

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

April 27, 2021

CONVENING OF THE MEETING

Call to Order The special meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday April 27, 2021, in the Board Room by Chairman Coopriders. Chairman Coopriders also recited the College Vision, Mission, and Core Values.

Roll Call

Trustees Present: Dale Colee, Dr. David Coopriders, Vicki Carr, Bishop Wayne Dunning, Randy Prince, and Tom Ritter

Trustees Absent: Bruce Campbell and Student Trustee Rhiannon Hartman

Also present: Dr. Valdez, other staff and Jaime Shobe-Brown

RESULTS OF THE ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 6, 2021

On January 1, 2006, Public Act 94-0647, abolished local canvassing boards and states that canvassing would be done by the appropriate election authority. Josh Tanner canvassed the votes of the Consolidated Election held on April 6, 2021, that included Macon, Logan, Christian, DeWitt, Moultrie, Piatt, Sangamon, and Shelby counties.

The canvass of the eight counties represented in the Consolidated Election for Richland Community College District #537 indicated the following votes for the three candidates: Vicki M. Carr (6401), Thomas W. Ritter (5548), and Jaime L. Shobe-Brown (3297). Accordingly, Vicki M. Carr, and Thomas W. Ritter are elected and are qualified to be seated as members of the Board of Trustees for Richland Community College District #537 for six-year terms. Jaime L. Shobe-Brown shall be appointed to the existing two-year term.

Prince moved to accept the results of the April 6, 2021, Consolidated Election, which declared Vicki M. Carr and Thomas W. Ritter elected and qualified to be seated as members of the Board of Trustees for their respective terms of office. Bishop Dunning seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriders declared the motion carried.

Carr moved to appoint Jaime L. Shobe-Brown as a seated member of the Board of Trustees for Richland Community College District #537 for a two-year term. Ritter

seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopridier declared the motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE AND SEATING OF TRUSTEES ELECTED IN THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION – VICKI M. CARR, THOMAS W. RITTER AND JAIME SHOBE-BROWN

Chairman Coopridier administered the oath of office to Vicki M. Carr and Thomas W. Ritter for six-year terms (2021 – 2027) since they were elected. Chairman Coopridier administered the oath of office to Jaime L. Shobe-Brown for a two-year term (2021-2023) Carr, Ritter and Shobe-Brown were seated a members of the Board of Trustees

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Appointment of Board Officers

Ritter moved and Colee seconded the following recommendations of officers for 2021-2022

Bishop Wayne Dunning – Chairman
Vicki Carr – Vice Chairman
Dale Colee – Secretary

Chairman Dunning stated that the Ad Hoc Appointments would be announced at the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on May 18, 2021

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Valdez updated the Board of Trustees on the recent HLC accreditation visit that concluded earlier today. The examiners were very complimentary and reaffirmed all of the excellent work that the College is doing. Their report is due at the end of the month and will be reported to the Board. Our next visit will take place in the next two – three years and President Valdez thanked Dr. Denise Crews and Dr. Isaac Zuniga and their teams that made this successful.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Dale Colee stated that he was looking forward to working with Bishop Wayne Dunning as Chairman of the Richland Board. He welcomed Jaime as our new Trustee and thanked Chairman Coopridier for his dedication as serving as Chairman for the last two years.

Chairman Dunning announced that he has been elected as the Secretary of the ICCTA Executive Board. He thanked Dr. Coopriider and Madonna Brown with their assistance in getting his nomination submitted in a timely manner.

ADJOURNMENT

Ritter moved and Carr seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Dale Colee, Secretary