

Item #10.1
June 6, 2025

APPROVED

Agenda
465th Meeting of the
Illinois Community College Board

Carl Sandburg College
Room E241
2400 Tom L. Wilson Blvd
Galesburg, IL

March 21, 2025

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Board minutes of the March 21, 2025, meeting as recorded.

Item #1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Acting Chair Sylvia Jenkins called the Board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked Ann Knoedler to call roll. The following Board members were present: Maureen Banks, Mara Botman, Craig Bradley, George Evans, An-Me Chung, Marlon McClinton, Larry Peterson, and Lisa Dzeikan were present. Laz Lopez is attending virtually and will be voted into the meeting. Teresa Garate was not in attendance. A quorum was declared.

Item #2.1 - Attendance by Means other than Physical Presence

Acting Chair Jenkins asked for Board member, Chair Laz Lopez, to state for the record, name, location and reason that member is unable to physically attend the board meeting:

Arlington Heights, IL due to a work conflict

Acting Chair Jenkins stated that Board member Laz Lopez is unable to attend today's meeting due to work related issues. According to Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act, Laz Lopez may participate in today's meeting virtually and the Board needs a motion to allow them to attend.

Craig Bradley made a motion, which was seconded by Maureen Banks, to allow Board member Laz Lopez to participate in today's Board meeting virtually.

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

Item #2 - Announcements and Remarks by Dr. Sylvia Jenkins, Acting Board Chair

Dr. Sylvia Jenkins is participating as the Acting Board Chair during this meeting. Dr. Jenkins began by stating the ICCB staff will be giving a presentation on the Governor's Budget Recommendations. She acknowledged the Governor has recommended a 3% increase for the system and has also recommended funding for every initiative from the previous year. All in all, ICCB and the system should be pleased with the proposal. At the last Board meeting, the federal government showed how quickly their changes were going to be implemented and there was a lot of uncertainty and fear in the system. That does not seem to have slowed down at all. In Education, we have seen the Dear Colleague letter and now with the confirmation of Linda McMahon, the Trump administration's plan to dismantle the Department of

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Education is proceeding at a rapid pace. In this context, it is important that we reaffirm our goal around Equity and Inclusion. One of the most critical steps ICCB can take to advance the goals around equity is by supporting and implementing the community college baccalaureate in Illinois. Thanks are in order for the Presidents Council and the Trustees Association for their hard work in keeping this issue on the radar these past couple of years and for their work during this year to advance the community college baccalaureate. The Illinois Board of Higher Education has come out in support of the community college baccalaureate as well. Thank you to Governor Pritzker and Deputy Governor Torres for their leadership on this issue. With the Governor's support, ICCB has a real chance to get this program passed and in place this year. Contrary to myths that are out there, the competition for these students is not between the community college and the university, but between the community college baccalaureate and not going on to get a baccalaureate at all. Illinois has an opportunity to lead by example, demonstrating that the community colleges are more than just stepping stones to a university—they are institutions capable of providing high-quality, workforce-aligned baccalaureate programs that meet the needs of today's economy.

Item #3 - Welcoming Remarks from Dr. Seamus Reilly, President, Carl Sandburg College

President Reilly welcomed the Board and ICCB staff to Carl Sandburg College. He stated the college recently opened a new Science and technology building and newly renovated student center. He thanked everyone for their hard work and leadership.

Item #4 - Board Member Comments

There were no comments

Item #4.1 - Illinois Board of Higher Education Report

Dr. Sylvia Jenkins reported she was out of the state at a conference in San Antonio and could not be at this meeting. The IBHE meeting was held at Prairie State College, in Chicago Heights, IL on March 12th.

Item #5 – Executive Director Report

Executive Director Brian Durham began by stating the events happening within the Federal level with the dismantling of the Department of Education will cause disruptions in many areas. Continue to complete the work and review all the information coming out on the occurring actions at the federal level.

He announced there would be plans to have a one day Board retreat at the end of July. This will be held in a neutral location such as Bloomington. The Board should plan on looking at strategies on how to proceed with the ICCB's Adequacy and Equity in Community College Funding report.

The ICCB just concluded its Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing. Dr. Bullock, as well as ICCB staff testified. Overall, it went well with very few questions. They seemed to be supportive of the proposal that was submitted. Hopefully, the budget will be passed by May 31st.

Item #6 - ICCB's Adequacy and Equity in Community College Funding Work Group Presentation

Dr. Carrie Henderson from TSG Advisors joined the meeting via webex and presented an overview of the Working Group's report submitted to ICCB. The presentation covered the process used to develop the recommendations and provided a high-level summary of the definitions, key findings, and recommendations. This session was intended to familiarize board members with the report in preparation for a more in-depth discussion at the board retreat this summer.

At this time, the Board took a break at 10:48 a.m. and returned at 10:58 a.m.

Item #7 - Advisory Organizations

Item #7.1 – Illinois Community College Trustees Association

Mr. Jim Reed was unable to make the meeting.

