

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2026**

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, August 11, 2026, in Building E, Room E106.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Rakow called the regular meeting to order at 5:36 p.m., indicated that a quorum was present, and asked the recorder to call roll.

Trustees present: Ms. Rakow, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Arroyo, Dr. Redmer, Mr. Parks, Mr. Allen, Ms. Barbosa-Guzman and Student Trustee Singh.

Trustees absent: None.

ECC staff: Dr. Heinrich, President; Mr. Vazquez, General Counsel; Mr. Mark Branson, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer and Ms. Kerruish, Recorder.

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 of 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 Arroyo moved to recess to closed session.

Second: Trustee Allen seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 7: Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Redmer, Parks, Allen and Barbosa-Guzman; nay, 0; and Student Trustee Singh; motion carried at 5:37 p.m.

3. Reconvene Open Session

The closed-session concluded at 6:02 p.m. The board reconvened in open session at 6:31 p.m. in E125, Seigle Auditorium.

4. Preliminary Matters

A. Roll Call

Trustees present: Ms. Rakow, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Arroyo, Dr. Redmer, Mr. Parks, Mr. Allen, Ms. Barbosa-Guzman and Student Trustee Singh.

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Trustees absent: None.

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

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

No considerations necessary at this meeting.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Redmer.

D. Shared Values

The Shared Values were recited by the Trustees.

5. President's Report

- Dr. Heinrich acknowledged Chris McCoy, the new President of SSECCA, in attendance.
- Spring 2026 number of conferrals is 1,706. This is almost identical to last spring, however, this number is significantly higher than the previous four spring semesters. Conferrals include a number of categories, including degrees, certificates, the GECC (General Education Core Curriculum), a Global Scholar Distinction, etc. We had a 9% increase in the number of degrees awarded.
- Enrollment is currently up for the fall semester. The number of enrolled students is up by 16% at the moment however, dual credit enrollments were processed earlier than last year due to a change in procedures. If we assume we will have a similar number of dual credit students this year as last year, enrollment is approximately up by 2.3%.
- We celebrated our very first pinning ceremony for the respiratory care therapy program last week. 12 students completed in the first inaugural group.
- ECC students who plan to transfer to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) now have access to a new program that is designed to help them successfully transition to a four-year university and complete a bachelor's degree. It is called Transfer Drive, and it is a partnership between UIUC, Elgin Community College, and One Million Degrees. It provides eligible students with personalized support beginning at ECC and continuing through their transfer journey to UIUC. Students selected for the program will work with a dedicated Transfer Coordinator, receive up to \$2,000 in performance-based funding, participate in scholar development sessions, and connect with peer mentors currently enrolled at UIUC.
- There is currently \$7.5 million outstanding in applications, nearly \$6 million of which relate to three multi-year federal grants - Talent Search, CCAMPIS (child care), and Title III (career-centered advising). Other applications submitted over the summer include \$100,000 to ICCB for mental health supports, \$50,000 to IBHE for internships, and \$155,000 to IGEN for a carbon action dashboard for the MTC with both operational and educational components. The business and grants offices are working on the paperwork for the final \$16 million from DCEO for Building S and the \$2+ million from Congressman Krishnamoorthi (through HUD). Adult education received an overall

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increase in funding from FY25 of just over \$1.5 million (\$1,687,207) to just over \$1.8 million in FY26 (\$1,813,843.71) a 7.5% increase resulting in an additional \$126,637.

- Trustee Allen has been appointed to ICCTA's Executive Committee, where he will be serving as the Vice Chair of the Diversity Committee.
- Congratulations to Dr. Kim Wagner, our VP of Business and Finance, who was selected to receive the prestigious 2026 Service to National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) Award for her extensive contributions to the association.

6. Audience Wishing to Address the Board

- Mr. Chris McCoy introduced himself to the Board as he is the new President of SSECCA.
- Ms. Anitra King offered her gratitude to the Board for their support during her tenure as SSECCA president.

