



HEARTLAND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES OF THE Business Meeting - Jan 20 2026

OF THE HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1500 W. RAAB ROAD, NORMAL, IL

Community Commons Building - CCB 1406/07

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

6:00 PM

Members: Becky Ropp, Angell Howard, Josh Crockett, Tom Whitt, Laurie Bergner, Aemun Lopeyok, Mary Campbell (entered after roll call), Janet Hood

Others: Trevor Hoberty, Maggie Stolfa, Gena Glover, Samantha Nussbaum, Steve Fast, Adam Campbell, Kristi Glesne, Chris Downing, Jean-Marie Taylor, Andy Litwiller, Sarah Tipton, Laura Hughs, Scott Bross, Josh Woods, Jason Nelson, Amy Pawlik, Noah Lamb, Sarah Diel-Hunt, Karen Corrigan, Jen O'Connor, others

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Becky Ropp called the meeting to order at approximately 6:08 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

3. Adopt Agenda

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. President's Report

President Keith Cornille thanked the Continuing Education staff for presenting at the Board meeting and Chair Becky Ropp, Trustee Janet Hood, and Chris Downing for joining him to present in front of the Livingston County Board. President Cornille also reported on the Carle

Mobile Unit that will be on campus once a month. He also gave condolences regarding the recent passing of Dr. Allan Saaf.

The College was recently reviewed by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) and earned the status of "Recognition Continued," the highest possible.

President Cornille then went over the evening's agenda.

5.1 Building Renaming (Oral)

Aemun Lopeyok and Sarah Tipton gave a presentation about the renaming of the WDC to the Student Center (SC) and the SCB to the Academic Resource Center (ARC).

5.2 Community Facility Usage Report (Oral)

Chris Downing and Gena Glover gave a presentation about external rentals at Heartland. The use of campus space has increased in recent years.

5.3 First Day Spring 2026 Enrollment Report (Oral)

Dr. Sarah Diel-Hunt gave an initial report on spring enrollment. Census Day, which are the numbers Heartland reports to the state, is upcoming on Monday. Overall enrollment saw an increase in headcount but a slight decrease in credit hours.

5.4 Cabinet Reports (Oral)

Dr. Diel-Hunt congratulated Karen Corrigan on her recent award from the Soybean Association.

Dr. Chris Downing gave remarks about the recent presentation of the Regional Strategic Plan to the Livingston County Board.

6. Financial Report

6.1 Finance Committee (Oral)

Trustee Janet Hood reported on the activities of the Finance Committee, which included the budget presentations on the agenda this evening, an employee insurance update, and tuition. The Committee recommends approval of the items on the non-personnel portion of the agenda.

6.2 FY2026 Midyear Budget Update

Laura Hughs gave a brief update on where the FY2026 budget stands at the moment. Questions and discussion ensued.

6.3 FY2027 Strategic Budget Update

Noah Lamb gave an update on the FY2027 budget, which is currently under development and shows an approximately one million dollar deficit. The budget process is starting earlier than previous years and will allow for proper planning.

7. Trustee Reports

7.1 ICCTA (Oral)

Trustee Tom Whitt reported on upcoming activities of the ICCTA and ACCT, including the ACCT National Legislative Summit in February and the regular ICCTA meeting in March.

7.2 [Student Trustee](#) 

The Winter Involvement Fair is tomorrow. Student organizations are busy planning spring activities, including Alternative Spring Break. Intermural sports are scheduled against ISU.

7.3 [Calendar of Events](#) 

8. [Consent Agenda Action Items](#)

Trustee Whitt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Bergner seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

8.1 [Bills](#) 

- 8.2 [Minutes](#)  : Board Workshop, Public Hearing, and Business Meetings - December 16, 2025

[Board Workshop - Dec 16 2025 - Minutes - Public.docx](#) 

[Public Hearing - Dec 16 2025 - Minutes - Public.docx](#) 

[Business Meeting - Dec 16 2025 - Minutes - Public.docx](#) 

- 8.3 [Travel Expenditures](#) 

- 8.4 [Building Renaming](#) 

- 8.5 [Summer Hours](#) 

9. Non-Personnel Action Items

- 9.1 [New Program Approval: Career and Technical Education Programs](#) 

Adam Campbell gave a brief presentation regarding proposed new programs. Trustee Crockett made a motion to approve the New Program Approvals. Trustee Campbell seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

- 9.2 [Approval of WDC/Student Center Phase III Project](#) 

Trustee Lopeyok made a motion to approve the WDC/Student Center Phase III. Trustee Whitt seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

- 9.3 [Approval of PPB Storage Building Project](#) 

Trustee Bergner made a motion to approve the PPB Storage Building Project. Trustee Campbell seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

- 9.4 [Approval of SCB Suite 1600/2404 Renovations Bids](#) 

Trustee Hood made a motion to approve the SCB Suite 1600/2404 Renovation Bids. Trustee Howard seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

10. Closed Session: Negotiations – Section 2(c)(2) of 5 ILCS 120 and Personnel - Section 2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS 120 

Trustee Howard made a motion to go into Closed Session. The motion to go into Closed Session was seconded by Trustee Hood. Closed Session began at approximately 7:43 pm.

Trustee Whitt made a motion to end Closed Session. The motion to end Closed Session was seconded by Trustee Hood. The motion passed unopposed. Closed Session ended at approximately 7:58 pm.

Trustee Bergner made a motion to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Whitt. The motion passed unopposed.

11. Personnel Action Items

11.1 Monthly Personnel Actions Monthly Personnel Actions 

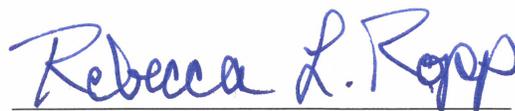
Trustee Bergner made a motion to approve the Monthly Personnel Actions. Trustee Howard seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

11.2 Faculty Sabbatical Leave Recommendations 

Trustee Howard made a motion to approve the Faculty Sabbatical Leave Recommendations. Trustee Whitt seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

12. Adjournment

Trustee Whitt made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Hood seconded. The motion passed unopposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:03 pm.



Becky Ropp, Board Chair



Josh Crockett, Board Secretary