

APPROVED

Agenda  
453<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the  
Illinois Community College Board

Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center  
Second Floor Conference Room  
401 East Capitol Avenue  
Springfield, IL

December 2, 2022

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Board minutes of the December 2, 2022, meeting as recorded.

**Item #1 – Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum**

Chair Lopez called the Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and asked Ann Knoedler to call roll. The following Board members were present: Craig Bradley, Terry Bruce, Teresa Garate, Sylvia Jenkins, Larry Peterson, Paige Ponder, and Rene Juarez-Cuevas, Student Board member, were present. Nick Kachiroubas was on the phone and will be voted into the meeting. An-Me Chung was absent. A quorum was declared.

**Item #2 - Announcements and Remarks by Dr. Lazaro Lopez, Board Chair**

After roll and declaring a quorum, Chair Lopez stated the first order of business is voting in Board member Nick Kachiroubas who is on the phone.

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Chair Lopez stated that Board member Nick Kachiroubas is unable to attend today's meeting due to a work conflict. According to Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act, Teresa Garate may participate in today's meeting via conference call and the Board needs a motion to allow her attendance.

Paige Ponder made a motion, which was seconded by Terry Bruce, to allow Board member Nick Kachiroubas to participate in today's Board meeting via conference call.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Craig Bradley	Yea	Larry Peterson	Yea
Terry Bruce	Yea	Paige Ponder	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea	Rene Juarez-Cuevas	Yea
Sylvia Jenkins	Yea	Lazaro Lopez	Yea

The motion was approved. Student Advisory vote: yes.

Nick Kachiroubas stated, for the record, he home in Crystal Lake due to illness and unable to attend the Board meeting in person.

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Chair Lopez welcomed everyone to the December 2nd Board meeting. He stated the Board held an ICCB Staff “Meet and Greet” and a Board Workshop yesterday evening where a number of interesting topics were discussed.

Chair Lopez announced that the First Lady Dr. Jill Biden visited Illinois and kicked off National Apprenticeship Week in Chicago. There was a panel held with Harper College participating.

It is very encouraging to see the increase in headcount (+1.5%) and FTE (+.3) in the fall enrollment report both increased from the previous year. This 1.5 percent increase is well above the national average which declined by 5.6 percent in 2021 and remained flat in 2022. Also, though the online enrollment is down, those numbers are still way up compared to pre-pandemic, so it is pretty clear this approach has resonated with students. The entire report can be found on the ICCB website.

Chair Lopez concluded his report by announcing an exciting new fact concerning the Early Childhood work being done in the community colleges. There will be a presentation provided during the meeting later; however, one very important accomplishment to mention is the new change in the law that will require the transfer of AAS students into 4 year programs with junior level status and the student not to be required to take more credits than students first starting in the program. In the fall of 2022, approximately 200 students with an Associates of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood have been able to take advantage of this change in the law.

### **Item #3 - Board Member Comments**

There were no comments.

#### **Item #3.1 – Illinois Board of Higher Education Report**

Dr. Sylvia Jenkins stated this was her first meeting she participated in. The meeting was hybrid at three different locations. Dr. Jenkins participated in a new Board member orientation with Ginger Ostro, which was very helpful. Ginger Ostro spoke highly of Dr. Teresa Garate, outgoing IBHE Board member, and thanked her for her service. During this meeting, the Board presented Dr. Garate with a resolution honoring her for the time she served on the Board. The items discussed during the meeting included the legislative agenda, budget, approval of community college curriculum, and a presentation on the Illinois Tutoring Initiative: Higher Education and School District Partnerships to Support Student Learning

