botman, Sylvia Jenkins, Craig Bradley, and Larry Peterson. Maureen Banks, Nick Kachiroubas, Teresa Garate, and Wes Eggert, Student Board member, were absent. A quorum was declared.

Item #2 - Announcements and Remarks by Dr. Lazaro Lopez, Board Chair

Chair Lopez began by thanking the members for a great retreat during morning. There was a lot of good information provided and good discussions. He also thanked all the presenters, particularly the Community College trustees who were able to travel to share their important insights.

As mentioned earlier, longtime Board member Terry Bruce has resigned from the Board. Chair Lopez thanked him again for his service on behalf of the Board. Chair Lopez went on to congratulate Dr. Sylvia Jenkins on her official retirement, which was official on June 30th. Dr. Jenkins served as president of Moraine Valley Community College for 11 years, but she was first hired at the college in 1986 as a part-time librarian. She worked in the library until 2001, when she became the assistant dean of Teaching and Learning. By June 2002, she was promoted to the dean of Academic Development and Learning Resource Center, where she worked until her appointment of vice president of Academic Affairs in April 2010. She was inaugurated as the college's fifth president in October 2012.

Recently, the State of Illinois reached an important milestone in transfer. The Illinois Articulation Agreement was among the first transfer systems in the United States and has compelled the state of Illinois to be consistently among the top 3 states in terms of community college transfer student completion by ensuring that courses across 2 year and 4-year institutions in the general education area, have the same outcomes and rigor, and transfer seamlessly. IAI was created in the 1990s by the IBHE and ICCB and community colleges and universities were both included. Today approximately 100 public and private institutions participate. Transfer in Illinois is certainly not without its challenges, but IAI is a model for the country.

Chair Lopez announced that September 17 - 23 is adult education week. It is important to celebrate the work of adult education at the agency and across the state.

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During the FY23 academic year, Illinois' Adult Education and Literacy programs saw a 35% increase in student enrollment, reaching over 52,000 learners. This follows the 40% increase of student enrollment in Fiscal Year 2022. Adult Education is a positive economic driver for students and their communities as the impact of improved literacy, numeracy, and English language acquisition often leads to employment, enrollment in postsecondary institutions, or both. On behalf of the board, Chair Lopez thanked all the adult educators across the state for the incredibly important work they do.

Following the action item, the Board will hear welcoming remarks from Julie Melton, AVP Institutional Advancement, Richland Community College.

Item #2.1a - Affirming the Board Goals for FY2024

Sylvia Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by An-Me Chung, to approve the following motion:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves and affirms the Board Goals, with agreed upon amendments, for FY2024. Further, the Board authorizes the Executive Director to make technical changes to these amendments and to finalize these goals with the Board Chair.

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

Item #3 - Welcoming Remarks from Julie Melton, AVP of Institutional Advancement, Richland Community College

At this time, Julie Melton, Assistant Vice President of Institutional Advancement, gave her opening remarks. Ms. Melton oversees the foundation, marketing, and grants at Richland. She welcomed the Board to Richland Community College and stated her appreciation for the dedication to education.

Richland has always stood as a symbol of innovation and excellence of education, but really post COVID Richland had the opportunity to shift and be a collaborator and a true partner in the community. Once COVID occurred and everyone started returning to campus, the community saw that the college was the integral piece that gave students the education and training to go straight to jobs, filling jobs in the workforce. Through this, the College has had a significant number of partnerships and collaborations even within the last one to two years.

In February 2022 the College received a \$3.2 million grant from DMH, Decatur Memorial Hospital, to expand the nursing program. And through that, the College is training nurses and expanding the nursing workforce and nursing programs. Additionally, this time last year, Richland received a \$15.3 million appropriation from the state of Illinois to partner with TCCI to build an EV training Innovation Hub. Richland is working to integrate and grow their EV training curriculum and integrate it into the dual credit programs. Richland also has articulation agreements with U of I, ISU, Northern, Wesleyan, Governor state - so things are really happening around EV as well.

