



**MINUTES OF THE Board Workshop - Mar 24 2026  
OF THE HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**1500 W. RAAB ROAD, NORMAL, IL**

HCCP - 211 E. Madison, Pontiac

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

**5:00 PM**

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

Others: Keith Cornille, Nora Dukowitz, April Fornero, Chris Downing

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Becky Ropp called the meeting to order at approximately 5:13 pm.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**3. [Pontiac Update](#) **

Chris Downing introduced April Fornero to give the Pontiac update. She began by thanking the Livingston Area Career Center for preparing dinner for the Workshop this evening, and then gave some of her personal background.

Ms. Fornero provided statistical data on the student headcount, which has increased slightly over the past year in regular enrollment and decreased slightly in CollegeNow enrollment. The decrease can be tied to a decrease in the area's general population. She also provided information about the Heartland Academy for Learning Opportunities (HALO) program at the Pontiac location, which added students in its second cohort (fall 2025). The Pontiac campus is pleased to offer Adult Education classes, which are slightly up in enrollment. The campus also proctors GED exams. Pontiac offers Continuing Education classes on campus including babysitting training, which helps to address the childcare desert issue in Livingston County, and Business Solutions training.

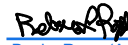
Ms. Fornero shared information about the student services offered at the Pontiac location, such as academic advising, success coaching, student counseling, testing, and tutoring. She described the student engagement opportunities offered on campus and community

involvement activities. She detailed the campus's FY26 accomplishments, including the regional strategic plan, enhancing the student experience by building a lounge, and serving as a community resource by participating with local social service agencies. In FY27, the campus will aim to further implement the strategic plan, update the student center and expand enrollment opportunities, and explore adding testing services, along with other initiatives.

Questions and discussion ensued.

#### 4. **Adjournment**

Trustee Whitt made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Howard. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:53 pm.



[Becky Ropp \(Apr 22, 2026 13:16:47 CDT\)](#)

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Becky Ropp, Board Chair



[Josh Crockett \(Apr 27, 2026 14:49:19 CDT\)](#)

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Josh Crockett, Board Secretary


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