

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

**March 17, 2021**

**CONVENING OF THE MEETING**

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 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 February 16, 2021 had been distributed to the Board prior to this meeting.

**Prince moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 16, 2021. Ritter 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**

College Activities Report

**March 2021**

Entire Month            Women's History Month Celebration  
[www.richland.edu/womenshistory](http://www.richland.edu/womenshistory)

Various Dates            Macon County Health Department COVID Vaccine Clinics  
National Sequestration Education Center

March 12                    The Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center CC21-09  
Graduation  
YouTube and Facebook Live  
Links will be emailed to all you

March 15 – 19                    Spring Break – No Classes

**April 2021**

April 2                    College Closed – Spring Holiday

April 9                    Statewide Virtual Career Fair sponsored by IC3CSP  
Online via Handshake  
10am – 4pm

April 16                    The Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center RC21-11  
Graduation  
YouTube and Facebook Live  
Links will be emailed to all you

**Summer Registration Dates:**

March 29 – Current Students and Veterans  
April 5 – New Students  
June 1 – Summer Classes Begin

**Fall Registration Dates:**

April 26 – Current Students and Veterans  
May 3 – New Students  
August 9 – Fall Registration Closes  
August 12 – Fall Classes Begin

**Media Coverage:**

- Boys and Girls Club – Highlighting Richland Student
  - COVID Vaccines at NSEC
  - Prep Academy – DPS and Richland
  - Tenure and Promotion
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- Board of Trustees Meeting – Board Room, April 20, 2021
  - Other activities listed in the Board Book

## Personnel Update

### New Employees

Ezra Pernermon, Facilitator Essential Skills, effective March 1, 2021

### Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations

Aaron Barnett, Director Cyber Security, effective February 12, 2021

## COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT

Tara Mata presented Accessibility at Richland

## SPECIAL REPORTS

### REPORT OF ICCTA

Bishop Wayne Dunning attended the ICCTA meeting held in Schaumburg, IL on March 12-13, 2021. The Strategic Plan for the State of Illinois was discussed. Dr. Jim Reed shared the four goals for ICCTA. Goal 1. Information Exchange 2. Financial Training 3. Advocacy 4. Administrative Efficiencies. The roundtable discussion included students dealing with the pandemic, state funding, cyber security, and the consolidated election held on April 6, 2021. Kim Villanueva asked for success stories from the Pandemic, as April is ICCTA month. Bishop Dunning also announce that he would be running for the Secretary position of ICCTA.

## MONITORING REPORT

Robin Bollhorst presented the Monitoring Report – Staff Profile

## AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS SIGNED BY DR. VALDEZ FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

4/9/2020	Dr. Valdez signed the transitional math partnership agreement between Richland Community College and Warrensburg-Latham CUSD #11.
2/25/2021	Dr. Valdez signed the transitional math partnership agreement between Richland Community College and DeLand-Weldon CUSD # 57.

## FACULTY REPORT

Chris Schersahl presented Nearpod software

## **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.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE HVAC TRAINER**

A recommendation was made to the Board that would authorize the College Administration to purchase the Automotive Air-Condition Trainer package with all accessories from Nada Scientific, Champlain, New York for a total cost of \$10,490.00, as presented.

**Ritter moved to approve the purchase of the Automotive Air-Condition Trainer package with all accessories from Nada Scientific, Champlain, New York for a total cost of \$10,490.00, as presented. Prince seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopridier declared the motion carried.**

### **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE EMS SIMULATOR DIVIDER WALL**

A recommendation was made to the Board that would authorize the College Administration to purchase the SimScreen Divider Wall and all necessary accessories from Diamedical USA Equipment LLC, of West Bloomfield, Michigan for a total cost of \$13,715.00, as presented.

**Campbell moved to approve the purchase the SimScreen Divider Wall and all necessary accessories from Diamedical USA Equipment LLC, of West Bloomfield, Michigan for a total cost of \$13,715.00, as presented. Carr seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopridier declared the motion carried.**

### **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE HOSPITAL BEDS**

A recommendation was made to the Board that would authorize the College Administration to purchase the Stryker FL28C and all necessary components from PT Medical Technologies, Inc., of Irving Texas for a total cost of \$18,000.00, as presented.

**Prince moved to approve the purchase the Stryker FL28C and all necessary components from PT Medical Technologies, Inc., of Irving Texas for a total cost of \$18,000.00, as presented. Bishop Dunning seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopridier declared the motion carried.**

### **APPROVAL TO PURCHASE COLLEGE MINIVAN**

A recommendation was made to the Board that would authorize the College Administration to purchase the 2021 Chrysler Voyager L and all necessary components from Bob Brady Auto Mall of Decatur, Illinois for a total cost of \$24,127.60, as presented.