ICCB has been a huge partner for Richland Community College through offering many different grants that have allowed the College to remove barriers for students, provide the training they need, and get them in the jobs that are available today.

Over the last year, Richland's enrollment has continued to grow. Illinois community colleges are seeing enrollment returning to the pre-COVID numbers, and also seeing an increase in dual credit. To date, Richland has awarded \$1.23 million in scholarships.

Ms. Melton concluded by stating that the ICCB provides a pivotal role in guiding the community college's journey to educational excellence. Dedication, insight and hard work are integral to ensuring that community college's continue to serve as a hub for knowledge and opportunity.

Item #4 - Board Member Comments

There were no comments.

Item #4.1 – Illinois Board of Higher Education Report

Dr. Sylvia Jenkins reported on the last two IBHE meetings. The first was held on June 14th at Northern IL University in Dekalb. The Board heard updates from the Midwest Higher Education Compact (MHEC), from Pranav Kothari, Board Member and MHEC Representative, from the Faculty Advisory Council Annual from Dr. Shawn Shumacher, DeVry University, and from the Disability Advisory Council from Angela Szczepanik-Sanchez, Director, Student Disability Services, Governors State University. The members heard presentations on the Higher Ed Enrollment Patterns: A Review of the Data from Dr. Eric Lichtenberger, Deputy Director of Information Management and Research, IBHE, on Cost, Location, and Academics: How Illinois High School Seniors Decide on a FourYear College from Dr. Mariana Barragan Torres and Dr. Meg S. Bates, Illinois Workforce and Education Research Collaborative (IWERC), and on the Fiscal Year 2024 Higher Education Budget Overview from Ginger Ostro.

The second meeting was held on August 16th at the National Louis University in Chicago. The Board hear a Panel Discussion on the Vision for the Future from Malinda Aiello, Director, Illinois Articulation Initiative, Illinois State University, Dr. Stephanie Bernoteit, Executive Deputy Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education, and Dr. Marcus Brown, Deputy Director for Academic Affairs and Student Success, Illinois Community College Board. They also heard and Illinois Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity: Annual Report Highlights update.

Item #5 – Executive Director Report

Executive Director Brian Durham began by thanking the presenters during the morning retreat, especially the Trustees who made the trip to participate on the panel. Budget season will begin soon. Dr. Durham stated he will be scheduling phone calls with the board members to discuss the agency’s budget proposal. Dr. Durham went on to state that the members need to decide if the Board committees should stay the same or be restructured, add more committees charged with different content, or move the Board meetings back to allow the two current committees to have more discussion time. With that, Dr. Durham went on to introduce the following action item.

Item #5.1 – Program Approval Modification for Illinois Eastern Community College District #529

Illinois Eastern Community College District #529 (IECC) is in the process of merging its four separate curriculum files established for each campus into a single file. This merger will allow students at all four locations to have access to faculty/programs across the district. IECC’s goal is to make programs of study (like Agriculture, Early Childhood Education, Truck Driving, etc.) available at any location where student demand justifies delivery.

The curriculum merger comes as the district has merged all its campuses under a single Postsecondary Education Identifier (OPEID) in response to a United State Department of Education directive related to student financial aid. IECC has undertaken other centralization efforts including, for example, the assignment of campus presidents to district-level responsibilities as well.

It should be noted that District #529 is regionally accredited as a district and is Recognized by the ICCB at the District level. It should also be noted that IECC was originally approved as a Class 1 community college district, with branch campuses, thus making this change consistent with its original approval status.

The following motion is necessary to amend previously adopted approvals of new units of instruction, research, and public service issued by the Board to Frontier Community College, Lincoln Trail College, Olney Central College, and Wabash Valley College.

Sylvia Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Craig Bradley, to approve the following motion:

“All previously adopted approvals of new units of instruction, research, and public service issued by the Board to Frontier Community College, Lincoln Trail College, Olney Central College, and Wabash Valley College, as separate colleges within a multi-college district be amended to state that the approval then given was given to Illinois Eastern Community College District #529, a single college district.”

