

Item #11.1  
June 17, 2022

APPROVED

Agenda  
450th Meeting of the  
Illinois Community College Board

Heartland Community College  
Room CCB 1406/07  
1500 W. Raab Road  
Normal, IL

March 25, 2022

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

It is recommended that the following motion be adopted:

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Board minutes of the March 25, 2022 meeting as recorded.

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

Chair Lopez called the Board meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and asked Ann Knoedler to call roll. The following Board members were present: Craig Bradley, An-Me Chung, Teresa Garate, Nick Kachiroubas, Paige Ponder, Lynette Stokes, and Jaleel Harris, Student Board member, were present. Suzanne Morris, Larry Peterson, and Terry Bruce were absent. A quorum was declared.

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

Chair Lopez began by thanking Dr. Keith Cornille, President of Heartland Community College, for hosting this Board meeting and also gave a brief overview on the tour at the Rivian plant and thanked Dr. Cornille for organizing the tour for the Board. He then went on to congratulate South Suburban College who won the national basketball title this season in National Junior College Athletic Association Division II, remaining unbeaten through 26 games. The title has been held by Danville Area College for the past 26 years. Also, Southeastern Illinois College was recognized as the top community college squad at the International Forensics Association's 32nd Annual Speech and Debate Tournament. This followed their win on March 5th of the two-year college division at the Illinois Intercollegiate Forensic Association's state championship meet.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Lopez went on to offer Condolences for staff member Jennifer Foster's loss of her husband, Israel Foster.

He went on to make some brief comments on the Governor's budget proposal. Among the other potential gains for the system, he voiced his support for the PATH program, which is proposed to meet shortages of workers in the healthcare industry that have been exasperated by the COVID 19 pandemic. And to expand the opportunities of individuals in certain healthcare pathways to obtain credentials and degrees that allow them to advance their careers in the healthcare industry, which is timely and needed given the strain the pandemic has put on the state's healthcare system. Staff member, Jennifer Franklin, will give a further in-depth presentation on the Governor's budget proposal later in the meeting.

Chair Lopez acknowledged and thanked Dr. Ngozi Ezike, who left her post as the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health on March 14th, after two years of leading the state through the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the years, her leadership for both the community colleges and K-12 sector has made a big

impact. She has dealt such an incredibly tough situation during the COVID pandemic. She approached the job with incredible grace and composure and lead the state, with Governor Pritzker, based on the science and always with an eye to saving lives. The full article can be viewed: <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2022/3/1/22956872/ngozi-ezike-pritzker-public-health-chief-stepping-down-resignation-covid-coronavirus>

ICCB will be joining the 48 community colleges in celebrating Community College Month in April. As an agency, ICCB intends to highlight the colleges on social media and to send out information on the colleges throughout the month. The Executive Director will also be doing radio and television interviews throughout the month of April. The Illinois Community College Marketing Collaborative (ICCMC) is encouraging the colleges in their respective regions to provide content to support the ICCB's statewide social media campaign as well. They group has agreed on a hashtag for each college, ICCB, and ICCTA to use on social media postings for the month of April: #4everystudent4everycommunity. It is encouraged as Board members to take advantage of any opportunities to highlight the important work that community colleges do.

Regarding the June Board meeting, unfortunately, space to accommodate the ICCB Board meeting during the Illinois Community College Trustees meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> could not be found. So, the ICCB Board meeting will take place on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the ICCB offices in Springfield. Adjustments will be made to the location and calendar as it relates to the retreat. The retreat will take place on September 15<sup>th</sup> with the Board meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. These meetings will also be moved to Southern Illinois, John A. Logan College, which will allow member Peterson to host a reception for the Board and for the local presidents and trustees. This is on the agenda for a vote today.

Finally, Chair Lopez concluded by acknowledging and thanking Deputy Governor Torres for making the trip to Heartland Community College to provide some perspective to the Board from the Governor's Office.

### **Item #3 - Welcoming Remarks from Dr. Keith Cornille, President of Heartland Community College**

Dr. Keith Cornille gave a brief welcome and thanks to the Board for holding their March Board meeting at Heartland Community College. It was a pleasure to set up and take the tour of the Rivian plant with the Board members yesterday. Dr. Cornille also announced the college's women's soccer team won the Division 2 National Championship.

