



**MINUTES OF THE Business Meeting - Dec 16 2025
OF THE HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1500 W. RAAB ROAD, NORMAL, IL

Community Commons Building - CCB 1406/07

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

6:15 PM

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Keith Cornille, Noah Lamb, Sarah Diel-Hunt, Chris Downing, Steve Fast, Terrance Bond, Amy Pawlik, Jennifer O'Connor, Melanie Fata, Steve Fast, Trevor Hoberty, Laura Hughs, Scott Bross, Josh Woods, Jason Nelson, Patrick Hoffman, members of the Heartland Volleyball team, Tyler Yahne, Mary Frahm, Mateusz Janik (Pantagraph), Ryan Knox, Sarah Tipton, other members of the public

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Becky Ropp called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

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

3. Adopt Agenda

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to adopt the agenda. Trustee Laurie Bergner seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. President's Report

President Keith Cornille thanked faculty and staff for their work finishing up the semester and preparing for today's meetings. He then applauded Heartland's volleyball champions, including Coach Mary Frahm and Athletics Director Ryan Knox. Coach Frahm and volleyball players made a few comments about their championship experience.

President Cornille noted the Community Update postcard handout at the Trustees' seats, the budget priorities handout, a copy of a Pantagraph article regarding the Heartland Hawks food drive, and the employee count data sheet.

President Cornille reviewed the agenda for the Business Meeting.

5.1

Building Renaming

President Cornille gave a brief presentation regarding the proposed renaming of two of the College's buildings, the Workforce Development Center (WDC) to the Student Center (SC) and the Student Commons Building (SCB) to the Academic Resource Center (ARC). The proposed names reflect the current purposes of the buildings. A task force has been working on the proposed renaming. This item is anticipated to come before the Board for consideration of approval in January.

5.2

Cabinet Reports (Oral)

Dr. Sarah Diel-Hunt, Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, gave a spring enrollment report. Total headcount is up 3% and credit hours are flat. Adult Education is up by around 50% at the moment. Dr. Diel-Hunt gave more details and statistics about how spring enrollment is currently trending, with a caveat that numbers are anticipated to change and she will come back with final numbers in January.

Dr. Diel-Hunt reported that two faculty members, Adam Scott and Johnna Darragh, recently gave sabbatical presentations.

She also reported that the Medical Assistant program accreditation has been approved.

President Cornille reported that every five years the College goes through a review from the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), and the ICCB, after its most recent review, is anticipated to recommend continuation of recognition for Heartland at their January Board meeting. President Cornille thanked staff for their work on assembling the report.

Dr. Amy Pawlik gave an update on grants that were recently received in her area. Questions and discussion ensued.

Dr. Chris Downing thanked those who participated in the Lincoln Holiday Parade last Thursday. He also briefly discussed enrollment trends at the Lincoln and Pontiac centers. Lincoln High School and Pontiac High School will be playing against each other in basketball next week. Finally, he gave a fundraising update. The Foundation is running over 30% ahead of where it was last year at this time in fundraising.

6. Financial Report

6.1 Finance Committee (Oral)

Trustee Janet Hood summarized the activities of the Finance Committee from their meeting earlier in the day. The Committee received updates on employee insurance and various project closeouts. The Committee recommends to the Board the approval of the tax levy and the Protection, Health, and Safety (PHS) projects presented on the Non-Personnel portion of the Business Meeting agenda.

6.2 PHS Update (Oral)

Noah Lamb, Vice President of Finance and Administration, gave a presentation regarding Protection, Health, and Safety (PHS) projects. The Board will consider approval of PHS

projects in the Non-Personnel portion of the Business Meeting agenda.

7. Trustee Reports

7.1 ICCTA (Oral)

Trustee Tom Whitt gave a report on upcoming events and activities, including the ACCT National Legislative Summit in February. In March, the next ICCTA meeting will take place. The topic is anticipated to be AI. Trustee Tom Whitt also gave a brief update on federal issues impacting community colleges.

7.2 [Student Trustee](#)

Trustee Aemun Lopeyok gave a report on recent activities of various student groups. Alternative Spring Break (ASB) applications are currently being accepted. The Winter Involvement Fair will take place in January. Trustee Aemun Lopeyok also reported on the success of the recent student food drive.

7.3 [Calendar of Events](#)

8. [Consent Agenda Action Items](#)

Trustee Tom Whitt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Angell Howard seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

8.1 [Bills](#)

8.2 Minutes: Board Workshop and Business Meetings - November 18, 2025

[Board Workshop - Nov 18 2025 - Minutes - Public.docx](#)

[Business Meeting - Nov 18 2025 - Minutes - Public.docx](#)

8.3 [Travel Expenditures](#)

8.4 [Board Policy Revision - Second Reading - Campus Crime and Security](#) 

9. Non-Personnel Action Items

9.1 [2025 Tax Levy Resolution](#) 

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to approve the 2025 Tax Levy Resolution. Trustee Josh Crockett seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

9.2 [2025 Protection, Health and Safety \(PHS\) Project Approval](#)



Trustee Josh Crockett made a motion to approve the 2025 Protection, Health and Safety (PHS) Project Approval. Trustee Tom Whitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

9.3 [Approval of CDL Heat Pump Replacement Purchase](#) 

Trustee Laurie Bergner made a motion to approve the CDL Heat Pump Replacement Purchase. Trustee Janet Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

9.4 [Approval of Challenger Learning Center Renovation Project](#) 

Trustee Angell Howard made a motion to approve the Challenger Learning Center Renovation Project. Trustee Janet Hood seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

9.5 [Board Meeting Calendar](#) 

After Board discussion, Trustee Laurie Bergner amended the presented motion on the floor. The calendar was approved as presented with the amendment that the proposed October 20th meeting will take place on October 13th so that trustees can travel to the ACCT conference in Chicago, which begins October 21st. Trustee Laurie Bergner made the amended motion. The amended motion was seconded by Tom Whitt. The amended motion passed unopposed.

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

Trustee Josh Crockett made a motion to go into Closed Session. The motion to go into Closed Session was seconded by Angell Howard. Closed Session began at approximately 7:30 pm.

Trustee Tom Whitt made a motion to end Closed Session. The motion to end Closed Session was seconded by Trustee Laurie Bergner. The motion passed unopposed. Closed Session ended at approximately 7:50 pm.

Trustee Josh Crockett made a motion to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mary Campbell. The motion passed unopposed.

11. Personnel Action Items

11.1 Monthly Personnel Actions

Trustee Aemun Lopeyok made a motion to approve the Monthly Personnel Report. Trustee Tom Whitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

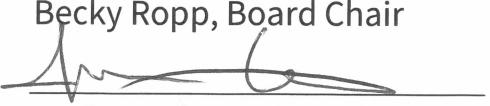
11.2 Emeritus Designations

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to approve the Emeritus Designations. Trustee Josh Crockett seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

12. Adjournment

Trustee Angell Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Tom Whitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:53 pm.



Becky Ropp, Board Chair


Josh Crockett, Board
Secretary