MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

**DISTRICT NO. 537**

**RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**January 16, 2024**

# CONVENING OF THE MEETING

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 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, Bishop Wayne Dunning, Marcy Rood, Vicki Carr, Dan Diskey, and Wayne Dunning

Trustees Absent: Austin Yutzy

Also present: Dr. Cris Valdez and other staff members

# MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 16, 2023 had been distributed to the Board prior to this meeting.

Rood moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 16, 2023. Andreas 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 Valerie Wells of the Herald and Review, and Carrie Ringer, Events Coordinator.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

##### Personnel Update



# SPECIAL REPORTS

**REPORT OF ICCTA**

Chairwoman Carr reminded everyone about the ACCT Legislative Summit in February and the next ICCTA meeting in March at Kankakee Community College.

**FACULTY REPORT**

Laurie Hughes presented the Faculty Report

**MONITORING REPORT**

Meredith Johnson - Palmer presented the Monitoring Report – Student Profile/Enrollment

**STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2026**

Teena Zindel-McWilliams gave an update on the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan**.**

**REPORT OF STUDENT TRUSTEE**

The Student Leadership Council Report was in the Board packet for information.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was provided to the Trustees. It included the following: Full time employment of Paul Lidy, Director of Grants and Sponsored Programs, Temporary Full-Time Employment English Faculty, Hunter Tuinstra, Temporary Full-Time Employment Nursing Faculty, Jami Windhorn, as presented.

Andreas moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Bishop Dunning seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairwoman Carr declared the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to appointMrs. Sheree Zalanka, Vice President of Financial Operations, to the position of Treasurer for Community College District 537, to serve at the pleasure of the Board until such time as the Board determines, as presented.

**Ritter moved to appoint Mrs. Sheree Zalanka, Vice President of Financial Operations, to the position of Treasurer for Community College District 537, to serve at the pleasure of the Board until such time as the Board determines, as presented. Rood seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairwoman Carr declared the motion carried.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

BILLS AND TRAVEL EXPENDITURES PAYABLE

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

A list of bills paid in the amount of $2,418,124.76 for December 2023 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

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

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

* President Valdez shared a spreadsheet with the Trustees with Tuition Increase Proposals discussed at the Board Retreat.
* President Valdez reported that Richland could be a sub recipient of a $2 million grant from the EDA. The $2 million would be over five years and used on Workforce Training.
* We are in the final stages of the CEJA Grant. Richland has reached out to help Danville Area Community College and Illinois Central College with their application process.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

* Dale Colee complimented the efforts put into the ribbon cutting of the Michael D. Andreas Ag Center. The student speakers were amazing and this proves why we do what we do.
* Bishop Dunning recalls why he has been a member of the Board for the last 30 years. Things are great at Richland and he is proud to be a part of it.
* Tom Ritter will attend the Quarterly Foundation Board of Directors meeting on February 6, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.
* Ben Andreas thanked everyone for making the Ag Center a great success. It could not have been done with everyone in the room.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ritter moved and Andreas seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

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Benjamin Andreas, Secretary