



## **MINUTES OF THE Board Workshop - Feb 17 2026**

### **OF THE HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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

Community Commons Building - CCB 2012

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

**5:00 PM**

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

Members Absent: None

Others: Keith Cornille, Nora Dukowitz

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

Chair Becky Ropp called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 pm.

#### **2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **3. Review of Board Goals**

Chair Becky Ropp reviewed the Board's goals, which were established last summer and the progress on them since. These goals include: 1) Establish a finance education calendar, 2) Explore education opportunities for Board members related to advocacy, and 3) Establish an outreach plan to better engage with other areas of the district. Discussion ensued. Trustee Janet Hood offered the idea of having other (non-Heartland) elected officials come to a Board workshop, along with Board members visiting their offices.

Trustee Josh Crockett suggested that a new goal for the Board would be to come with new goals to the July retreat.

**4. ACCT/ICCTA Updates**

Trustee Tom Whitt presented on ACCT/ICCTA updates. He explained the purpose of the organizations, their activities, etc., and how they each support the colleges and trustees.

**5. Strategic Plan Update**

Nora Dukowitz presented a brief update on the draft Strategic Plan, including the timeline to date, current activities, and what to anticipate in the future, including the draft plan coming to the Board for consideration for adoption later this spring.

**6. Adjournment**

Trustee Laurie Bergner made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Josh Crockett. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:54 pm.



[Becky Ropp \(Mar 25, 2026 14:20:18 CDT\)](#)

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Becky Ropp, Board Chair



[Josh Crockett \(Mar 30, 2026 12:07:22 CDT\)](#)

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Josh Crockett, Board  
Secretary

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