

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2023**

The Board of Trustees of Community College District 509, Counties of Kane, Cook, DuPage, McHenry and DeKalb, State of Illinois, convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, in Building E, Room E100.01/Virtual.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Rakow called the regular meeting to order at 5:40 p.m., indicated that a quorum was present, and asked the recorder to call roll.

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

*Trustees absent:* None

*ECC staff:* 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. Recess to Closed Session**

The chair asked for a motion to recess immediately to closed session under the following exceptions to the *Illinois Open Meetings Act*:

- A. To discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act . . . .
- B. To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the college....
- C. To discuss litigation, when an action...has been filed...or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent....
- D. To consider collective negotiation matters...for one or more classes of employees... all pursuant to Chapter 5 of the *Illinois Compiled Statutes* Sections 120/2 (c) (21, 1, 11 and 2 respectively).

*Motion:* Trustee Rodriguez moved to recess to closed session.

*Second:* Trustee Duffy seconded the motion.

*Roll-Call Vote:* Aye, 7: Rakow, Redmer, Duffy, McCreary, Nowak, Ollayos, Rodriguez; nay, 0; Student Trustee McVey, aye; motion carried at 5:43 p.m.

**3. Reconvene Open Session**

The closed-session concluded at 6:37 p.m. The board reconvened in open session at 6:44 p.m. in E125, Seigle Auditorium in-person and with a virtual connection.

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#### 4. Preliminary Matters

##### A. Roll Call

*Trustees present:* Ms. Rakow, Dr. Redmer, Mr. Duffy, Dr. McCreary, Mr. Nowak, Dr. Ollayos, Mr. Rodriguez and Student Trustee Ms. McVey

*Trustees absent:* None

*ECC staff and* Dr. Sam, President; Dr. Heinrich, VP Teaching, Learning and Student

*Others present:* 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.

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

No considerations necessary at this meeting, as all trustees are in attendance.

##### C. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Duffy.

##### D. Board Purpose

The Trustees read the Shared Values.

#### 5. President's Report

- Dr. Sam acknowledged Dr. Clark, ECCFA president and Anitra King, SECCA president in the audience and thanked them for their participation at Mr. Duffy's Retirement Celebration.
- The 2023 Coca-Cola Academic Team Scholars – ECC students, Elizabeth Barnes & Ely Thompson have been selected as silver scholars. There were 2400 applications received in this year's competition.
- The ECC Forensics Team participated in the Phi Rho Pi Region 4 Tournament in March. They brought home the following recognitions:
  - Hannah Carpenter – Bronze Medal in Speech to Entertain
  - Damian Hacz – 3 Silver Medals and a Gold Medal in Extemporaneous Speaking
  - Aleah Janae – 1 Bronze Medal and 34 Gold Medals – She was the top point earner at the tournament and was awarded the Regions' "Cheri Corey Individual Sweepstakes Award" – the FIRST student from ECC to win this award.
  - Coach Tim Anderson – awarded the Region 4 Outstanding Coach Award for 2022-23
  - The team also brought home: a Bronze Medal in Individual Event Team Sweepstakes; a Bronze Medal in Overall Team Sweepstakes; and a GOLD Medal (Regional Champions) in Debate Team Sweepstakes.
- Dr. Sam thanked Dr. McCreary for her service to the Board.
- Dr. Sam thanked Ms. McVey for her service to the Board.
- Dr. Sam thanked Mr. Duffy for his service to the Board and shared some key highlights of their time together at ECC.

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**6. Audience Wishing to Address the Board**

The following audience members addressed the Board:

- Lori Clark, ECCFA president, offered comments regarding faculty negotiations and office space for librarians.
- Anitra King, SECCA president, offered comments regarding the upcoming support staff negotiations and looks forward to working together.

**7. Board Reports**

**A. Committee of the Whole**

Trustee Redmer provided an overview of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, April 10, 2023. The following presentations were provided: Sabbatical Report, Associate Professor Ginger Alms; and Communications & Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Kristina Garcia. A construction update was provided by Dr. Wagner. Board Actions and items on the April 11, 2023 agenda were discussed. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting will be available on the website once they are approved.

**B. Illinois Community College Trustee Association (ICCTA)**

There was no meeting in April. Several ICCTA members attend Mr. Duffy's Retirement Celebration. Dr. Ollayos is serving on the awards committee and there will be a zoom meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**C. Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT)**

There was no report this month.