7. Board Reports

A. Committee of the Whole

Trustee Barbosa-Guzman provided an overview of the Committee of the Whole meeting held Monday, August 10, 2026. The presentation was: Health Professions by Ms. Denise Kruckenberg, Dean of Health Professions. No questions were raised regarding Board Actions and items on the August 11, 2026 agenda. 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)

Trustee Allen shared the following:

- Trustee Allen attended the ICCTA Executive Committee Planning Retreat, August 7-8, 2026, serving as the Vice Chair of the Diversity Committee. ICCTA's Strategic Plan was reviewed and an update was provided for state legislation and public policy.
- Upcoming ICCTA events include:
 - September 18-19, 2026 – ICCTA Board of Representatives Meeting, Crowne Plaza, Springfield, Illinois
 - October 21-24, 2026 – ACCT Leadership Congress, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

C. Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT)

Trustee Arroyo reminded Trustees to check emails for professional development opportunities from ACCT.

D. Legislative

Trustee Rodriguez shared the following:

- During June and July, ECC continued engaging with state legislators while the General Assembly was out of session. In June, we hosted Representatives Anna Moeller and Dan Ugaste separately for a meet-and-greet visit to campus. These visits provided an opportunity to introduce the legislators to ECC Board members, college leadership, share an overview of the college, visit the Manufacturing and Technology Center construction site and continue building relationships with their offices. Representatives Suzanne Ness and Anna Moeller also joined us for ECC's Powerful Partners Breakfast on June 25. In July, our Community Engagement and Legislative Affairs (CELA) team hosted interns from Representative Suzanne Ness' office.

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- In June, our CELA team attended a Multi-Chamber Legislative Breakfast featuring Senator Seth Lewis and Representative Jennifer Sanalidro. Throughout June and July, President Dr. Heinrich continued participating in the Illinois Council of Community College President's Common Course Number Subcommittee meetings. This committee developed and will soon deliver a joint resolution and proposal to the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board requesting that they conduct a statewide study focusing on student transfer between community colleges and public universities.
- ECC will host the annual First Responders Roundtable at our Center for Emergency Services in Burlington. The event is hosted by Senators Dave Syverson and Don DeWitte, and Representatives Jeff Keicher and Dan Ugaste. The roundtable brings together area first responders and legislators to discuss issues affecting police, fire, and emergency services in our region.

E. ECC Foundation

Trustee Allen highlighted the following items from the written report:

- The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2026.
- Fundraising remains focused on the Manufacturing and Technology Center (MTC).
- Awarding for the 2026 to 2027 academic year is underway. As of July 30, 2026, fifty-nine students have been awarded scholarships totaling \$76,189.16, with awarding to continue throughout the year. Ten students were selected for Purses With Purpose, the Foundation's largest and oldest donor circle, with an average award of \$1,800.
- Upcoming Foundation events:
 - August 12, 2026, Purses with Purpose Scholars Meet and Greet
 - September 18, 2026, Jane Barbosa Legacy Brunch
 - September 18-20, 2026, ECC Homecoming Weekend

F. Student Report

Student Trustee Singh highlighted the Project Backpack event and volunteer party.

8. College Reports

Board Action No. 001-A-27, Acceptance of Written College Reports

- A. Personnel (June/July)
- B. Treasurer (May/June)

College Reports Under Separate Cover

- C. Institutional Advancement and ECC Foundation (June/July)
- D. Community Engagement and Legislative Affairs (June/July)
- E. Grant Monitoring Report (period ending June 30, 2026)
- F. Vendor Report (annual)
- G. Institutional Success and Engagement Impact Report (bi-annual)

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

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Motion: Student Trustee Singh moved to accept the college reports.

Second: Trustee Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 7; Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Redmer, Parks, Allen and Barbosa-Guzman; nay, 0; Student Trustee Singh, aye; motion carried.

