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**HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE - PONTIAC
211 E. Madison, Pontiac, IL – Room 220
March 19, 2024
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

Members Present: Becky Ropp, Janet Hood, Mary Campbell, Josh Crockett, Cecelia Long, Tom Whitt, Andria Merkle

Members Absent: Jeff Flessner

Others Present: Keith Cornille, Nora Dukowitz, Sarah Diel-Hunt, Noah Lamb

Chair Becky Ropp called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:03 pm.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Trustee Tom Whitt made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Trustee Mary Campbell. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Keith Cornille thanked April Fornero, Director of the Pontiac campus, for hosting tonight's meeting and her presentation at the Board dinner. President Cornille thanked those that attended the ribbon cutting for the Advanced Manufacturing Center and those that attended this morning's Chamber of Commerce Ag breakfast. The Agriculture Complex is getting a lot of community use.

In April, the Board will meet back at the Normal campus and the regular meeting room (CCB 1406/07) will have been remodeled. Instead of the 5 pm dinner and workshop that the Board would normally have that day, there will be a ribbon cutting for the remodeled room, which is being named for former Board chair Gregg Chadwick as the Gregg Chadwick Community Board Room.

President Cornille noted that conversations regarding dual credit legislation are continuing amongst faculty and others related to the legislation. He also noted that we will be working

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alongside faculty to address the issues outlined in their internal report related to dual credit at Heartland.

President Cornille reviewed several upcoming events that have recently been added to the calendar, including a gallery exhibit, the solar eclipse viewing event, the business showcase, and others.

President Cornille went over other agenda topics for the evening's regular meeting. He gave a brief presentation about ongoing and upcoming facilities projects, particularly those that are seeking project approval or approval of bids from the Board this evening.

CABINET REPORTS

Dr. Sarah Diel-Hunt reported that summer enrollment opened on March 5th and it appears to be tracking in a similar way to last year. Fall enrollment opens in a couple of weeks. An accomplishment of note, some of Heartland's Agriculture students advanced to the national Postsecondary Agricultural Student (PAS) competition and did very well, one earning first place.

Heartland's Marketing department won the gold National Paragon Award for the fall 2022 Continuing Education booklet. This award recognizes outstanding achievement in design and communication at two-year community and technical colleges.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Trustee Janet Hood reported that the Finance Committee received updates on the landscape project and associated bids as well as the CCB/SCB interior design project and bids. They also received a brief update on the upcoming chiller repairs. Lastly, the Committee received an update on the budget planning timeline and the wage survey.

Mr. Noah Lamb made note that the Finance packet provided to the Board has been simplified. He reviewed key points in the report and noted the budget timeline.

Mr. Lamb gave a high-level overview of the status of the wage survey. He outlined various elements that go into factoring compensation and reported that Heartland's consultant and staff are considering these during the wage evaluation process. He went over the anticipated timeline to move forward and said an update would be available later this spring.

Questions from the Board and discussion ensued.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

ICCTA

Trustee Tom Whitt reported that an ICCTA event recently took place at Kankakee Community College. At the event, there was a luncheon with Arthur Levine, the author of *The Great Upheaval*. Also, there was an educational seminar focused on AI. Trustee Whitt gave an ICCTA

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legislative report with updates on various issues. ICCTA Lobby Day is May 1 (evening reception) and May 2.

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Trustee Andria Merkle gave the student trustee report. Trustee Merkle gave an update on the recent Alternative Spring Break trip. Ten students went to Virginia to clean trails and improve landscaping in a park. The Heartland Activities Committee hosted a bowling night in February that was a success. Around 60 students showed up. There is a watch party for election night tonight with ISU. SGA is preparing for their own elections now. Candidate applications are currently open and current SGA members are actively recruiting for positions. April 18 is ICCB-SAC student lobby day.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Becky Ropp went over the proposed Board Policy review schedule for the year. She also said she will be communicating several things over the next few months regarding standardizing processes around the President's annual evaluation. President Cornille's contract is up at the end of June. The chair indicated there are no issues; now is just a good time to standardize the process.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Andria Merkle and seconded by Trustee Tom Whitt to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Bills
- Minutes of the Board Workshop and Regular Meeting - February 20, 2024
- Travel Expenditures
- Academic Calendars: Final 2024-2025 and Draft 2025-2026
- Budget Preparation Resolution FY25
- Approval of Passenger Van Bids

The motion passed unanimously.

NON-PERSONNEL

Trustee Tom Whitt made a motion to pass the Approval of Landscape Projects (Phase I) item. Trustee Mary Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to pass the Approval of Landscape Projects (Phase I) Bids item. Trustee Josh Crockett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Andria Merkle made a motion to pass the Approval SCB/CCB Interior Project (Phase I) item. Trustee Josh Crockett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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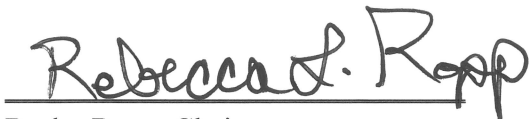
Trustee Andria Merkle made a motion to pass the Approval SCB/CCB Interior Project (Phase I) Bids item. Trustee Josh Crockett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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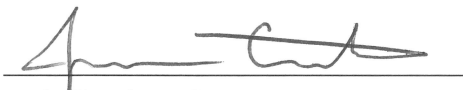
Trustee Cecelia Long made a motion to pass the Monthly Personnel Actions item. Trustee Tom Whitt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Andria Merkle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Trustee Josh Crockett. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:34 pm.

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Becky Ropp, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Josh Crockett", written over a horizontal line.

Josh Crockett, Secretary