**Prince moved to approve the purchase the 2021 Chrysler Voyager L and all necessary components from Bob Brady Auto Mall of Decatur, Illinois for a total cost of \$24,127.60, as presented. Carr seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriider declared the motion carried.**

#### **SOUTHWING INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees for the purchase of this network equipment be made from Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC of Peoria, IL, in the amount of \$26,290.23, as presented.

**Bishop Dunning moved to approve the purchase of this network equipment be made from Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC of Peoria, IL, in the amount of \$26,290.23, as presented. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriider declared the motion carried.**

#### **TUITION RECOMMENDATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**

A recommendation was made that the Board of Trustees set the Academic Year 2021-2022 tuition per credit hour for the standard in-district tuition rate at \$139.00, the in-State out-of-district tuition rate at \$289.00, the out-of-State tuition rate at \$628.00, the Chargeback rate at \$445.13, the online tuition rate at \$175.00, the variable tuition rate for designated Health Professions classes at \$167.00, the standard fee at \$14.00 per credit hour, and reauthorize the practice of charging in-district tuition to students who live out of district and are attending an in-district educational institution, as presented.

**Prince moved to set the Academic Year 2021-2022 tuition per credit hour for the standard in-district tuition rate at \$139.00, the in-State out-of-district tuition rate at \$289.00, the out-of-State tuition rate at \$628.00, the Chargeback rate at \$445.13, the online tuition rate at \$175.00, the variable tuition rate for designated Health Professions classes at \$167.00, the standard fee at \$14.00 per credit hour, and reauthorize the practice of charging in-district tuition to students who live out of district and are attending an in-district educational institution, as presented. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriider declared the motion carried.**

#### **REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICIES 4.6, 4.7.3, AND 4.18.1 – FIRST READING**

Teena Zindel-McWilliams and Meredith Johnson-Palmer presented revisions to the following:

- Board Policy 4.6: Reorder sections of the Policy as students would encounter in their educational journey, update grading designations, change GPA standard to 2.0 for academic standing, define “drop” and “withdrawal,” and rename Semester Academic Honors.
- Board Policy 4.7.3: Clarify how transfer credits from other institutions will be incorporated into a student’s Richland transcript.
- Board Policy 4.18.1: Change Financial Aid GPA standard to 2.0 to mirror academic standing proposed GPA.

## **FISCAL YEAR 2022 GENERAL AND COURSE FEES**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to approve the fee schedule to be applied starting with the Summer 2021 semester, as presented.

**Ritter moved to approve the fee schedule to be applied starting with the Summer 2021 semester, as presented. Prince seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriker declared the motion carried.**

## **RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD POLICIES 4.15.3 AND 4.15.4 AND STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE – FIRST READING**

Dr. Denise Crews presented revisions to Board Policy 4.15.3 and 4.15.4, as presented

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **BILLS AND TRAVEL EXPENDITURES PAYABLE**

The February 2021 Treasurer’s Report and Financial Statement were presented to and discussed with the Board.

A list of bills paid in the amount of \$1,197,420.79 for February 2021 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

**Prince moved to ratify the February bills and travel expenditures paid and approve the Financial Statement subject to audit. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriker declared the motion carried.**

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

- President Valdez reported to the Board of Trustees that Richland is still waiting on the final rules for distribution of the CRRSSA Act.
- A report is coming regarding nursing (RN) program and how we can get more completers and grow the program.
- Three employers have shown significant interest and contacted the College regarding training through the EnRich program.

- Joe Feinstein is working to get bigger screens in the Board Room for better visibility.

### **ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

- Dale Colee thanked Dr. Valdez for coming on the radio show to promote Richland. He is working to schedule regular times to spotlight Richland.
- Vicki Carr attended the virtual AG Café today.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Prince moved to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing individual employments, as specified in Section 2 (c) (1); for the purpose of discussing collective negotiation matters, as specified in Section 2 (c) (2); for discussion of purchase or lease of real property, as specified in Section 2 (c) (5); for discussion of pending or probable litigation, as specified in Section 2 (c) (11); and for self-evaluation as specified in Section 2 (c) (16) of the Open Meetings Act. Bishop Dunning seconded. Voice vote being all ayes, Chairman Coopriker declared the motion carried.**

Meeting convened into closed session at 7:25 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into open session at 8:13 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Prince moved and Bishop Dunning seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.**

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Randy Prince, Secretary