### **Item #4 - Comments by Deputy Governor Martin Torres**

Deputy Governor of Education Martin Torres traveled to Heartland Community College to address the Illinois Community College Board members. Deputy Governor of Education Torres served as Deputy Policy Director of Pritzker's first campaign for Governor, and later in the administration as a Senior Policy Advisor and then the First Assistant Deputy Governor for Education. He has played a critical role in coordinating the administration's COVID-19 response in classrooms and communities across Illinois. In particular, he oversaw the execution of the Governor's p-20 agenda, working to revitalize learning and teaching for students and educators through a holistic and practical approach. Previously, Deputy Governor of Education Torres spent eight years at the Latino Policy Forum, where he served as Associate Director and managed the organization's state policy agenda. During his leadership at the Forum, he negotiated a significant increase in funding for bilingual education during the transition to an evidence-based funding model for K-12 schools, he served as an appointed member of the Illinois Early Learning Council, and he partnered with lawmakers to pass legislation that increased transparency surrounding the demographic composition of state boards and commissions. Mr. Torres succeeds former Deputy Governor of Education Jesse Ruiz, who announced his departure from the public sector on August 25, 2021.

Deputy Governor of Education Martin Torres spoke to the Board briefly on issues pertaining to community colleges in Illinois and to provide some perspective from the Governor's Office.

### **Item #5 - Board Member Comments**

There were no comments.

**Item #5.1 - Illinois Board of Higher Education Report**

Dr. Teresa Garate stated the IBHE met on March 15 and focused on equity with in depth panel discussions and presentations.

**Item #6 – Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Brian Durham began by drawing the attention to the two information items on the agenda. Lumina Grant and the Collaboration with the Partnership for College Completion. In recognizing the WEI program as a national model, the Lumina Foundation granted ICCB \$745,200 to focus on strengthening employer connections in the program. ICCB received support through the Lumina Foundation in the amount of \$745,200 to implement the Employment Connection Project: help colleges increase employment outcomes; strengthen the ICCB's ability to obtain data for research and to track individual job attainment and retention in high demand jobs that pay 30% above the regional living wage; and working in conjunction with Jobs for the Future. Colleges will address their plans to engage employers. The ICCB is collaborating with the Partnership for College Completion on the Building Capacity Across Illinois to Scale Corequisite Supports project that is focused on providing support to colleges and college faculty on the implementation of corequisite remediation and the development of implementation plans as mandated by the Development Education Reform Act. This project also includes provisions for the establishment of a Development Education Faculty Advisory Committee, made up of participating industrial faculty in the project. The project is funded by the Ascendium Foundation and includes \$25,000 of funding to the ICCB for participation.

Dr. Durham announced that Leonard Cruise has been hired to lead the East St. Louis Higher Education Campus. As director, Cruise will act as liaison between the campus partners that manage and deliver programs and the ICCB.

And finally, Executive Director Durham stated the advisory committee of the ECACE Consortium met last week. The IGA is signed on our end and waiting on DHS. Colleges will be notified next week of their awarded amounts pending finalized IGAs. Most of this work will be taking place in the upcoming fiscal year.

**Item #7 - Advisory Organizations**

**Item #7.1 - Student Advisory Council**

Student Board member, Jaleel Harris, stated the council met and discussed what advocacy means to them. There were updates on classes moving to virtual and the barriers students are facing, which includes campus participation and declining enrollment. The Council continued to work on a resolution on student issues and leadership development and the new student representatives were chosen.

**Item #7.2 – Illinois Council of Community College Presidents**

Dr. Jonathan Bullock stated the council had a new presidents retreat in late January. Dr. Durham gave an ICCB overview. They also had in depth discussions about data and cybersecurity. The Council heard from Vanessa Whaley & Steven Schuetz: Why Enrollment Futurist is Part of Your Job Description. Part of the discussion outlined: Wish you could foresee long-term trends in local workforce needs and community demographics to adequately assess and plan for the implications to your institution; Demographic trends and new student numbers are important; As your institution's futurist, you must know which trends and metrics to track to determine whether your prospective students are moving towards you or away from you; You must attract, engage, and enroll students – while refining your full student lifecycle, to pinpoint opportunities and remove barriers. Also in this session, they outlined what is required to create a shared, articulated action plan firmly committed to being student-centered and based on the institution's vision of the ideal student experience.

Enrollment management is rooted to your data-driven road map and a methodology which acknowledges your distinct market identity, student motivations, unique communication approaches and optimized recruiting, admission, and advising processes.

They also discussed: P-20, Learning Renewal, and Sustaining Best Practices. Critical issues for the Council were outlined: Joint letter on local control; Discussion on National Student Clearinghouse information; supply and Demand Analysis for Community College Baccalaureate; Vaccination & Testing requirements; and sharing of best practices and update on items of interest from each College.

