MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

**DISTRICT NO. 537**

**RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**July 18, 2023**

# CONVENING OF THE MEETING

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2023, in the Board Room of Richland Community College by Chairwoman Carr. Chairwoman Carr also recited the College Vision, Mission, and Core Values.

## Roll Call

Trustees Present: Tom Ritter, Dale Colee, Ben Andreas, Bishop Wayne Dunning, Marcy Rood and Austin Yutzy.

Trustees Absent: Dr. David Cooprider

Also present: Dr. Cris Valdez and other staff members

# MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 20, 2023 had been distributed to the Board prior to this meeting.

Ritter moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 20, 2023. Colee seconded. Voice vote being all ayes, Chairwoman Carr declared the motion carried.

# APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Dr. Valdez and the Board of Trustees welcomed Laurie Hughes, the new Federation of Teachers President, Nicole DelMastro-Jeffery, the new Director of DIEB and Dr. Tasha Jones, the new interim Dean of Health Professions.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

##### Personnel Update

**New Employees**

**Name Position Start Date**

Joren Martin Senior Accountant 6/5/2023

Annie Halsema Cashier I 6/12/2023

Amanda Thomas Cashier I 6/12/2023

Nicole DelMastro-Jeffrery Executive Director of DEIB 6/26/2023

**Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations**

**Name Position Last Day**

Tawanda Williams WEI Coordinator (EnRich) 06/16/2023

Joyce Clay Full-Time Faculty, Health Professions 06/16/2023

Ellen Colbeck Dean, Health Professions 06/22/2023

Robyn Ewald Full-Time Faculty, Health Professions 06/22/2023

Tiffany Nichols Director, Human Resources 06/30/2023

# SPECIAL REPORTS

**REPORT OF ICCTA**

Chairwoman Carr thanked and congratulated Tom Ritter as he will serve at the Chairman for our district. Also, Vicki and Bishop Dunning plan to attend the Executive Retreat in August.

**MONITORING REPORT**

Erin Spanberger presented the Strategic Planning/Institutional Effectiveness monitoring report.

**INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCMENT REPORT**

The report was in the Board packet for information only.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees that would allow Administration to hire Laura Philips as the full-time math faculty, effective August 1, 2023, as presented.

**Bishop Dunning moved to approve the employment of Laura Philips as the full-time math faculty, effective August 1, 2023, as presented. Yutzy seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairwoman Carr declared the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AMMUNITION PURCHASE REQUEST**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to approve the purchase of ammunition for the Macon County Law Enforcement Center from Ray O’Herron Company, Inc. of Danville, IL in the amount of $44,737.00, as presented.

**Yutzy moved to approve the purchase of ammunition for the Macon County Law Enforcement Center from Ray O’Herron Company, Inc. of Danville, IL in the amount of $44,737.00, as presented. Colee seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairwoman Carr declared the motion carried.**

**ECACE PROGRAM GRANT**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees for the purchase of computer equipment be made from CDW-G of Vernon Hills, IL, in the amount of $27,518.80, as presented.

**Bishop Dunning moved to approve the purchase of computer equipment be made from CDW-G of Vernon Hills, IL, in the amount of $27,518.80, as presented. Rood seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairwoman Carr declared the motion carried.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

BILLS AND TRAVEL EXPENDITURES PAYABLE

The June 2023 Treasurer’s Report and Financial Statement were presented to and discussed with the Board.

A list of bills paid in the amount of $1,237,243.91 for June 2023 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Ritter moved to ratify the June bills and travel expenditures paid and approve the Financial Statement subject to audit. Colee seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairwoman Carr declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

* President Valdez reported to the Board of Trustees about a joint partnership with Lincoln Land Credit Union and the City of Decatur that is aimed to provide housing for displaced families in Decatur.
* President Valdez and the AFIT (Alliance for Innovation and Transformation) attended the Summer Institute in Denver last week. This was a great opportunity for the team and the College.
* The College’s Grant opportunities are at about $25 million currently. This is a different space than we have ever been. More updates will be shared at the Summer Board Retreat on Thursday.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

* Bishop Dunning thanked a number of individuals that have helped with his basketball camp that will be held on July 24 – July 27 and July 31 – August 3. This is not only a basketball camp for our community kids, but an opportunity for community members to guide our kids in making better decisions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

ADJOURNMENT

Colee moved and Andreas seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

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Benjamin Andreas, Secretary