

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Community Commons Building, Room 1406/07  
1500 W. Raab Road, Normal, IL  
February 18, 2025  
6:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Becky Ropp, Jon Kilgore, Janet Hood, Auston Koch, Tom Whitt, Mary Campbell, Josh Crockett

Members Absent: Cecelia Long

Others Present: President Keith Cornille, Dr. Sarah Diel-Hunt, Noah Lamb, Sarah Tipton, Dominick Demonica, Steve Fast, Jean-Marie Taylor, members of SGA, Melanie Fata, Jason Nelson, Scott Bross, Jill Blar, Jeff Michaels, Andy Litwiller, Hannah Houston, Jaxon Henrich, Mars (?), Pantagraph guy, Amy Pawlik, Aemun, Josh Woods, Barb Leathers, Laurie Bergner, Chris Downing, Anjanel Folkens, Jennifer O'Connor, Trevor, Ngeno family members, other members of the public and College community

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

**Adopt Agenda**

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to adopt the agenda. Trustee Thomas Whitt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Jaxon Henrichs presented a recommendation on the tuition and fees proposal, on behalf of the Student Government Association (SGA) leadership. The SGA would like to recommend a \$1 increase in tuition as well as a \$1 increase in fees. The SGA thanks the College for its frequent meetings with the SGA and for asking for their input. They feel like valuable partners in the process of setting tuition.

**President's Report**

President Keith Cornille thanked Terrance Bond for his presentation at the preceding Board dinner regarding the environmental scan.

President Cornille showed videos of the two murals recently installed, one at the Ag Complex and one at the WDC/Student Center – Multicultural Lounge. President Cornille thanked former student trustee Rodney Billerbeck for his work on the installation at the Ag Complex. Dr. Sarah

Diel-Hunt discussed the Multicultural Lounge mural and turned the floor over to Megan Rolfs to speak more on the process.

President Cornille called Dr. Chris Downing to the podium to speak about the naming of spaces for the Ngeno Family Adult Education Center. Dr. Downing acknowledged the donors: Jill Blair, Jeff Michaels, Tammy Truitt, Jeanette Diller, Khrystna Sanborn, and alums, Jacob and Bennedictine Ngeno.

President Cornille acknowledged the SGA members in the room for their leadership and work on the tuition and fees recommendation.

President Cornille reviewed the Consent Agenda. He also reviewed the non-personnel action items and personnel action items and stated this evening would include a Closed Session.

Dominick Demonica gave an overview of the WDC/Student Center Phase II and ICN Project, including renderings and an update on timeline and components of each. Mr. Noah Lamb gave an overview of project financing.

Chair Becky Ropp read a proclamation honoring Barb Leathers, Executive Director of HR, who is retiring at the end of this month. Ms. Leathers has worked at the College for 33 years.

### **Financial Report**

Trustee Janet Hood gave a report on the activities of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee received an update on employee insurance from R&R Consulting. They also received information on items to be presented at the Regular Board meeting.

Mr. Noah Lamb gave a presentation regarding proposed tuition and fees, which is on the agenda for action in non-personnel.

### **Trustees Reports**

#### **ICCTA**

Trustee Tom Whitt gave a report on the recent trip to the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. President Cornille, Trustee Whitt, Chair Ropp, Trustee Auston Koch, Trustee Josh Crockett, and Mr. Steve Fast attended on behalf of Heartland. Trustee Whitt reviewed the elected officials they met with and programs they attended. The next ICCTA meeting is in March in Lisle.

#### **Student Trustee**

Trustee Koch thanked the Board for always asking for input from the SGA on important topics such as tuition. Trustee Koch detailed recent student activities and upcoming events.

### **Consent Agenda Action Items**

Trustee Mary Campbell asked to remove the Apartment Complex Intervention Resolution from the Consent Agenda for separate action. This item was moved to the non-personnel portion of the meeting for consideration.

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

- Approval of Bills
- Board Meeting Minutes
- Minutes of the Board Workshop and Regular Meeting – January 21, 2025
- Semi-Annual Closed Session Minutes and Recordings – August 2024 to January 2025
- Naming of Spaces – Ngeno Family Adult Education Center
- Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation District (BNWRD) Easement

Trustee Auston Koch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Non-Personnel Action Items**

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to approve the AY2025-2026 Tuition and Fees Recommendation item. Trustee Josh Crockett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to approve the Approval of Landscape Improvements Phase II Project item. Trustee Jon Kilgore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to approve the Approval of Constitution Trail Project item. Trustee Mary Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Josh Crockett made a motion to approve the Approval of SCB Data Room Project (Amended) item. Trustee Thomas Whitt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Thomas Whitt made a motion to approve the Approval of SCB Data Room Bids item. Trustee Janet Hood seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Earlier in the meeting, Trustee Mary Campbell asked to remove the Apartment Complex Intervention Resolution from the Consent Agenda, hence it was moved to the non-personnel portion of the agenda. Trustee Janet Hood motioned to approve the resolution. Trustee Thomas Whitt seconded. The motion passed with six in favor and one opposed (Trustee Campbell).

#### **Closed Session: Collective Negotiating Matters – Section 2(c)(2) of 5 ILCS 120**

Trustee Tom Whitt made a motion at approximately 7:29 pm to go into Closed Session. Trustee Jon Kilgore seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Closed Session started at approximately 7:38 pm.

Trustee Thomas Whitt made a motion to end Closed Session. Trustee Mary Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Josh Crockett made a motion to return to Open Session. Trustee Auston Koch seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the Board returned to Open Session as approximately 8:15 pm.

#### **Personnel Action Items**

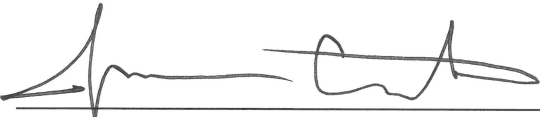
Trustee Auston Koch made a motion to approve the Monthly Personnel Actions. Trustee Josh Crockett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Jon Kilgore made a motion to approve the Tenure Recommendations. Trustee Thomas Whitt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

Trustee Thomas Whitt made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Janet Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at approximately 8:19 pm.

  
Chair Becky Ropp

  
Secretary Josh Crockett