



HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES OF THE Board Retreat - Jul 21 2026

OF THE HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1500 W. RAAB ROAD, NORMAL, IL

Community Commons Building - CCB 2012

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

6:00 PM

Members: Janet Hood, Becky Ropp (arrived at approximately 6:30 pm), Josh Crockett, Tom Whitt, Angell Howard, Laurie Bergner, Summer Barone

Members Absent: Mary Campbell

Others: Keith Cornille, Nora Dukowitz, Noah Lamb, Sarah Diel-Hunt

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair Janet Hood called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 pm.

2. Approval of Remote Attendance

This item was not acted upon as it was no longer necessary.

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

4. Adopt Agenda

To adopt the agenda as presented

Moved by: Thomas Whitt; seconded by: Josh Crockett

Aye: Summer Barone, Laurie Bergner, Josh Crockett, Janet Hood, Angell Howard, Becky Ropp, and Thomas Whitt

Absent: Mary Campbell

Carried 7-0

5. Public Comment

Jean-Marie Taylor spoke on the topic of adjunct faculty compensation. Ms. Taylor's remarks are attached [here](#) .

Ryan Edel spoke on the topic of adjunct faculty meeting attendance and compensation.

After public comment concluded, President Cornille shared a few comments about recent student successes. He also highlighted the recent addition of bus service to/from the Pontiac satellite location. He gave a brief budget update regarding the reduction in the

equalization grant. Finally, he passed out an article about the changing role of community college presidents.

6. Conflict of Interest Statement

Noah Lamb indicated that a recent audit identified a best practice of having Board members and certain employees sign a conflict of interest disclosure statement. The Board was asked to sign this statement to be kept on file. They will be asked to sign it annually.

7. Parliamentary Procedure

Jim Reed from the ICCTA gave a refresher on parliamentary procedure.

8. Closed Session: Self-Evaluation - Section 2(c)(16) of 5 ILCS 120 and Personnel - Section 2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS 120 and Negotiations - Section 2(c)(2) of 5 ILCS 120

To go into Closed Session

Moved by: Thomas Whitt; seconded by: Janet Hood

Aye: Summer Barone, Laurie Bergner, Mary Campbell, Janet Hood, Angell Howard, Becky Ropp, and Thomas Whitt

Absent: Josh Crockett

Carried 7-0

The Board went into Closed Session at approximately 6:53 pm.

The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 9:12 pm.

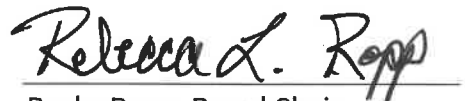
9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:13 pm.

To adjourn the meeting

Moved by: Thomas Whitt; seconded by: Laurie Bergner

Carried


Becky Ropp, Board Chair


[Joshua Crockett \(Aug 23, 2026 22:32:02 CDT\)](#)
Josh Crockett, Board Secretary

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