**D. Legislative**

Chair Rakow provided the following updates: On March 16, 2023 Trustees Duffy, Redmer, Rodriguez and Rakow participated in a meeting hosted by ECC for local manufacturing employers and key community stakeholders. Attendees discussed current workforce capacities, strengths, employment trends, and areas of concern. Feedback received will help inform future programming decisions for our new manufacturing and technology center that is scheduled to break ground in the fall of 2024. Immediately following the manufacturing discussion on March 16<sup>th</sup>, Trustees Duffy, Ollayos, Redmer, Rodriguez and Rakow were pleased to help welcome Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi to campus where he publicly presented a \$936,000 check to the Board of Trustees in response to requests for federal funding for the mechatronics and automation program. Krishnamoorthi praised ECC for its commitment to developing a technologically strong workforce and also referred to ECC as one of the jewels in the crown of community colleges that bless our state and one of the finest in the country. Trustees Redmer, Rodriguez, Rakow, along with Dr. Sam and Dr. Webb, will attend ICCTA Lobby Day in Springfield from May 2 to May 3, 2023. Scheduling of appointments with our state legislators is currently underway.

**E. ECC Foundation**

Trustee Ollayos reported the following: The Foundation has raised \$905,499.07 in monetary gifts and pledges, achieving 59.81% of the annual goal for FY23. The Bright Futures initiative has surpassed the \$1,250,000 benchmark. 77% of funds for the 2022-2023 academic year have been awarded to students. Planning for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing has started and the Gala planning committees have confirmed the Dare to Dream theme continuation for this year. The Purses with Purpose Steering Committee met in

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March and has begun the process for scholar Interview Day (6/26), to determine student recipients for the 2023-2024 school year. Congressionally Directed Spending Requests have been completed, including applications from the following: Senator Duckworth, Senator Durbin, Representative Krishnamoorthi, Representative Foster, and Representative Ramirez. Meetings are taking place with administrators and faculty in Visual and Performing Arts, Communications and Behavioral Sciences, Student Life, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to discuss grant opportunities.

**F. Student Report**

Student Trustee McVey reported the following: The Engineering Tech Club VEX Competition took place on February 24 at Purdue University. The ECC robotics club got 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the competition. Dr. Redmer inquired as to who all competes in this competition and Ms. McVey explained that both 2-year and 4-year colleges compete. Ms. Rakow suggested this club for a future spotlight. March is Women's History Month and there were several events highlighting the contributions of women to events in history and society. A Budget Allocation Workshop was held on March 8 & 9 United Students of All Cultures took a field trip downtown Chicago to watch the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 11. The Party at the Polls events took place on March 21 & 22. Student Government and the Political Sciences Department were encouraging students to vote. The ECC Observer will be starting a podcast to discuss current events and activities around the campus. The Miss Latina competition will be this Friday evening on campus in the Spartan Auditorium. The African Ball is this Saturday. The SWANS drag show will be on April 21. The Student Life banquet will be on Friday, May 12.

Ms. Rakow thanked Ms. McVey for her service as student trustee.

**8. College Reports**

**Board Action No. 167-A-23, Acceptance of Written College Reports**

- A. Personnel (March)
- B. Treasurer (February)
- C. Student (March)

***College Reports Under Separate Cover***

- D. Institutional Advancement and ECC Foundation (monthly)
- E. Community Engagement and Legislative Affairs (March)
- F. Student Success / Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (quarterly)

Chair Rakow confirmed receipt, either attached or under separate cover, of the aforementioned written reports.

**Motion:** Trustee Ollayos moved to accept the college reports.

**Second:** Trustee McCreary seconded the motion.

**Roll-Call Vote:** Aye, 7; Rakow, Redmer, Duffy, McCreary, Nowak, Ollayos, Rodriguez; nay, 0; Student Trustee McVey, aye; motion carried

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**9. Consent Agenda**

Chair Rakow read the following consent agenda items:

