

TRUSTEE VACANCY COMMITTEE
BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 519
Counties of Stephenson, Ogle, Jo Daviess and Carroll

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Trustee Vacancy Committee of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 519 was called to order by Mr. Jim Endress, Chairperson, at 9:03 a.m. on April 7, 2021, in the Robert J. Rimington Board Room (room H-228) in the Highland Community College Student/Conference Center, 2998 West Pearl City Road, Freeport, Illinois in said district.

The following members were physically present: Mr. Doug Block, and Mr. Jim Endress

The following members attended virtually: Ms. Pennie Groezinger

The following members were absent: None

Others physically present: Mr. Pete Fink, Director, ITS (departed 9:09 a.m.; returned 9:51 a.m.); and Ms. Terri Grimes, Board Secretary

Others virtually present: Dr. Chelsea Martinez, Faculty (departed 9:08 a.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION ON ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Endress appointed a committee of three trustees and the Board Secretary to solicit and review candidates for the vacancy on the Board created by the passing of Dr. Steve Jennings. Applications were due by March 31, 2021, and six individuals applied for the position. The role of the committee is to discuss the information received and determine how to move forward, with the ultimate goal to recommend one individual to the Board to fill the remaining two years of Dr. Jennings' seat.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Block moved and Ms. Groezinger seconded the motion to move into Closed Session for the purpose of selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance, or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, and to return to Open Session for possible action. The roll call on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Endress, Groezinger, Block
NAYS: None

Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mr. Endress explained that the public attendees through Zoom would remain in the meeting, with the video and audio muted, while the Board was in Closed Session. Mr. Pete Fink would update the public attendees from the Zoom chat during the Closed Session, as needed, and the video stream and meeting would resume following Closed Session.

At 9:09 a.m., the Chairperson declared the meeting in Closed Session.

Mr. Block moved and Ms. Groezinger seconded the motion to end the Closed Session. The roll call on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Groezinger, Block, Endress
NAYS: None

At 9:51 a.m., the Chairperson declared the motion carried and the Closed Session ended.

ACTION, IF NECESSARY

- A. Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office, as Defined in the Open Meetings Act, When the Public Body is Given Power to Appoint Under Law or Ordinance, or the Discipline, Performance, or Removal of the Occupant of a Public Office, When the Public Body is Given Power to Remove the Occupant Under Law or Ordinance

Ms. Groezinger moved and Mr. Block seconded the motion that, after reviewing the candidates and completing the candidate scorecard, the committee move forward with interviewing candidates #1 and #5. The roll call on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Block, Endress, Groezinger
NAYS: None

Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

The committee discussed the logistics of the interviews, and Ms. Grimes will coordinate the meetings with the candidates to be interviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Block moved and Ms. Groezinger seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. At 9:56 a.m., there being no further business, the Chairperson declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Terri A. Grimes, Board Secretary
Illinois Community College District No. 519