

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

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, September 11, 2023, in Building E, Room E100.01.

1. Call to Order by Presiding Officer

Chair Redmer called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m., indicated that a quorum was present, and asked the recorder to call roll.

Trustees present: Dr. Redmer, Ms. Rakow, Mr. Nowak, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Arroyo, Mr. Parks and Student Trustee, Mr. Kolbusz.

Trustees absent: 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; and Ms. Kerruish, Recorder; ECC staff 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 Parks.

Chair Redmer thanked the Veterans and Emergency Services employees for their service. A moment of silence was observed to acknowledge the tragedy of 9/11; 22 years ago.

The Board of Trustees and all attendees introduced themselves.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Committee of the Whole, August 7, 2023

Chair Redmer requested approval of the minutes of August 7, 2023.

Motion: Trustee Rodriguez moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Second: Trustee Nowak seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 7; Redmer, Rakow, Nowak, Ollayos, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Parks; nay, 0; Trustee Kolbusz, aye: motion carried.

Dr. Sam recognized Associate Professor Dr. Antonio Ramirez by sharing notes he received from community members commending Dr. Ramirez's community involvement. These notes will be provided to Dr. Ramirez.

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5. Presentations

A. Mascot – Dr. Toya Webb

Dr. Sam indicated that redesigning the mascot has nothing to do with “Spartans”. The current costume presents safety hazards. The Spartans United video was shared. An overview of the history of the mascot was provided. A costume committee was formed that included Student Life, Athletics and Marketing/Communications staff. Students and employees were solicited for feedback; indicating a desire for a more human-like mascot that aligns with the Spartan athletics logo. Concepts were shared via several outlets and 281 votes/submissions were received. The sketch is an illustration to help the vendor design the costume. Rollout will take 16-20 weeks.

Student Trustee Kolbusz shared that some students were petitioning to keep SpartaCat. Trustee Rodriguez shared concerns raised via Facebook posts regarding voting for “skin tone”. This was never the intent.

B. Sabbatical Report – Professor Jessica Carpenter

Ms. Carpenter provided an overview of her Sabbatical “Writing Across The Curriculum”.

C. Achieving the Dream Community Vibrancy – Dr. Phil Garber

Dr. Garber provided an overview of ECC’s involvement with the Achieving the Dream Community Vibrancy Cohort. He reviewed the goals of the cohort and indicated that ECC is one of 17 colleges selected to participate across 12 states. He reviewed the modules:

Module 1 – Making the Case for Change

Module 2 – Exploring College Access and Opportunities

Module 3 – Aligning Programs and Credentialing for Enhanced Value

Module 4 – Tracking Mobility and Return on Investment (ROI)

Module 5 – Final Wrap Up

Trustee Arroyo inquired about reverse mentorship. Dr. Garber will share the idea with the committee for consideration.

6. Construction Update

Bill Templin, Shannon Baird and Heather Juhl from DLA; and Ian Lamp and Tom McGrath from Lamp, Inc. provided an overview and update regarding the construction of the Manufacturing Center. Renderings were shared outlining 115,000, 125,000 and 150,000 square foot buildings. Trustees indicated their preferences as to the size of the building. Discussion regarding increased costs and initially designing with shell space occurred. Further comments regarding a glass exterior were addressed. Trustee Nowak stated that Trustees are the stewards of taxpayer money and we should build what we can afford. Construction time would be approximately 14-16 months, weather permitting.

7. 75th Anniversary Update

Dr. Webb provided an overview of the plans for celebrating ECC’s 75th Anniversary in 2024. The 75th Anniversary book will be available in April 2024.

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8. Review Board Actions on the September 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Agenda

A. Purchases

1. Microscope Cameras and Accessories
2. Purchase of Oven for Culinary Program
3. Tractor and Trailer Maintenance Services
4. Virtual Reality Hardware Software Purchase
5. Annual Heating and Ventilation and Air Conditioning Equipment Maintenance
6. Annual Trane HVAC Equipment Maintenance – Building K

This item was removed and is not included on the agenda for action tomorrow as an action for this item was previously approved August 8, 2023.

7. Fall Impact Magazine

No questions were brought forward on the purchases.

B. Other Agenda Items

No questions were brought forward on any other agenda items.

9. Audience Wishing to Address the Board

There were no audience members wishing to address the Board.

The Board recessed at 4:53 p.m. and reconvened at 4:58 p.m.

10. Old Business

A. Trustee Nowak's Inquiry – 2019 COW Meeting Discussion Related to Columbus Day / Indigenous People's Day

Trustee Nowak had inquired about the addition/subtraction of Columbus Day versus Indigenous People's Day. The original discussion was held August 12, 2019 as it pertained to the Academic Calendar. Neither Columbus Day or Indigenous People's Day are listed on the Academic Calendar as classes are in session that day. It is not a holiday for the College.

11. New Business

A. Items of Professional Growth

1. ACCT Leadership Congress Voting Delegate and Alternate

Chair Redmer will be the Voting Delegate and Trustee Ollayos will be the Alternate.

2. Community Engagement Events

The upcoming Community Engagement Events were reviewed.

B. Proposed 2024 Board Meeting Dates

The proposed 2024 Board Meeting Dates were reviewed.

C. President's Remarks

- Enrollment is up 8% from this time last year.
- Dr. Heinrich shared details about the Transitional English Language Arts Course Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Applications are only reviewed at the State level every 6 months. A fully-executing MOU is due October 1, 2023. Mr. Vazquez has reviewed and approved the document. Due to timing concerns staff is requesting this be executed and then ratified by the Board in October. There were no concerns raised regarding this request.
- A custodial services update will be provided tomorrow.

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- As all are aware, there is a penalty assessed for hiring/re-hiring SURS Annuitants. The College does not re-hire annuitants. However, at this time, we do have a “critical operations need” in our Respiratory Care program. Without considering this hire, the program will not run. Dr. Sam is requesting that in this case, in order to move the program forward this hire must move forward. No concerns were raised by Trustees.

D. Chair’s Remarks

- The March ICCTA meeting will have a program on AI. Chair Redmer suggested ECC staff should attend along with the Trustees. The Board should have a listing of AI resources prepared.

E. Announcements

- Trustee Parks shared that he has now been a pastor for 3 years.
- Dr. Sam’s birthday on September 9 was acknowledged.

F. Issues for Next Month’s Agenda

- Trustee Ollayos shared that the ACCT Governance Institute is scheduled for November 30 and December 1 in Illinois. Details are still pending; however, it was suggested that it would be very informative for the Board to attend.

12. Adjournment

Motion: Trustee Nowak moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Trustee Parks seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Aye, 7; Redmer, Rakow, Nowak, Ollayos, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Parks; Nay, 0; Student Trustee Kolbusz, aye. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Shane Nowak, Board Secretary

Diane Kerruish, Board Recorder