### **Item #4 – Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Brian Durham began by mentioning how many new staff the ICCB has, which is why the staff meet and greet was so important yesterday afternoon. Also, yesterday evening the Board held a workshop. There were several interesting topics were discussed. The time and effort going into this workshop by staff and the Board members was much appreciated. The staff has spent a lot of time putting together the budget for the ICCB and will continue to work on it. Recently, ICCB staff attended and presented at the ICCCA and ICCFA conference in Champaign. It was nice to see all the participants in attendance. Dr. Durham mentioned the Diversity Commission staff are in attendance and gave a presentation to the members of the Academic, Workforce, and Student Support Committee this morning during their meeting. Dr. Durham announced that next month the Board will hear a Board Goals update during the January 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The agency just released about nine million dollars out to the community colleges and other community based organizations throughout Illinois through the IL Bridge and Transitions Grant program. The overall goal is to help minority and low income students, as well as, individuals with disabilities move barriers in hopes of helping to complete their education. This effort really fits into the Board Goals work.

## **Item #5 - Advisory Organizations**

### **Item #5.1 – Illinois Council of Community College Presidents**

Mr. Terry Wilkerson could not be at the meeting and there is no report.

### **Item #5.2 - Student Advisory Council**

Student Board member, Rene Juarez-Cuevas, stated the council met on November 9<sup>th</sup> at Joliet Junior College. The items discussed included professional development workshop and ways students can access outlets for mental health. The next meeting will be held on January 24, 2023.

### **Item #5.3 - Adult Education and Family Literacy Council**

Mr. Dan Deasy stated the Council met on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The group came up with three topics for the committees to make recommendations on and broke up into subcommittees to begin discussions on this work. The group was charged with developing a policy framework between developmental education and the academic ESL programs and adult education and literacy programs, completing an analysis of current policies regarding generation funding and other fiscal policies in order to make policy recommendations to ICCB regarding mechanisms to incentivize success and accountability to adult education providers, and create an environmental scan to identify issues related to adult education teacher and staff shortages. The next meeting will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Item #6 - Committee Reports**

### **Item #6.1 - Finance, Budgeting, Accountability and External Affairs**

The committee met on the morning of September 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00a with Larry Peterson, Sylvia Jenkins, Terry Bruce, Matt Berry, Jennifer Franklin, and Nathan Wilson. The following items were discussed: Marketing & Communications Update-community college month is in April, focused on the ICCB newsletter and newly revised website; Legislative agenda was submitted to the Governor's Office; Bail bill discussion, ICCB Finance Advisory Committee; Fall 2023 Enrollment Report-a presentation will be given during the Board meeting; and the January 2023 Regulatory Agenda.

#### **Item #6.1a - Fiscal Year 2023 Fall Enrollment Report**

ICCB staff gave an in-depth update on the Fiscal Year 2023 Fall Enrollment Report. The final report was also provided to the Board for the review. There were 28 community colleges that went up in enrollment. There was a ten percent increase in Dual Credit students from last year. Chair Lopez highlighted the number of purely online degrees being offered that are also successful. The entire report is located on the ICCB website.

### **Item #6.2 - Academic, Workforce, and Student Support**

The committee met on the morning of December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00a with Teresa Garate, Paige Ponder, Craig Bradley, Rene Juarez-Cuevas, Jennifer Foster, Marcus Brown, Whitney Thompson, and Jeff Newell. The following items were discussed: PATH - Pipeline for the Advancement of the Healthcare Workforce -PATH; ICCDC - Illinois Community College Diversity Commission; Diversity Equity Inclusion Action (DEIA) Plan; GED Price Increase ~ Information Item; the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Update that will be provided during the Board meeting; and the New Units on the agenda for approval.

#### **Item #6.2a - Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Update**

ICCB staff presented to the Board on the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE). This presentation reviewed the early childhood workforce needs, formation of the consortium, legislation that established the Consortium, Advisory committee, and other components of the law. Other initiatives of the ECACE include navigators and mentors, scholarships, and debt relief.

Two significant components include credit for the Child Development Associate credential and the full transfer of the AAS degree in early childhood into a bachelor's degree program. Staff will also highlight the outcomes for Year One as well as the scope of work for Year Two.