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

Item #6 - Approval of High School Diploma for Adult Learners Program Application from Goodwill Northern Illinois

The High School Diploma for Adult Learners Program is approved to operate under the School Code, 105 ILCS 5/3-15.12a, which provides a program of alternative study to adult learners leading to the issuance of a high school diploma. The program is designed to serve individuals who are ineligible for reenrollment in a secondary school under 105 ILCS 5/26-2(b).

Educational providers must submit applications in accordance with ICCB rules and meet the criteria to become a provider. Applicants must provide documentation demonstrating that the applicant is supported by the Regional Office of Education but unable to establish an agreement with a secondary unit school district in which the eligible applicant is located. Applicants must provide a program through which students who successfully complete that program can receive a high school diploma from their district of residence.

Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois and Wisconsin Stateline Area, Inc. (Goodwill) is a locally operating nonprofit based in Rockford, Illinois. Goodwill is applying to offer its “The Excel Center” school model to persons in Rockford Public School District 205 and Regional Office of Education #4. The targeted population is primarily those who are beyond compulsory school age attendance. Goodwill will align their high school curriculum with ICCB requirements and the Illinois State Board of Education learning standards. Support services will be provided to students at no cost. Funding for The Excel Center is through a federal appropriation and charitable donations.

Having met the guidelines established by the ICCB, the Board is requested to approve Goodwill as a High School Diploma for Adult Learners Program provider.

Craig Bradley made a motion, which was seconded by An-Me Chung, to approve the following motion:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the following High School Diploma for Adult Learners Program provider:

Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois and Wisconsin Stateline Area, Inc.

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

Item #7 - Recognition of the Illinois Community Colleges

Craig Bradley made a motion, which was seconded by Marlon McClinton to approve the following item:

Item #7.1 - Carl Sandburg College, Prairie State College, South Suburban College, Southwestern IL College

The Illinois Community College Board hereby grants a status of “recognition continued” to the following districts:

Carl Sandburg College, District 518
Prairie State College, District 515

South Suburban College, District 510
Southwestern Illinois College, District 522

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

Item #8 - New Units

Item #8.1a - College of DuPage, IL Valley Community College, Rend Lake College, South Suburban College, Southwestern IL College, Spoon River College, Waubonsee Community College

Sylvia Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Craig Bradley, to approve the following motion:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the following permanent new units of instruction for the community colleges listed below:

PERMANENT PROGRAM APPROVAL

College of DuPage

- Cannabis and Industrial Hemp Cultivation and Operations Certificate (37 credit hours)

Illinois Valley Community College

- Paramedic Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) (60 credit hours)

Rend Lake College

- Digital Agriculture A.A.S. degree (64 credit hours)

South Suburban College

- Cybersecurity A.A.S. degree (60 credit hours)
- Cybersecurity Certificate (30 credit hours)

Southwestern Illinois College

- Geospatial and Aeronautical Information Systems A.A.S. degree (65 credit hours)

Spoon River College

- Early Childhood Education A.A.S. degree (60 credit hours)
- Early Childhood Educator Certificate (30 credit hours)

Waubonsee Community College

- Cybersecurity A.A.S. degree (60 credit hours)

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

Item #9 - Adoption of Minutes

Mara Botman made a motion, which was seconded by Craig Bradley, to approve the following items:

Item #9.1 - Minutes of the June 2, 2023, Board Meeting

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Board minutes of the June 2, 2023, meeting as recorded.

Item #9.2 - Minutes of the June 2, 2023 Executive Session

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Executive Session minutes of the June 2, 2023, meeting as recorded.

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

Item #10 - Consent Agenda

Sylvia Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by An-Me Chung, to approve the following items:

Item #10.1 - Certification on Eligibility for Special Tax Levy

The Illinois Community College Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director to issue the annual certificates of eligibility for additional taxing authority to the community college districts meeting the following statutory criteria:

1. Received an equalization grant in fiscal year 2023 and/or received an equalization grant in fiscal year 2024; and
2. Had combined educational and operations and maintenance purposes tax rates less than 28.33 cents per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation.