## **Item #8 - Committee Reports**

### **Item #8.1 - Academic, Workforce, and Student Support Committee**

The committee met on the morning of March 25th at 8:00a with Teresa Garate, Nick Kachiroubas, Paige Ponder, Craig Bradley, Jaleel Harris, Marcus Brown, Whitney Thompson, and Jeff Newell. The following items were discussed: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Update-ICCB DEI Plan and the ICCCA- Diversity Commission; Statewide Adult Education Outreach Campaign; Agenda Item Updates: FY21 Adult Education and Literacy Report to the Governor and General Assembly, modification to the WIOA Unified State Plan, Lumina Grant, and Collaboration with the Partnership for College Completion; New Units were also reviewed.

### **Item #8.2 - Finance, Budgeting, Accountability and External Affairs Committee**

The committee meeting was cancelled.

#### **Item #8.2a – Presentation on Governor’s Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Recommendations**

On February 2, 2022, Governor Pritzker unveiled his proposed fiscal year 2023 budget in a virtual address to the General Assembly. Despite the worst pandemic in a century, Illinois is in its best fiscal position in years. The Governor’s proposed fiscal year 2023 general funds budget of \$45.4 billion includes an increase of \$15.8 million for community college and adult education system. These funds provide for a 5.0 percent increase in base operating grants (+ \$9.0 million), equalization grants (+ \$3.6 million), City Colleges of Chicago grant (+ \$0.6 million), adult education grants (+ \$1.7 million), and career and technical education grants (+ \$0.9 million). The proposed higher education budget also \$25.0 million for the creation of the Pipeline for the Advancement of the Healthcare (PATH) Workforce grant in direct response to the shortage of healthcare workers during the pandemic, which will allow community college system, participants to obtain certificates and degrees in the shortest possible time and benefit from wraparound student support services. Additionally, the proposed budget includes increases to MAP grants of \$122.0 million, to increase the maximum grant award to more students and to expand the program to those working towards shorter-term credentials not previously eligible for financial aid. Finally, the Governor recommended working with stakeholders to address deficits within the Community College Insurance Program and the proposed budget included an additional \$50 million state contribution toward paying the deficit in fiscal year 2023.

The Governor’s proposal does not include recommendations for new capital construction but does include the reappropriation of projects from the Rebuild Illinois capital program. This six-year program included \$479 million for new capital projects and statewide deferred maintenance at community colleges. Although the projects have been appropriated, the State must still issue bonds to finance the projects and authorize the release of funding before the projects can commence. A presentation was given to the Board on the specifics of the Governor’s proposed budget.

## **Item #9 - Presentation on the Rend Lake College and Southeastern IL College Institutional and Academic Alliance**

At the ICCB December Board meeting, the Board approved the Institutional and Academic Alliance Intergovernmental Agreement between Rend Lake College and Southeastern Illinois College. This

agreement reflected years of these two colleges working collaboratively in an effort to strengthen their institutions during challenging times of decreased enrollment, funding, and resources. This mutually beneficial relationship has been a collaborative effort that has impacted academic offerings, student services, and campus operations. The sharing of certain programs and services has maximized the utilization of finances, facilities, equipment, and personnel of each institution to provide educational services which might otherwise be impracticable for either of the parties individually. During this Board meeting, Mr. Terry Wilkerson, President of Rend Lake College, and Dr. Jonah Rice, President of Southeastern Illinois College, came to give the Board a brief overview of the background and all their efforts during this alliance.

### **Item #10 - New Units**

#### **Item #10.1 - Black Hawk College, Illinois Valley Community College, Lincoln Land Community College, Southwestern Illinois College, Triton College**

Paige Ponder made a motion, which was seconded by Nick Kachiroubas, 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**

##### Black Hawk College

- Occupational Therapy Assistant Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree (65 credit hours)

##### Illinois Valley Community College

- Dental Hygiene A.A.S. degree (71 credit hours)

##### Lincoln Land Community College

- Diagnostic Medical Sonography A.A.S. degree (66 credit hours)

##### Southwestern Illinois College

- Ag Business Management A.A.S. degree (64 credit hours)

##### Triton College

- Supply Chain Management Certificate (30 credit hours)

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote. Student advisory vote: yes.

### **Item #11 - Adoption of Minutes**

Lynette Stokes made a motion, which was seconded by Craig Bradley, to approve the following motion:

#### **Item #11.1 - Minutes of the January 28, 2022 Board Meeting**

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the Board minutes of the January 28, 2022 meeting as recorded.

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote. Student advisory vote: yes.

