

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of Community College District 509, Counties of Kane, Cook, DuPage, McHenry and DeKalb, State of Illinois, held a meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Monday, November 14, 2022, in Building E, Room E100.01/Virtual.

1. Call to Order by Presiding Officer

Chair Rakow called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m., indicated that a quorum was present, and asked the recorder to call roll.

Trustees present: Ms. Rakow, Dr. Redmer, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Nowak, Mr. Rodriguez and Student Trustee, Ms. McVey. Trustees participated in-person.

Trustees absent: Dr. McCreary, Dr. Ollayos arrived at 3:10 p.m.

ECC Staff present: Dr. Sam, President; Dr. Heinrich, VP Teaching, Learning and Student Development; Dr. Wagner, VP Business & Finance; Dr. Garber, VP Planning, Institutional Effectiveness and Technology; Mr. Vazquez, General Counsel; Ms. Kerruish, Recorder; ECC staff members and visitors.

2. Consideration of and Possible Actions on Any Requests for a Board Member's Electronic Participation in Meeting

No considerations necessary at this meeting.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Rodriguez. Introductions of those in attendance were made. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Rakow recognized the Veterans present and thanked them for their service.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Committee of the Whole, October 10, 2022

Chair Rakow requested approval of the minutes of October 10, 2022.

Motion: Trustee Nowak moved to approve the minutes.

Second: Trustee Duffy seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 6; Rakow, Redmer, Duffy, Nowak, Ollayos, Rodriguez; nay, 0; Student Trustee McVey, aye: motion carried.

5. Presentations

Mr. Dabrowski had not arrived at the start of the presentations. The Board proceeded with the second item, first.

B. ECC Indigenous Land Acknowledgement – Associate Professor Ramirez

Mr. Ramirez provided an overview of his History 150 course pertaining to the land that ECC sits on and the indigenous people that once occupied the area. He read the draft of a current land acknowledgement that he hopes the Board will consider adopting. Twenty-

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six students were involved in drafting the language. A resolution will be prepared and brought to the December meeting for action.

A. Illinois Pensions – Mr. Ted Dabrowski

Mr. Dabrowski, with Wirepoints, reviewed his presentation on Illinois pension issues, specifically pensions for teachers. Trustee Duffy inquired as to how bad the situation would be if the legislators had funded the pensions as they were supposed to. The problem lies with the state not paying their share. Trustee Redmer pointed out that it is not only teachers' pensions that are in trouble, it also includes fire and police pensions. Trustee Nowak asked Mr. Dabrowski what he feels the top three issues are that need to be taken to the legislators. Mr. Dabrowski shared the following items: i) a constitutional amendment regarding pensions should be addressed; ii) SURS should adopt a 401K type plan for new public employees; iii) retiree health insurance needs to be addressed.

C. Liberal, Visual and Performing Arts Center – Dr. Mary Perkins

Dr. Perkins reviewed the timeline of the renovations scheduled in the Arts Center. The plan is to have everything back up and running by January 2024. Programs and faculty have been relocated for the interim with minimal disruption for students. Mr. Tommy Hensel indicated that the Blizzard theatre updates have already been done and that the space will be available for use for events already planned and/or scheduled.

D. Kane County Teachers Credit Union/KCT – Dr. Kim Wagner & Mr. Mike Lee

Dr. Wagner reviewed the evolution of financial literacy at ECC beginning in 2009. Since 2011, with the help of loan counseling, student loans have decreased by 77%. Mr. Lee provided an overview of KCT branch offerings and a plan for repurposing the space in the library. Dr. Sam stated that ECC's loan default rate has decreased due to the financial literacy program that students receive. Staff, students and the public will have access to the branch location in the library. Trustees are excited about this helpful addition to ECC. Trustee Rodriguez inquired as to whether KCT will be able to help undocumented students and Mr. Lee assured the Board that there would be bilingual employees. Trustee Duffy asked for a timeline and Dr. Wagner is hopeful that construction can start during spring 2023.

6. Construction Update

Dr. Wagner provided an overview of the current construction projects on campus.

The following items were highlighted:

- Manufacturing Center – Stakeholder meetings are pending signature of final contract with the architect and the construction manager contract is complete. The signage at the corner of McLean Blvd and Spartan Drive has been ordered.
- Building A – 3rd Floor Buildout – a few punch-list items remain.
- Building B – Office Renovation – construction has begun. No student services will be impacted during this time.
- Building B – Chimney Restoration – Demolition of the old chimney has been completed. Updated structural drawings and instructions for transition to new chimney structure are currently under review. An allowance draw of \$98,160 has been approved to cover the costs of the additional structural work required to continue the project. These are funds that were included in the bid amount previously approved by the Board.