Item #10.2 - Authorization to Enter into Contracts for Office Operations

The Illinois Community College Board approves the following Fiscal Year 2024 contractual agreements:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Original Estimate</u>	<u>Actual Cost</u>	<u>Contract Period</u>	<u>Description</u>
001 - ILDS, PATH, State Adult Ed, GRF Admin; 692 - Federal Adult Ed, 772 - Federal CTE	Employment Contracts	\$ -	\$210,838.22	7/1/23-6/30/24	In order to meet grant reporting requirements and manage programs, several employment contracts were issued to fill vacant roles while continuing to recruit staff for full time employment.

Item #10.3 - Intergovernmental Agreement Approval for McHenry County College's University Center

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the individual Intergovernmental Agreements between Aurora University, Roosevelt University, Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and McHenry County College.

Item #10.4 - Intergovernmental Agreement between Lincoln Land Community College And the Department of Innovation Technology

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Intergovernmental Agreement between Lincoln Land Community College and the Department of Innovation Technology.

Item #10.5 - Saluki Step Ahead Agreements Between Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Heartland Community College and Spoon River College

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the individual Saluki Step Ahead agreements between Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Heartland Community College and Spoon River College.

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

Item #11 - Information Items

There was no discussion.

Item #11.1 - Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Statements

Item #11.2 - Basic Certificate Program Approval approved on behalf of the Board by the Executive Director

Item #11.3 - Spring 2023 New Legislation

Item #11.4 - SFY2023 Adult Education and Literacy Advisory Council Recommendations Report

Item #11.5 - Status of Developmental Education and College-Level Coursework Placement Policy and Outcomes in the Illinois Community College System Fiscal Year 2023 Report

Item #11.6 - Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Report

Item #11.7 - Proposed Amendments to the Illinois Community College Board Administrative Rules

Item #12 - Other Business

At this time, Chair Lopez stated that the consensus of the Board members is to keep the two committees as is and continue to meet the morning before the Board meetings. If any member has not been placed on one of these committees, please let Dr. Durham know as soon as possible. Also, the Finance, Budgeting, Accountability, and External Affairs Committee needs to appoint a chair at their next meeting in December.

Item #13 - Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item #14 - Executive Session

The Board did not go into Executive Session

Item #15 - Executive Session Recommendations

There were no recommendations.

Item #16 - Approval of Confidentiality of Executive Session Minutes

Larry Peterson made a motion, which was seconded by Craig Bradley, to approve the following motion:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby determines the Executive Session Minutes held on September 16, 2005; September 21, 2005; September 15, 2006; November 17, 2006; January 22, 2007; February 26, 2007; March 26, 2007; June 8, 2007; May 19, 2008; September 19, 2008; March 26, 2010; June 4, 2010; January 28, 2011; March 18, 2011; June 3, 2011; September 16, 2011; January 27, 2012; November 16, 2012; January 25, 2013; February 6, 2013; March 22, 2013; September 20, 2013; June 6, 2014; September 18, 2015; November 20, 2015; January 22, 2016; June 3, 2016; March 17, 2017; June 2, 2017; June 1, 2018; August 28, 2018; October 2, 2018; November 30, 2018; March 15, 2019; June 7, 2019; June 12, 2020; September 11, 2020; December 4, 2020; June 4, 2021; August 19, 2021; December 3, 2021; March 25, 2022; March 24, 2023 are to remain confidential. All other Executive Session Minutes are available for public inspection.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mara Botman	Yea	Marlon McClinton	Yea
Craig Bradley	Yea	Larry Peterson	Yea
An-Me Chung	Yea	Lazaro Lopez	Yea
Sylvia Jenkins	Yea		

The motion was approved.

Item #17 - Adjournment

Marlon McClinton made a motion, which was seconded by Craig Bradley, to adjourn the Board meeting at 1:38 p.m.

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A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mara Botman	Yea	Marlon McClinton	Yea
Craig Bradley	Yea	Larry Peterson	Yea
An-Me Chung	Yea	Lazaro Lopez	Yea
Sylvia Jenkins	Yea		

The motion was approved.