

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

**April 19, 2022**

**CONVENING OF THE MEETING**

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, in the Board Room of Richland Community College by Chairman Dunning. Chairman Dunning also recited the College Vision, Mission, and Core Values.

Roll Call

Trustees Present: Tom Ritter, Dale Colee, Ben Andreas, Bishop Wayne Dunning, Vicki Carr, Bruce Campbell and Rhiannon Hartman

Trustees Absent: Dr. David Coopridner

Also present: Dr. Cris Valdez and other staff members

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 15, 2022 had been distributed to the Board prior to this meeting.

**Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 15, 2022. Andreas seconded. Voice vote being all ayes, Chairman Dunning declared the motion carried.**

**PROCLAMATION**

Chairman Dunning read a proclamation to Greg Florian who is retiring on April 29, 2022 after 24 years of service.

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Dr. Valdez and the Board of Trustees welcomed new employees, Ashley Hall, William Ditty, Dierre Guyse, Rebekah Zuniga, Amy Snow, Monica Bringham, and Katie Raisner.

## **REPORT REGARDING SELECTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Dr. Isaac Zuniga made a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to seat Jacob Watkins to fill the 2022-2023 term of office commenting April 19, 2022.

## **SWEARING IN AND SEATING OF STUDENT TRUSTEE FOR 2022-2023 – JACOB WATKINS**

Chairman Dunning administered the Oath of Office to Jacob Watkins, new student member of the Board of Trustees for 2022-2023, and formally seated him as a student trustee.

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

### Personnel Update

#### New Employees

- Athena Mata, Student Account Rep II, effective March 28, 2022

#### Changes

- Mackenzie Larrick, Student Success Coach, effective March 7, 2022
- Alex Kerley, SHIELDS Site Coordinator, effective March 14, 2022

#### Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations

- Jonathon Hawk, Maintenance, I, Grounds, effective March 4, 2022
- Heather Cushing, Staff Accountant, Part-time, effective March 5, 2022
- Lori Pumphrey, Payroll Coordinator, effective March 7, 2022
- Phillip Anello, SHIELDS Site Coordinator, Part-time, effective March 19, 2022
- Jose Montines, Purchasing Coordinator, Part-time, effective March 19, 2022
- Kailey Cooper, Food Service Supervisor, effective March 28, 2022

## **SPECIAL REPORTS**

### **REPORT OF ICCTA**

Vicki Carr gave a report of the Governance Leadership Institute that she, Chairman Dunning, and Dr. Valdez attended in Philadelphia. Chairman Dunning provided a book: Trusteeship in Community Colleges to the Trustees. Chairman Dunning reminded everyone that the next ICCTA meeting would be held in Springfield on April 29, 2022.

## **FACULTY REPORT**

Kristi Palmer presented information on the JED Foundation.

## **COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT**

Julie Melton provided the College Spotlight – Community College Month.

## **MONITORING REPORT**

Joe Feinstein presented the Monitoring Report – Information Technology.

## **REPORT OF STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Student Trustee Jacob Watkins presented the Student Leadership Council Report.

## **INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT REPORT**

Julie Melton provided the Institutional Advancement Report.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to approve the Consent Agenda including the employment of Jody Hall as Full-Time Director Financial Aid and Veteran's Affairs, effective April 25, 2022.

**Carr moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Ritter seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Dunning declared the motion carried.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-7 – DECATUR MACON COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to adopt Resolution No. 22-7 that would amend the Decatur-Macon County Enterprise Zone, as presented.

Ritter moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-7 that would amend the Decatur-Macon County Enterprise Zone, as presented. Colee Second. Andreas abstained. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Dunning declared the motion carried.

## **PRESIDENTIAL EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT RESTATED**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees that the President's Employment contract be restated, effective July 1, 2022, as presented.

**Ritter moved to approve the President's Employment Contract, effective July 1, 2022, as presented. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Dunning declared the motion carried.**

### **RECOMMENDATION TO EXTEND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH HEARTLAND TECHNICAL ACADEMY**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to approve an additional term extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement as provided for in the Intergovernmental Agreement initially adopted in 2011, as presented.

**Carr moved to approve an additional term extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement as provided for in the Intergovernmental Agreement initially adopted in 2011, as presented. Colee seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Dunning declared the motion carried.**

### **RECOMMENDATION FOR COLLEGE AUDITOR**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees that would authorize the Administration to engage the services of Sikich LLP for the financial audits for the fiscal years of 2022 and 2023, as presented.

**Carr moved to authorize the Administration to engage the services of Sikich LLP for the financial audits for the fiscal years of 2022 and 2023, as presented. Andreas seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Dunning declared the motion carried.**

### **REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICIES 1.12.01 – MEETINGS – FIRST READING**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to revise Board Policy 1.12.01 based on changes made to the Open Meetings Act setting requirements for attending remotely and necessary to public notices, as presented. This was the first reading and no action was necessary.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

The March 2022 Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement were presented to and discussed with the Board.

A list of bills paid in the amount of \$718,848.76 for Mach 2022 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

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

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

- President Valdez reported to the Board of Trustees that at the GLI conference Strategic Planning was discussed in different scenarios. He would like to have further discussion at the next Board Retreat scheduled for July 14, 2022.
- Congratulation to Dr. Isaac Zuniga who has been accepted into the 2022 Class of National Community College Hispanic Council.
- President Valdez reminded the Trustees of some upcoming appropriations that are coming our way. Those include Early Childhood Education, Pathways, Workforce, Grow your Own (education) and Capitol Construction.
- President Valdez publicly thanked and congratulated Greg Florian on the work he has done at Richland over the last 24 years. Greg has been a great mentor and fabulous colleague.

## **ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

- Tom Ritter expressed how good the State of the College luncheon was.
- Bruce Campbell thanked Greg Florian and Julie Melton for hosting bankers from Southern Illinois.
- Chairman Dunning thanked Greg Florian for his dedicated service to Richland Community College and the Farm Progress Show.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Colee 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. Carr seconded. Voice vote being all ayes, Chairman Dunning declared the motion carried.**

Meeting convened into closed session at 7:42 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into open session at 8:23 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Colee moved and Ritter seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.**

---

Dale Colee, Secretary