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- Building G – IRE Office Suite – coordination of reconfiguring the furniture and installing the data cabling is in progress.
- Building G – Auto Shop Approach Apron – Tor Construction is being recommended at a cost of \$118,690; see Board Action No. 089-B-23 for details. Trustee Redmer inquired about the timing of this project. Dr. Wagner explained that it would be completed during Spring Break, as to not interrupt instruction.
- Building H – Phase II – scheduled to begin at the end of this semester and be completed by the start of Spring 2024. The Liberal, Visual and Performing Arts group is diligently packing and preparing to leave Building H next month. December Commencement will not be affected.
- Truck Driving Classroom – final bid document details are being confirmed. Finishes were presented and selected last week.

7. Proposed 2022 Tax Levy

There were no questions or comments on the Proposed 2022 Tax Levy.

8. Course, Lab, and Instructional Fee FY 2024 Discussion

The FY24 proposed fees were presented at the Finance Committee Meeting in October. The Board inquired as to what the impact would be if the College waived the fees. The Board discussed the three options presented. Following a discussion, it was determined to maintain the proposal as initially presented.

Motion: Trustee Ollayos moved to leave the fee schedule as presented for FY 2024.

Second: Trustee Duffy seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 4; Rakow, Redmer, Duffy, Ollayos; Nay, 2; Rodriguez & Nowak; Student Trustee McVey, aye. Motion carried.

9. Review Board Actions on the November 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Agenda

A. Purchases

Dr. Sam requested to pull item 7 for comment at tomorrow's Board meeting.

1. Building A Boiler Repair Parts Purchase (Board Action No. 088-B-23)
2. Building G Automotive Shop Apron and Floor Repairs (Board Action No. 089-B-23)
3. Dashboard Data Consultant (Board Action No. 090-A-23)
4. Network Software Licensing and Monitoring Services (Board Action No. 091-T-23)
5. Technology Equipment Purchase (Board Action No. 092-I-23)
6. Ratification of Web-Based Virtual Simulation (Board Action No. 093-T-23)
7. Temporary Supplemental Custodial Campus Cleaning (Board Action No. 094-B-23)

B. Other Agenda Items

There were no other agenda items to discuss or add.

10. Audience Wishing to Address the Board

There were no audience members wishing to address the Board.

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The Board recessed at 5:06 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

11. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

12. New Business

A. Items of Professional Growth

1. ACCT Leadership Congress Report

Trustee Ollayos provided a written report. Trustee Duffy mentioned that Ms. Herrera & Mr. Jensen's presentation was well executed. Ms. Kerruish will send a copy of the presentation to the entire Board. Trustee Duffy provided a review of the Manhattan Community College tour and mentioned that there were many programs supported and funded by the community that we might be interested in as well. Trustee Ollayos highlighted several items included in her written report.

2. ACCT / Complimentary Retreat / June Board Retreat

As soon as we pin down the days of the Board Retreat, we will schedule a half-day virtual meeting. This will be revisited following the April 2023 election.

3. Community Engagement Events

Ms. Kerruish reviewed the upcoming community engagement events that Trustees are slated to attend. This included the time frame for election petitions to be turned in and the dates for the Annual ACCT Legislative Summit in February.

B. President's Remarks

- Dr. Sam provided an overview of the recent zoom-bombing that occurred during a MAGIC presentation. Future sessions will be better protected going to a webinar format.
- A presentation regarding a possible health clinic located on campus will be provided in December.
- An adjacent property (Capsonic) will be for sale. ECC will make a preliminary inquiry and provide the Board with this information at a later time.

C. Chair's Remarks

- Chair Rakow reminded the Board of the importance of attending the December 17 Commencement ceremonies. Former student trustee Allen is scheduled to graduate. Trustees Redmer, McCreary and Rakow attended a presentation on *The Great Upheaval: Higher Education past, Present and Uncertain Future*. Trustees Redmer and Rakow will meet with Dr. Webb regarding the legislative priorities for the upcoming ACCT Legislative Summit in February. Information will be shared at the December meeting.

D. Announcements

- Trustee Ollayos attended an event recently where she had the opportunity to converse with U.S. Representative Frank J. Mrvan. He sits on the education and labor committee in Washington DC.

E. Issues for Next Month's Agenda

- There were no items brought forward for next month's meeting.

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13. Adjournment

Motion: Trustee Nowak moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Trustee Ollayos seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Aye, 6; Rakow, Redmer, Duffy, Nowak, Ollayos, Rodriguez;
Nay, 0; Student Trustee McVey, aye. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

John Duffy, MS Ed, Board Secretary

Diane Kerruish, Board Recorder