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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Community Commons Building, Room 1406/07
(Gregg Chadwick Community Board Room)
1500 W. Raab Road, Normal, Illinois
August 19, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Laurie Bergner, Mary Campbell, Josh Crockett, Janet Hood, Aemun Lopeyok, Becky Ropp, Tom Whitt

Members Absent: Angell Howard

Others Present: Keith Cornille, Nora Dukowitz, Richard Seehuus, Mateusz Janik (Pantagraph), Steve Fast, Melanie Fata, Laura Hughs, Amy Pawlik, Jen O'Connor, Jean-Marie Taylor, Sarah Tipton, Scott Bross, Terrance Bond, Noah Lamb, Sarah Diel-Hunt, Chris Downing

Chair Becky Ropp called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02 pm.

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Trustee Tom Whitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

There was no public comment.

President's Report

President Keith Cornille thanked those who presented at the preceding Board dinner/workshop. The semester is off to a great start. Next week is Week of Welcome, which Student Trustee Aemun Lopeyok will report on later tonight. President Cornille gave an overview of the evening's meeting agenda.

President Cornille then asked Cabinet members for their reports. Dr. Sarah Diel-Hunt gave an unofficial report on enrollment. There was an increase of 2.7% in headcount and 1.6% in credit hours compared to last year. Adult Education saw the greatest gains (33% increase in headcount).

Dr. Diel-Hunt reported on a Heartland student, Friday Kessler, who was awarded Illinois GED Student of the Year.

Dr. Amy Pawlik gave a report on HALO enrollment. Heartland has 51 HALO students total this year. Dr. Pawlik also mentioned an upcoming Marine Celebration.

Dr. Chris Downing gave a report on the regional centers. Based on the Board's feedback at the recent Board retreat, Dr. Downing will give regular regional and Foundation updates at Board meetings going forward. Dr. Downing reported on the Foundation Funding Priorities (FFP) program and the current

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projects and their status.

Dr. Downing reported on the Hope on 5th project in Lincoln, which promotes digital literacy opportunities. The Pontiac campus is strengthening its connection with Caterpillar and Pontiac staff has attended recent Caterpillar outreach events.

President Cornille highlighted a few recent positive news articles about Heartland.

Financial Report

Trustee Janet Hood summarized and reported on the August Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Noah Lamb gave a report regarding the selection of the College's architect/engineering professional service providers, which is on the Consent Agenda for the Board's consideration tonight. Staff is recommending the Farnsworth Group and Design Mavens, a local woman-owned business.

Mr. Lamb and Ms. Laura Hughs then gave a strategic budget update for year-end FY25 and current FY26.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Tom Whitt gave the ICCTA report. The ICCTA just finished an Executive Retreat in August, which Trustee Whitt and Trustee Janet Hood attended. Trustee Whitt is going to chair the ICCTA Public Relations committee. The next ICCTA meeting is coming up in September in Springfield.

Trustee Aemun Lopeyok gave the Student Trustee report on recent and upcoming student events. There are several orientation events happening now since it is the start of the semester. The Week of Welcome/Involvement Fair is upcoming next week.

Chair Becky Ropp referenced the Calendar of Events and pointed out key upcoming dates.

Consent Agenda Action Items

Trustee Tom Whitt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- Bills
- Minutes: Special Meeting – July 21, 2025 and Regular Meeting – July 29, 2025
- Travel Expenses
- Approval of Professional Services: Architect/Engineering
- Academic Calendars AY2025-26 and Draft AY2026-27 Correction

Trustee Laurie Bergner seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Non-Personnel Action Items

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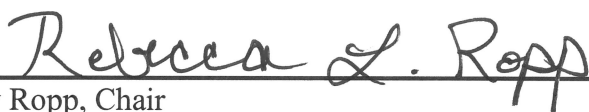
There were no non-personnel actions items for Board consideration.

Personnel Action Items

Trustee Josh Crockett made a motion to approve the Monthly Personnel Actions item. Trustee Janet Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

Chair Ropp closed by wishing everyone a fantastic academic year.

Having no other business, Trustee Tom Whitt made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Mary Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm.



Becky Ropp, Chair



Josh Crockett, Secretary