

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 519
Counties of Stephenson, Ogle, Jo Daviess and Carroll

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A special meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 519 was called to order by Mr. Jim Endress, Board Chairperson, at 4:01 p.m. on November 12, 2024, 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, Mr. Jim Endress, Mr. Shawn Boldt, Ms. Sarah Kuhlemeier, and Mr. Daeshon Verner

The following members attended virtually: Ms. Pennie Groezinger (arrived 4:02 p.m.), and Mr. James Rhyne Jr. (arrived 4:02 p.m.)

The following members were absent: Ms. Mary Kaufman

Others physically present: Ms. Chris Kuberski, President; Mr. Kam Merryman, Network Administrator; Dr. Andy Dvorak, Retired Faculty, and Ms. Terri Grimes, Board Secretary

Others virtually present: Ms. Jill Janssen, Vice President/CFO, Administrative Services, Board Treasurer; Ms. Liz Gerber, Vice President/CSSO, Student Development & Support Services; Mr. Scott Anderson, Vice President, Business, Technology, and Community Programs; Mr. Jim Phillips, Vice President/CAO, Academic Services; Mr. Dan Dick, Executive Director, HCC Foundation; and, two other attendees: "Smith-Norman PC" and "iPhone."

APPROVAL OF TRUSTEE(S) ATTENDING MEETING VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS

Mr. Verner moved and Ms. Kuhlemeier seconded the motion to allow Ms. Groezinger and Mr. Rhyne to attend the meeting virtually due to work conflicts. The vote being unanimous, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Kuhlemeier moved and Mr. Block seconded the motion to approve the agenda, as presented. The vote being unanimous, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Block moved and Mr. Verner seconded the motion to move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real property under Open Meetings Act exception 2-C-5 and to return to Open Session for possible action. The roll call on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Endress, Groezinger, Boldt, Rhyne, Kuhlemeier, Block, Verner
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. The video stream and meeting would resume after the Closed Session.

At 4:06 p.m., the Chairperson declared the meeting in Closed Session.

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

AYES: Groezinger, Boldt, Rhyne, Kuhlemeier, Block, Endress, Verner
NAYS: None

At 4:14 p.m., the Chairperson declared the motion carried and the Closed Session ended.

ACTION, IF NECESSARY

A. Purchase or Lease of Real Property

1. Approval of Purchase of Real Property Located at 3156 West Pearl City Road, Freeport, Illinois at a Purchase Price of \$200,000, Plus Related Costs

Mr. Block moved and Mr. Boldt seconded the motion to approve the purchase and acquisition of real property located at 3156 West Pearl City Road, Freeport, Illinois, which is adjacent and contiguous to the current campus, at a mutually agreed-upon price of \$200,000, plus related costs, and to authorize Jill Janssen, Vice President of Administrative Services/CFO and Board Treasurer, to sign all closing documents.

Ms. Kuberski explained that there are no immediate plans for the use of the property; however, it is believed it is “future thinking.” It secures the entrance if the College ever wants to expand the entrance, which could be a result of the potential Athletic, Learning, and Event Center. There has been discussion about a possible turn lane off of Pearl City Road for safety reasons, but this property would also increase the College’s footprint for future plans that may occur down the road. The roll call on the motion was as follows:

AYES: Boldt, Rhyne, Kuhlemeier, Block, Endress, Groezinger, Verner
NAYS: None

Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

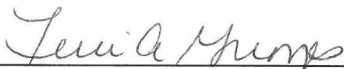
DATES OF IMPORTANCE

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. and will be preceded by an Audit & Finance Committee meeting at 3:00 p.m. The next Quarterly Board retreat is scheduled for December 12, 2024, and there will be no regular December Board meeting. Opening Days activities are scheduled for January 9, 2025, and the January regular Board meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Groezinger moved and Mr. Verner seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. At 4:18 p.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