### **Item #12 - Consent Agenda**

Nick Kachiroubas made a motion, which was seconded by An-Me Chung, to approve the following items:

#### **Item #12.1 - Revised Calendar Year 2022 Board Meeting Dates and Locations**

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the REVISED Calendar Year 2022 Board

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Meeting Dates and Locations listed below:

Calendar Year 2022 Board Meeting Dates and Locations

January 28

9:00 a.m. – ~~Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield~~ Virtual

March 25

9:00 a.m. – Heartland Community College, Bloomington

June 17

9:00 a.m. – Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield

July

Subject to Call

~~August~~ September 15 - Board Retreat

TBD – John A. Logan College, Carterville

September 16

9:00 a.m. – ~~Richland Community College, Decatur~~ John A. Logan College, Carterville

December 2

9:00 a.m. – Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield

**Item #12.2 - Saluki Step Ahead Agreement Between Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Southwestern Illinois College**

The Illinois Community College Board hereby approves the individual Saluki Step Ahead agreement between Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Southwestern Illinois College.

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote. Student advisory vote: yes.

**Item #13 - Information Items**

There was no discussion.

**Item #13.1 - Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Statements**

**Item #13.2 - Spring 2022 Legislative Session Summary**

**Item #13.3 - Fiscal Year 2021 Adult Education Report to the Governor and General Assembly**

**Item #13.4 - Fiscal Year 2022 Spring ICCB Enrollment Report**

**Item #13.5 - WIOA Unified State Plan Update**

**Item #13.6 - Basic Certificate Program Approval approved on behalf of the Board by the Executive Director**

**Item #13.7 - Lumina Foundation Funding: Employer Connection Project**

**Item #13.8 - Collaboration with the Partnership for College Completion: The Building Capacity Across Illinois to Scale Corequisite Supports Project**

**Item #14 - Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Item #15 - Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Item #16 - Executive Session**

**Item #16.1 - Employment/Appointment Matters and Item #16.2 - Review of Executive Session Minutes**

Teresa Garate made a motion, which was seconded by Craig Bradley, to approve the following motion:

I move to enter Executive Session for the purpose of **Employment/Appointment Matters and review of Executive Session Minutes** which qualify as acceptable exceptions under Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to hold a closed session.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Craig Bradley	Yea	Paige Ponder	Yea
An-Me Chung	Yea	Lynette Stokes	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea	Jaleel Harris	Yea
Nick Kachiroubas	Yea	Lazaro Lopez	Yea

The motion was approved. Student advisory vote: yes. The Board entered executive session at 11:42 a.m.

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Teresa Garate made a motion, which was seconded by An-Me Chung, to reconvene Public Session at 11:56 a.m.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Craig Bradley	Yea	Paige Ponder	Yea
An-Me Chung	Yea	Lynette Stokes	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea	Jaleel Harris	Yea
Nick Kachiroubas	Yea	Lazaro Lopez	Yea

The motion was approved. Student advisory vote: yes.

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At this time, Student Board member Jaleel Harris left the meeting.

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**Item #17 - Executive Session Recommendations**

**Item #17.1 - Employment/Appointment Matters**

Teresa Garate made a motion, which was seconded by An-Me Chung, to approve the following motion:

The Illinois Community College Board authorizes the Executive Director to implement a cost of living adjustment that will not be lower than one percent (1%) or greater than four percent (4%) to all staff and adjust ranges as necessary, pending budget authority on July 1 for FY23.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Craig Bradley	Yea		
An-Me Chung	Yea	Paige Ponder	Yea
Teresa Garate	Yea	Lynette Stokes	Yea

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Nick Kachiroubas      Yea                      Lazaro Lopez              Yea

The motion was approved. Student advisory vote: yes.

**Item #18 - Approval of Confidentiality of Executive Session Minutes**

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

The Illinois Community College Board hereby determines the Executive Session Minutes held on September 16, 2005; September 21, 2005; September 15, 2006; November 17, 2006; January 22, 2007; February 26, 2007; March 26, 2007; June 8, 2007; May 19, 2008; September 19, 2008; March 26, 2010; June 4, 2010; January 28, 2011; March 18, 2011; June 3, 2011; September 16, 2011; January 27, 2012; November 16, 2012; January 25, 2013; February 6, 2013; March 22, 2013; September 20, 2013; June 6, 2014; September 18, 2015; November 20, 2015; January 22, 2016; June 3, 2016; March 17, 2017; June 2, 2017; June 1, 2018; August 28, 2018; October 2, 2018; November 30, 2018; March 15, 2019; June 7, 2019; June 12, 2020; September 11, 2020; December 4, 2020; June 4, 2021; August 19, 2021; December 3, 2021 are to remain confidential. All other Executive Session Minutes are available for public inspection.

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote. Student advisory vote: yes.

**Item #19 - Adjournment**

Craig Bradley made a motion, which was seconded by Teresa Garate, to adjourn the Board meeting at 11:58 a.m.

The motion was approved via unanimous voice vote.