9. Consent Agenda

Chair Rakow presented the following consent agenda items:

A. Board Action No. 002-A-27, Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 9, 2026

B. Board Action No. 003-A-27, Minutes of Closed Session of the Regular Board Meeting of June 9, 2026

C. Board Action No. 004-A-27, Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 22 and 23, 2026

D. Board Action No. 005-A-27, Minutes of the Closed Session of the Special Board Meeting of June 22 and 23, 2026

E. Board Action No. 006-A-27, Destruction of Audiotapes of Closed Session Board Meeting November 12, 2024

F. Board Action No. 007-F-27, Ratification of Report of Expenses

G. Board Action No. 008-F-27, Resource Allocation and Management Plan for Community Colleges – Building I Renovation and Expansion

H. Board Action No. 009-A-27, Faculty Supplemental Assignment Chart

I. Board Action No. 010-A-27, Faculty Supplemental Assignment Faculty Participation in the 2026 NASA MUREP Mars Rover Engineering and Astrobiology Competition

J. Board Action No. 011-A-27, Revisions to the Full-Time Faculty Development Handbook and the Unit Adjunct & II Faculty Development Handbook

K. Purchases

1. **Board Action No. 012-C-27, Building Interior Signage – Phase II**, authorizes the administration to contract for phase II for the fabrication and installation of interior signage for building S, with Signarama (Elgin, IL), in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

2. **Board Action No. 013-I-27, Fire Gear Purchase**, authorizes the administration to purchase fire gear from Air One Equipment Inc. (South Elgin, IL), in an amount not to exceed \$48,300.

3. **Board Action No. 014-S-27, Global Health and Culture Study Abroad**, authorizes the administration to contract for study abroad programming with Loop Abroad – CELA Belize (Bethesda, MD) in an amount not to exceed \$59,000.

4. **Board Action No. 015-B-27, Lift Truck Purchase**, authorizes the administration to purchase a lift truck from Alta Material Handling (Montgomery, IL), in the amount of \$36,094.80.

5. **Board Action No. 016-A-27, Renewal of Arts Center Ticketing System**, authorizes the administration to contract with Spektrix, Inc. (New York, NY) to renew the ticketing system for the Arts Center for a period of one (1) year in an amount not to exceed \$31,200.

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6. **Board Action No. 017-T-27, Renewal of Google Workspace License**, authorizes the administration to renew existing computer licenses with Google Workspace from SHI International Corp. (Somerset, NJ), in an amount not to exceed \$110,884, for a period of one (1) year.
7. **Board Action No. 018-T-27, Renewal of Microsoft License**, authorizes the administration to renew existing computer licenses with Microsoft from CDW (Vernon Hills, IL), for a period of three (3) years, in an amount not to exceed \$145,470.56 annually, \$436,411.68 total.
8. **Board Action No. 019-T-27, Tableau Dashboard Optimization and Training**, authorizes the administration to contract with Datatelligent (Glen Ellyn, IL) to assist in improving and optimizing ECC's data dashboard environment and development of dashboard instructional videos, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.
9. **Board Action No. 020-S-27, Tractor and Trailer Maintenance Services**, authorizes the administration to increase the annual spend of the purchase of tractor and trailer maintenance services from Mobile Fleet Service, Inc. (Woodstock, IL), in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 annually, for year three (3), and the optional two (2) additional, one-year periods.
10. **Board Action No. 021-S-27, Ratification of Equipment Purchase – Heat Pump**, ratifies and authorizes the administration to purchase heat pumps for the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) program for institutional use from Trane (Woodstock, IL), in the amount not to exceed \$29,000.

L. Personnel

1. **Board Action No. 022-P-27, New Hire, Assistant Professor II of Communication Studies, Ms. Dana Trunnell**, approves the appointment of Ms. Dana Trunnell as a tenure-track Assistant Professor II of Communication Studies at a salary of \$99,777.00 (Lane VIII, Step 8) on the Elgin Community College Faculty Association (ECCFA) 2026 salary schedule, effective fall semester, 2026.

Motion: Trustee Redmer moved to accept the consent agenda as presented.

Second: Trustee Allen seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 7; Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Redmer, Parks, Barbosa-Guzman and Allen; nay, 0; Student Trustee Singh, aye; motion carried.

10. Old Business

There was no old business brought forward.

11. New Business

There was no new business brought forward.

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12. Adjournment

Chair Rakow indicated the meeting was adjourned and asked for a voice vote.

Voice Vote: Aye, 7; Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Redmer, Parks, Barbosa-Guzman and Allen; nay, 0; Student Trustee Singh, aye; meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Patricia Arroyo, Board Secretary

Diane Kerruish, Board Recorder