

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
DISTRICT NO. 537
RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

January 19, 2021

CONVENING OF THE MEETING

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2021, in the Board Room of Richland Community College by Chairman Coopridier. Chairman Coopridier also recited the College Vision, Mission, and Core Values.

Roll Call

Trustees Present: Tom Ritter, Dr. David Coopridier, Dale Colee, Randy Prince, Bishop Wayne Dunning, Vicki Carr, Bruce Campbell, and Virginia Book

Trustees Absent: None

Also present: Dr. Cris Valdez and other staff members

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 15, 2020 had been distributed to the Board prior to this meeting.

Prince moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 15, 2020. Campbell seconded. Voice vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopridier declared the motion carried.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Dr. Valdez and the Board of Trustees welcomed Valerie Wells of the Herald and Review.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Personnel Update

New Employees

- Bobbi Batchelder, Senior Accountant, effective January 4, 2021
- Anna Logan, ESLPT Coordinator, effective January 4, 2021

Resignations, Retirements, and Terminations

- Judy Ann Maloney, Nursing Faculty, effective December 15, 2020

- James Udulitch, Culinary Arts Faculty, effective December 15, 2020

College Activities Report

January 2021

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| January 19 & 20 | Industrial Job Skills Training Orientation Classes – EnRich Program
January 19 at 2pm and 5pm
January 20 at 10am |
| January 25 | CTE Mentor Transition to Education Training Begins |
| January 27 | Last Day to Drop with Refund (Spring 2021) |

February 2021

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| February 7 | CC21-09 Class Begins
Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center |
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Media Coverage included:

- Partnership with University of Illinois to Benefit Richland Community College Agriculture Students
- Candidates line up to run to serve on community boards
- Richland receives \$960,170 from the Illinois Workforce Equity Initiative

New Spring 2021 Non-Credit Classes can be found here:

<https://www.richland.edu/academics/workforce/professional-development-business-training>

- Board of Trustees Meeting – Board Room, February 16, 2021
- Other activities listed in the Board Book

A letter was received and placed in the Board Book, from ICCSAA recognizing Sue Webster for her outstanding leadership.

SPECIAL REPORTS

REPORT OF ICCTA

None

MONITORING REPORT

Commander Tad Williams and Tom Schneider presented the Monitoring Report – MCLETC

FACULTY REPORT

None

REPORT OF STUDENT TRUSTEE

Student Trustee Virginia Book presented the Student Leadership Council Report.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Julie Melton reported on top accomplishment, projects in progress and new opportunities on the horizon.

CONSENT AGENDA

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to approve the Consent Agenda. It was recommended that the Board approve the Authorization in Compliance with 5 Illinois Compiled Statutes 120-2.06, and the employment of Jeremy Morris, PhD as the Director of the Minority Mentor Protégé program effective January 20, 2021.

Campbell moved to approve the Consent Agenda items, as presented. Bishop Dunning seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopridier declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE PORTABLE PROCESS CONTROL TRAINER

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees that would authorize the College Administration to purchase the Portable Process Control Trainer package with all instructor and student reference guides from Moss Enterprises, Johnston, Iowa for a total cost of \$68,190.00. Funding for this purchase is available from the approved FY2021 Perkins budget, as presented.

Prince moved to approve the recommendation that would authorize the College Administration to purchase the Portable Process Control Trainer package with all instructor and student reference guides from Moss Enterprises, Johnston, Iowa for a total cost of \$68,190.00. Funding for this purchase is available from the approved FY2021 Perkins budget, as presented. Bishop Dunning seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopridier declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE EDUCATORS CURRICULUM

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees that would allow the Board authorize the College Administration to purchase the Educators Rising Curriculum and all necessary components from Phi Delta Kappa International, Arlington, Virginia for a total cost of \$62,200.00, as presented.

Prince moved to approve the purchase that would allow the Board authorize the College Administration to purchase the Educators Rising Curriculum and all necessary components from Phi Delta Kappa International, Arlington, Virginia for a total cost of \$62,200.00, as presented. Ritter seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriider declared the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BILLS AND TRAVEL EXPENDITURES PAYABLE

The December 2020 Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement were presented to and discussed with the Board.

A list of bills paid in the amount of \$939,582.51 for November 2019 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Prince moved to ratify the December bills and travel expenditures paid and approve the Financial Statement subject to audit. Bishop Dunning seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriider declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- President Valdez reported to the Board of Trustees that the Spring semester has begun and enrollment is at 97.05% to goal.
- Alex Berry has submitted his resignation as he has taken a job at Lincoln Land Community College – Best of luck to Alex!

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

- Randy Prince commended Dr. Valdez on a very good Board Retreat.
- Bruce Campbell asked that a letter be sent to James Reed of ICCTA for his attendance at the Retreat.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Prince moved and Bishop Dunning seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Randy Prince, Secretary