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At this time, the Board took a break at 10:34 a.m. and returned at 10:45 a.m.

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**Item #7 - Fiscal Year 2024 ICCB Budget Recommendations**

The Illinois Community College Board's fiscal year 2024 operations, grants, and capital budget request reflects funding for core priorities and is consistent with the Board's goals. The request focuses on increasing access and success for low-income and minority students; expanding opportunities for workforce training programs that are critical to moving people out of poverty and addressing workforce shortages; and increasing the state's investment in the community college system to ensure colleges have the resources needed for student success. The capital budget request contains three components: recommended funding allocations to all projects that have been appropriated but not funded, capital renewal grants, and college specific projects.

Terry Bruce made a motion, which was seconded by Teresa Garate, to approve the following items:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby:

1. Approves the fiscal year 2024 Operations and Grants Budget Request for the Illinois Community College System as presented in the attached Table 1 and Table 2;
2. Approves the fiscal year 2024 Capital Budget Request for the Illinois Community College System as presented in the attached Table 3 and Table 4;
3. Authorizes the submission of the requests to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, and the Illinois Board of Higher Education; and
4. Authorizes its Executive Director, with the concurrence of the Chair, to make technical adjustments to the request if more refined data become available.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Craig Bradley	Yea	Nick Kachiroubas	Yea
Terry Bruce	Yea	Paige Ponder	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea	Larry Peterson	Yea
Sylvia Jenkins	Yea	Rene Juarez-Cuevas	Yea
		Lazaro Lopez	Yea

The motion was approved. Student advisory vote: yes.

**Item #8 - Overview of the Illinois Longitudinal Data System**

ICCB, a partner in Illinois Longitudinal Data System (ILDS) efforts, is collaborating with other ILDS state agencies to advance data and research initiatives. A presentation was given to the Board highlighting ILDS progress as well as the recent transition of ILDS 1.0 to ILDS 2.0 with governance and infrastructure. ICCB's role and next steps within the new ILDS 2.0 environment will also be discussed.

**Item #9 - New Units**

**Item #9.1 - John A. Logan College, Lincoln Land Community College, Morton College, Wilbur Wright College**

Paige Ponder made a motion, which was seconded by Teresa Garate, to approve the following items:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the following permanent new units of instruction for the community colleges listed below:

**PERMANENT PROGRAM APPROVAL**

John A. Logan College

- Hospitality Management A.A.S. degree (62 credit hours)

Lincoln Land Community College

- Diesel Technologies A.A.S. degree (61 credit hours)

Morton College

- EMS-Paramedic Certificate (47 credit hours)

Wilbur Wright College

- Cannabis Studies A.A.S. degree (61 credit hours)
- Cannabis Processing Technician (30 credit hours)

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Craig Bradley	Yea	Nick Kachiroubas	Yea
Terry Bruce	Yea	Paige Ponder	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea	Larry Peterson	Yea
Sylvia Jenkins	Yea	Rene Juarez-Cuevas	Yea
		Lazaro Lopez	Yea

The motion was approved. Student advisory vote: yes.

**Item #10 - Recognition of the Illinois Community Colleges**

**Item #10.1 - Rend Lake College**

Terry Bruce made a motion, which was seconded by Sylvia Jenkins to approve the following items:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby grants a status of “recognition continued” to the following districts:

Rend Lake College, District 521

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Craig Bradley	Yea	Nick Kachiroubas	Yea
Terry Bruce	Yea	Paige Ponder	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea	Larry Peterson	Yea
Sylvia Jenkins	Yea	Rene Juarez-Cuevas	Yea
		Lazaro Lopez	Yea

The motion was approved. Student advisory vote: yes.

