

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
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 Decennial Committee of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 519 was called to order by Ms. Chris Kuberski, College President, at 3:00 p.m. on August 22, 2023, 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 committee members were physically present: Trustees Mr. Jim Endress, Ms. Pennie Groezinger, Mr. Shawn Boldt, Mr. James Rhyne, Ms. Sarah Kuhlemeier, and, Ms. Mary Kaufman; Ms. Allison Coon, Student Trustee; Ms. Chris Kuberski, President; Ms. Jill Janssen, Vice President/CFO, Administrative Services, Board Treasurer; Mr. Craig Knaack, Community Member; and, Ms. Terri Grimes, Board Secretary

The following committee members attended virtually: Community Members Mr. Rob Urish, and Mr. David Schmit

The following committee members were absent: Trustee Doug Block and, Community Member Mr. Mark Williams

Others virtually present: Ms. Jeniece Smith, Director, Marketing & Community Relations; Mr. Pete Norman, Director, Athletics & Physical Education; and, Dr. Andy Dvorak, Retired Faculty

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Boldt moved and Ms. Groezinger seconded the motion to approve the agenda, as presented. The vote being unanimous, the Committee Chairperson declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

INTRODUCTIONS

Committee members introduced themselves.

DISCUSSION REGARDING INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY AND EFFICIENCY PER DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT, ILLINOIS PUBLIC ACT 102-1088

Ms. Kuberski provided background on the requirements for the Decennial Committee, noting that the committee had to be formed by June 1, 2023. The committee now has 18 months from this point to complete their work, must meet a minimum of three times, and must comply with the Open Meetings Act requirements, including publicly posting agendas. Following completion of the work

of the committee, a report must be filed with the Stephenson County Board, with a copy to the other County Boards in our district, and then the committee is disbanded for 10 years.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR SHARED SERVICES

Ms. Kuberski reported that the northwest region Illinois community college presidents have been meeting to discuss the potential of sharing services and have discussed items such as part-time instructors, a joint compliance officer, or professional development. This will also be a topic of discussion at the Illinois Community College Trustees Association's (ICCTA) regional meeting in September at Kishwaukee College. Committee members suggested other potential opportunities, including sharing a grant-writer; safety and compliance; a master calendar of community college offerings across our part of the state; combining students from the respective northwest Illinois community colleges to offer carpentry, electrical, or plumbing programs; offering continuing education hours at Highland so employees could stay local to get training; and, perhaps a satellite presence outside of Highland's main campus. Committee members were reminded that the purpose of the committee is to look at efficiencies.

Mr. Endress suggested sharing the list of items mentioned today with the northwest region Illinois community college presidents and try to find ones that have potential. ICCTA's northwest region meeting will also be an opportunity to get the pulse of trustees. Ms. Groezinger mentioned that the College must take care of what is going on and "become one" with the high schools. Ms. Kuberski will share the list of ideas generated with the northwest region community college presidents this Thursday and will get additional information at the ICCTA northwest region meeting in September.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Determine Next Meeting Date

Committee members agreed that the next Decennial Committee meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

As a follow-up to earlier discussion in the meeting, Ms. Kuberski reported that the College had been discussing sharing a grant-writer with Freeport School District and got pretty far along until items were discussed, such as which union they would belong to, how they would be paid, where their office would be, and how to make sure the work was balanced equally between the two entities. Mr. Rhyne noted that sharing a grant-writer with other community colleges is a conflict because everyone is looking at the same funding, but if sharing a grant-writer with a school district, there is not the conflict for the same dollars. Ms. Kaufman suggested perhaps researching how other community colleges have done this and model after those. If committee members come up with other ideas, Mr. Endress encouraged them to bring the ideas forward. He also noted that since this is something we are required to do, we should do it well. Also, perhaps trades (such as plumbing, carpentry, and electrical) should be mentioned at the next Regional Office of Education (ROE) meeting. Ms. Kuberski noted that Mr. Sam Agdasi has been attending the ROE meetings, and the College has a standing slot on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Groezinger moved and Mr. Boldt seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. At 3:38 p.m., the vote being unanimous and there being no further business, the Committee Chairperson declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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