- A. Board Action No. 168-A-23, Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 14, 2023**
- B. Board Action No. 169-A-23, Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 14, 2023**
- C. Board Action No. 170-A-23, Destruction of Audiotapes of Closed Session of August 9 & 10, 2021**
- D. Board Action No. 171-A-23, Release of Select Closed-Session Minutes of Board Meetings of August 2021 – December 2022**
- E. Board Action No. 172-F-23, Ratification of Report of Expenses**
- F. Board Action No. 173-F-23, Ratification of Board of Trustee Travel Expenses**
- G. Board Action No. 174-A-23, Trustees' In-State Attendance at Illinois Community College Trustee Association (ICCTA) Meeting**
- H. Purchases**
  - 1. Board Action No. 175-T-23, Information Technology (IT) Purchase of Network Services**, authorizes the administration to purchase one hundred and sixty-seven (167) Aruba network switches and associated cabling from CDW (Vernon Hills, IL), for a total of \$1,354,369.99 to be spent over fiscal years FY2023 and FY2024.
  - 2. Board Action No. 176-T-23, Learning System Software Licensing and Maintenance**, authorizes the administration to renew a five (5) year contract for D2L Learning Environment Platform with Desire2Learn Ltd. (D2L) (Baltimore, MD) for licensing and maintenance in an amount of \$245,202.54 in the first year and with an annual increase of 3% each year thereafter, for a total not to exceed \$1,301,813.59 over the five-year (5) term.
  - 3. Board Action No. 177-M-23, Spring Impact Magazine**, authorizes the administration to purchase print services for the Spring Impact Magazine from Consolidated Carqueville Graphics (Streamwood, IL), the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$39,890.

**Motion:** Trustee Nowak moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**Second:** Trustee Duffy seconded the motion.

**Roll-Call Vote:** Aye, 7; Rakow, Redmer, Duffy, McCreary, Nowak, Ollayos, Rodriguez; nay, 0; Student Trustee McVey, aye; motion carried.

**10. Board Action No. 178-A-23, Resolution Adoption Results of Student Trustee Election for 2023-2024**

**Motion:** Trustee Duffy moved to approve the resolution as presented.

**Second:** Trustee McVey seconded the motion.

Trustee Duffy read the resolution.

**Roll-Call Vote:** Aye, 7; Rakow, Redmer, Duffy, McCreary, Nowak, Ollayos, Rodriguez; nay, 0; Student Trustee McVey, aye; motion carried.

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Chair Rakow welcomed Mr. Kolbusz to the Board. Mr. Kolbusz thanked the Trustees and thanked Student Trustee McVey for mentoring him.

**11. Board Action No. 179-A-23, Resolution of Appreciation, 2022-2023 Student Trustee, Ms. Alison McVey**

**Motion:** Trustee Ollayos moved to approve the resolution as presented.  
**Second:** Trustee Nowak seconded the motion.

Trustee Rodriguez read the resolution.

**Roll-Call Vote:** Aye, 7; Rakow, Redmer, Duffy, McCreary, Nowak, Ollayos, Rodriguez; nay, 0; Student Trustee McVey, aye; motion carried.

Chair Rakow presented Ms. McVey with the resolution. Ms. McVey thanked the Board for their support and guidance throughout this great opportunity.

**12. Board Action No. 180-A-23, Resolution of Appreciation, Trustee Candace McCreary**

**Motion:** Trustee Rodriguez moved to approve the resolution as presented.  
**Second:** Trustee Nowak seconded the motion.

Trustee Nowak read the resolution.

**Roll-Call Vote:** Aye, 7; Rakow, Redmer, Duffy, McCreary, Nowak, Ollayos, Rodriguez; nay, 0; Student Trustee McVey, aye; motion carried.

Chair Rakow presented Dr. McCreary with the resolution. Dr. McCreary thanked the Board and stated that it has been an honor to serve and to have supported the hiring of our HR Director, our Executive Director of DEI and the General Counsel. She also took part in the salary compensation surveys.

**13. Board Action No. 181-A-23, Resolution of Appreciation, Trustee John Duffy**

**Motion:** Trustee Ollayos moved to approve the resolution as presented.  
**Second:** Trustee Redmer seconded the motion.

Trustee Redmer read the resolution.

**Roll-Call Vote:** Aye, 7; Rakow, Redmer, Duffy, McCreary, Nowak, Ollayos, Rodriguez; nay, 0; Student Trustee McVey, aye; motion carried.

Chair Rakow presented Mr. Duffy with the resolution. Mr. Duffy thanked his wife, Anne. He stated that he is proud of his time spent teaching and his time on this Board. He closed with “It’s not the buildings that matter, it’s what happens inside.”

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**14. Old Business**

No old business was brought forward.

**15. New Business**

No new business was brought forward.

**16. Adjournment**

***Motion:*** Trustee Duffy moved to adjourn the meeting.

***Second:*** Trustee McCreary seconded the motion.

***Voice Vote:*** Aye, 7; Rakow, Redmer, Duffy, McCreary, Nowak, Ollayos, Rodriguez; nay, 0; Student Trustee McVey, aye; meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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Shane Nowak, Board Secretary

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Diane Kerruish, Board Recorder