

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BOARD WORKSHOP  
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE LINCOLN  
2201 Woodlawn, Lincoln, IL – Room 403  
October 15, 2024  
5:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Becky Ropp, Jeff Flessner, Auston Koch, Mary Campbell, Tom Whitt, Janet Hood, Josh Crockett, Cecelia Long (entered at approximately 5:20 pm)

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** President Keith Cornille, Jennifer Kirby, Noah Lamb, Laura Hughs, Nora Dukowitz

Chair Becky Ropp called the meeting to order at approximately 5:08 pm. Roll call was taken. There was no public comment.

President Keith Cornille introduced the topic of the workshop, budget matters, citing the Board's desire coming out of their July retreat for more financial education throughout the year, and turned the floor over to Noah Lamb for a presentation. Mr. Lamb reviewed the tax revenue process and what happens in the fall/winter vs. the spring/summer/fall. He reviewed the concept of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District and explained various facets of a TIF. Discussion and questioned ensued.

Laura Hughs introduced and explained the topic of tax abatements. Discussion and questions ensued.

Mr. Lamb introduced the topic of assessment appeals, which occur when a tax payer disagrees with the assessed valuation of their property, and their potential impact on a taxing body. Discussion and questions ensued.

Having presented and discussed all planned topics, at approximately 5:59 pm, Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Mary Campbell seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned unopposed.

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Becky Ropp, Chair

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Josh Crockett, Secretary