**Item #11 - Adoption of Minutes**

**Item #11.1 - Minutes of the September 16, 2022 Board Meeting**

Craig Bradley made a motion, which was seconded by Paige Ponder, to approve the following motion:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Board minutes of the September 16, 2022, meeting as recorded.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Craig Bradley	Yea	Nick Kachiroubas	Abstain
Terry Bruce	Yea	Paige Ponder	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea	Larry Peterson	Yea
Sylvia Jenkins	Yea	Rene Juarez-Cuevas	Yea
		Lazaro Lopez	Yea

The motion was approved. Student advisory vote: yes. Nick Kachiroubas abstained.

**Item #12 - Consent Agenda**

Sylvia Jenkins made a motion, which was seconded by Craig Bradley, to approve the following items:

**Item #12.1 - Illinois Community College Board Fiscal Year 2023 Regulatory Agenda**

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the January 2023 Regulatory Agenda listed below:

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD JANUARY 2023 REGULATORY  
AGENDA

- a) Part (Heading and Code Citations): Administration of the Illinois Public Community College Act, 23 Ill. Adm. Code 1501
- 1) Rulemaking:
- A) Description: The Board proposes the adoption of new administrative rules that codify the Board's processes and procedures for administration of the postsecondary career and technical education program.
- B) Statutory Authority: Public Community College Act [110 ILCS 805]
- C) Scheduled meeting/hearing dates: None have been scheduled.
- D) Date agency anticipates First Notice: July 2023
- E) Effect on small businesses, small municipalities or not for profit corporations: The Board believes this rulemaking will not affect small businesses, small municipalities, or not for profit corporations.
- F) Agency contact person for information:  
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G) Related rulemakings and other pertinent information: None

2) Rulemaking:

A) Description: The Board has recently reviewed its administrative rules on approval of college, branch, campus, and extension centers and found these rules to be insufficient for identifying when board approval is required. The Board plans revision to these rules during the upcoming calendar year.

B) Statutory Authority: Public Community College Act [110 ILCS 805]

C) Scheduled meeting/hearing dates: None have been scheduled.

D) Date agency anticipates First Notice: March 2023

E) Effect on small businesses, small municipalities or not for profit corporations: The Board believes this rulemaking will not affect small businesses, small municipalities, or not for profit corporations.

F) Agency contact person for information:

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G) Related rulemakings and other pertinent information: None

3) Rulemaking:

A) Description: The Board anticipates review and possible amendments to its rules governing dual credit. The dual credit landscape continues to evolve and necessitate changes to the Board's rules.

B) Statutory Authority: Public Community College Act [110 ILCS 805]

C) Scheduled meeting/hearing dates: None have been scheduled.

D) Date agency anticipates First Notice: October 2023

E) Effect on small businesses, small municipalities or not for profit corporations: The Board believes this rulemaking will not affect small businesses, small municipalities, or not for profit corporations.

F) Agency contact person for information:

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G) Related rulemakings and other pertinent information: None

b) Part (Heading and Code Citations): Adult Education (23 Ill. Adm. Code 1505)

1) Rulemaking:

A) Description: The Board proposes the adoption of new administrative rules that codify the Board's processes and procedures for administration of the adult education program.

B) Statutory Authority: Public Community College Act [110 ILCS 805]

C) Scheduled meeting/hearing dates: None have been scheduled.

D) Date agency anticipates First Notice: October 2023

E) Effect on small businesses, small municipalities or not for profit corporations: The Board believes this rulemaking will not affect small businesses, small municipalities, or not for profit corporations.

F) Agency contact person for information:

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G) Related rulemakings and other pertinent information: None

c) Part (Heading and Code Citations): Administration of High School Equivalency Testing Program (23 Ill. Adm. Code 1507)

1) Rulemaking:

A) Description: The Board proposes the adoption of new administrative rules that codify the Board's processes and procedures for administration of the high school equivalency testing and certification program.