Item #7.2 - Illinois Community College Faculty Association

The ICCFA is looking to expand in some areas, such as, professional development, advocacy, and outreach. In alignment with these, the association is looking at how to structure their annual conference. This conference is scheduled for November 7th. This conference could be held in person or by a virtual format to remove barriers in participation. The Association has implemented a new process as of February 2025 for faculty to submit reports and papers to share best practices in Illinois classrooms. More information can be found on their webpage. The Association is also in agreement and support of the baccalaurate degree. They concluded their report by expressing concerns regarding HB 3516.

Item #7.3 - Illinois Council of Community College Presidents

Dr. Keith Cornille stated the Council is continuing to be focused on the legislative agenda, which includes the community college baccalaurate and dual credit. The Presidents have continued to be active and involved by speaking with legislators and speaking with students. The Presidents continue to discuss the events going on at the Federal level.

Item #7.4 - Adult Education and Family Literacy Council

Dr. Margaret Segersten began by stating the Council has been working on alternative placement for adult education students. There are some different options as far as using a process test in order to place students into a class. Another area they are reviewing are the workplace skills programs and what those employers want from those students to be able to move them along. Another area the Council is looking at is the HSE expansion. They are looking at providing a mobile lab so the students have easier access to take the tests. The third area being reviews is the funding formula. Their next meeting is in April which will reveal the final recommendations.

Item #8 - Committee Reports

Item #8.1 - Academic, Workforce, and Student Support

The committee met on the morning of March 21st at 8:00a with Marlon McClinton, Mara Botman, Maureen Banks, Craig Bradley, in attendance. The committee discussed the following: Adult Education and Literacy Update; Adult Education and Literacy (Report)-which is an information item; Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity ECACE Report (ECACE); the Program Approval Process; the New Units of Instruction; and items going to the next meeting.

Item #8.2 - Finance, Budgeting, Accountability and External Affairs

The committee met on the morning of March 21st at 8:00a with George Evans, Larry Peterson, Sylvia Jenkins, Lisa Dziekan, and An-Me Chung in attendance. The following items were discussed: Community College Month (April); Governor's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendations; Spring 2025 Legislative Update; Impact of Federal Actions; and Spring 2025 Illinois Community College Opening Enrollment Report.

Item #8.2a - Presentation on Governor's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendations

On February 19, 2025, Governor Pritzker announced his proposed fiscal year 2026 budget in a joint address to the General Assembly and Illinois residents. The fiscal year 2026 budget highlighted the previous six years of budget discipline, resulting in State of Illinois debt reduction and credit rating upgrades, additional funding for pension systems, and investments in infrastructure, education, childcare, health and social services. The proposed budget continues the commitment to fiscal discipline along with continued investments in the Governor's key priorities, including early childhood education and

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childcare, college affordability, healthcare, workforce development, and continued economic development. It also includes a 3% increase (\$9 million) over fiscal year 2025 appropriations for Base Operating, Equalization and City Colleges grants. The budget recommendation also includes continued funding for Dual Credit, Non-Credit Workforce Programs, Advanced Manufacturing-Electric Vehicles, Mental Health Early Action on Campus, Homelessness Prevention, PATH, Adult Education, and Career & Technical Education. Additionally, the budget recommends a \$10 million increase in funding for MAP. A presentation was given during the Board meeting.

Item #8.2b - Spring 2025 Legislative Session Presentation

The 104th General Assembly is in full swing. Legislators have filed over 6,600 bills in the Senate and over 4,000 bills in the House. The deadline for legislators to get their bills out of committee is March 21st. The adjournment deadline is scheduled for May 31, 2025. Matt Berry provided an oral presentation on important higher education legislation during the Board meeting. A written report was also provided.

Item #9 - ICCB Agency Website Preview

In 2022, the ICCB began the process of creating a new agency website. The agency is currently on route to launch the new website on July 1, 2025. The new website will address several shortcomings and challenges associated with the user experience on the current www.iccb.org site. The new website will streamline the user navigation experience, reduce duplication of webpages and information, and significantly reduce the complexity of a website with over 700 individual pages. The new website also improves the mobile functionality, enhances language translation capabilities, and updates the search feature. The last fifteen months of design and development have been divided into three phases summarized below.

December 2023-April 2024 – Initial troubleshooting, design and site audit:

- Troubleshooting: As the site had been sitting stagnant between department hires, investigation of the WordPress installation and design revealed a series of issues that had to be resolved for the redesign to successfully continue, including:
 - WordPress Updates - many of the website design elements were out of date and broken, requiring manual updates and maintenance to fix.
 - Update HTML Code and Create New CSS Style Sheets – website code was updated and new CSS style sheets were created and tested to correct for site speed problems, display errors, and corrupt fonts and icons.
 - Mobile Functionality Restored - mobile functionality was broken across all browsers, resulting in an unusable mobile experience across desktops, tablets, and phones, requiring the entire mobile framework of the website to be redesigned with new code.
- Website Audit: A conventional and necessary website audit had never been properly performed. Multiple Installations existed as “sub-sites” often containing redundant information and pages. These pages needed to be catalogued and cross referenced with similar pages to determine eligibility for inclusion in the new site.