B) Statutory Authority: Public Community College Act [110 ILCS 805]



- C) Scheduled meeting/hearing dates: None have been scheduled.
- D) Date agency anticipates First Notice: May 2023
- E) Effect on small businesses, small municipalities or not for profit corporations: The Board believes this rulemaking will not affect small business, small municipalities, and not for profit corporations.
- F) Agency contact person for information:
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- G) Related rulemakings and other pertinent information: None

**Item #12.2 - Establishment of the Illinois Community College Board MIS/Research and Illinois Longitudinal Data Advisory Committee Appointments**

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby establishes the MIS/Research and Illinois Longitudinal Data System Advisory Committee and authorizes the Executive Director to make the below appointments to Committee.

**MIS/Research and Longitudinal Data Advisory Committee**

1. Christian Collins, Associate Vice Chancellor, Institutional Effectiveness, City Colleges of Chicago (2025)
2. David Cook, Executive Director of Institutional Research and Planning, Illinois Central College (2025)
3. Ryan Hawkins, Chief Financial Officer, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (2025)
4. Sadya Khan, Executive Director, Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness, Moraine Valley Community College (2025)
5. Aaron Roe, Director of Research and Planning, Sauk Valley Community College (2025)
6. Kurian Tharakunnel, Executive Director of Research and Institutional Effectiveness, Triton College (2025)
7. Sandra Villanueva, Director, Institutional Effectiveness, Planning and Research, College of Lake County (2025)
8. Sarah Warfield, Institutional Research Data Reporting Analyst, Highland Community College (2025)
9. Teena Zindel-McWilliams, Director, Institutional and Academic Planning, Richland Community College (2025)

**Item #12.3 - Establishment of the Illinois Community College Board Finance Advisory Committee Appointments**

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

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The Illinois Community College Board hereby establishes the - Finance Advisory Committee and authorizes the Executive Director to make the below appointments to Committee.

Finance Advisory Committee

1. Maribel Rodriguez, Vice Chancellor Finance/Chief Financial Officer, City Colleges of Chicago (2025)
2. Leticia Trepac, Vice President Finance & Administration, Heartland Community College (2025)
3. Josh Welker, Dean of Business Services, John Wood Community College (2025)
4. Ryan Hawkins, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (2025)
5. Kent Sorenson, Vice President of Business Services, Sauk Valley Community College (2025)
6. Tammy Betancourt, Vice President Finance/Chief Financial Officer, Danville Area Community College (2025)
7. Jill Janssen, Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, Highland Community College (2025)
8. Beth Nunley, Vice President for Business Affairs & Board Treasurer, Kankakee Community College (2025)
9. Scott Brady, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer, College of DuPage (2025)

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Craig Bradley	Yea	Nick Kachiroubas	Yea
Terry Bruce	Yea	Paige Ponder	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea	Larry Peterson	Yea
Sylvia Jenkins	Yea	Rene Juarez-Cuevas	Yea
		Lazaro Lopez	Yea

The motion was approved. Student advisory vote: yes.

**Item #13 - Information Items**

There was no discussion.

**Item #13.1 - Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Statements**

**Item #13.2 - GED® Testing Service - GED® Test Increase**

**Item #13.3 - Basic Certificate Program Approval Approved on Behalf of the Board by the Executive Director**

**Item #13.4 - Proposed Amendments to the Illinois Community College Board Administrative Rules**

**Item #13.4a - Dual Credit**

**Item #14 - Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Item #15 - Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Item #16 - Executive Session**

The Board did not enter into Executive Session.

**Item #17 - Executive Session Recommendations**

There were no recommendations.

**Item #18 - Adjournment**

Terry Bruce made a motion, which was seconded by Craig Bradley, to adjourn the Board meeting at 11:32 a.m.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Craig Bradley	Yea	Nick Kachiroubas	Yea
Terry Bruce	Yea	Paige Ponder	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea	Larry Peterson	Yea
Sylvia Jenkins	Yea	Rene Juarez-Cuevas	Yea
		Lazaro Lopez	Yea

The motion was approved. Student advisory vote: yes.