April 2024-December 2024 – Redesign, Page Elimination, Functionality and Staging:

- Website Redesign: A consistent look and feel was established between pages, creating a user experience that feels less disjointed, making sure fonts and colors are all similar and displayed accordingly.
- Functionality:
 - A new search bar was incorporated, replacing the previous search option that took the user “off-site” which resulted in a disjointed experience.
 - A new language translation service was installed with options including the ability to translate everything on the page, not just the body text.
 - New caching features were explored for the site to run faster and more efficiently.

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- An accordion to hide and reveal large amounts of information was encoded on text heavy pages to eliminate needless scrolling.
- Page Elimination: Over 700 individual website pages were condensed to less than 70 percent of that number by implementing a new sub-navigation system, allowing many smaller pieces of information to exist on the same page, yet still giving each of these elements their own dedicated URLs to be shared easily.
- Staging: The agency lacked a proper staging environment for website development. Development of a staging environment was necessary so that changes to the website could easily be reversed and testing could occur outside of public view.

December 2024-Current – Server Creation, Migration, Testing, and Division Pages:

- Server Creation, Migration and Testing: Our existing website server slowed the site down and caused “404” or “the page could not be reached” errors intermittently. The agency’s IT division created a new virtual server and migrated the website to this new server.
- Division Page Design: In order to aggregate the sheer volume of pages, divisions were asked to comb through their pages and condense information as well as eliminate information that was either redundant or no longer relevant. Those pages are still being worked on as individual meetings to clarify and explain have been necessary.

The site will be tested for speed and caching prior to its migration to the primary server and “going-live.” Revisions, additions of missing data and information, and new website functions and features will be worked on throughout that initial launch and beyond. The website design process is anticipated to continue well beyond the official public launch.

Item #10 - New Units

Item #10.1 - Permanent Approval: Permanent Approval: Kennedy-King College, Lake Land College, Malcolm X College, Oakton Community College, John Wood Community College

George Evans made a motion, which was seconded by Maureen Banks, to approve the following item:

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

PERMANENT PROGRAM APPROVAL

Kennedy-King College

- Master Builder Advanced Certificate (50 credit hours)

Lake Land College

- Criminology Security Studies Certificate (33 credit hours)

Malcolm X College

- Medical Laboratory Technician A.A.S. degree (69 credit hours)

Oakton Community College

- AI and Machine Learning Certificate (40 credit hours)

John Wood Community College

- Ag Mechanics A.A.S. degree (64 credit hours)

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

Item #11 - Recognition of the Illinois Community Colleges

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

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Item #11.1 - Lincoln Land Community College, Illinois Valley Community College

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

Illinois Valley Community College, District 513
Lincoln Land Community College, District 526

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

Item #12 - Adoption of Minutes

Marlon McClinton made a motion, which was seconded by George Evans, to approve the following motion:

Item #12.1 - Minutes of the January 31, 2025 Board Meeting

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Board minutes of the January 31, 2025, meeting as recorded.

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

Item #13 - Information Items

There was no discussion.

Item #13.1 - Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Statements

Item #13.2 - Fiscal Year 2024 Adult Education and Literacy Report to the Governor and General Assembly

Item #13.3 - Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Report and Scholarship Policy Brief

Item #13.4 - Basic Certificate Program Approval approved on behalf of the Board by the Executive Director

Item #13.5 - ICCB Spring 2025 Illinois Community College Opening Enrollment Report

Item #14 - Other Business

There was no other business.

Item #15 - Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item #16 - Executive Session

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

I move to enter Executive Session for the purpose of **Employment/Appointment Matters and Review of Executive Session Minutes** which qualify as acceptable exceptions under Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to hold a closed session.

A voice vote was taken with the following results:

Maureen Banks	Yea	An-Me Chung	Yea
Mara Botman	Yea	Sylvia Jenkins	Yea
George Evans	Yea	Marlon McClinton	Yea
Lisa Dziekan	Yea	Larry Peterson	Yea
Craig Bradley	Yea	Sylvia Jenkins	Yea

The motion was approved. The Board entered executive session at 12:07 p.m.

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Mara Botman made a motion, which was seconded by Maureen Banks, to reconvene Public Session at 12:33 p.m.

A voice vote was taken with the following results:

Maureen Banks	Yea	An-Me Chung	Yea
Mara Botman	Yea	Sylvia Jenkins	Yea
George Evans	Yea	Marlon McClinton	Yea
Lisa Dziekan	Yea	Larry Peterson	Yea
Craig Bradley	Yea	Sylvia Jenkins	Yea

The motion was approved.

Item #17 - Executive Session Recommendations

There were no recommendations.

Item #18 - Approval of Confidentiality of Executive Session Minutes

Mara Botman made a motion, which was seconded by Marlon McClinton, 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; June 2, 2023; February 2, 2024; March 22, 2024; June 7, 2024; and September 27, 2024 are to remain confidential. All other Executive Session Minutes are available for public inspection.

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.

Item #19 - Adjournment

Mara Botman made a motion, which was seconded by Larry Peterson, to adjourn the Board meeting at 12:34 p.m.

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.