

**SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 15, 2025; 6:17 PM
RODNEY J BRENNER BOARD ROOM**

The Southeastern Illinois College Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Rodney J. Brenner Board Room. On roll call, the following members were present: Dr. Frank Barbre, Mr. Richard Morgan, Mr. Jim Ellis, Mrs. Debbie Hughes, Mr. David Dennison and Mr. Charles King.

Also present were: Dr. Karen Weiss, Mrs. Gina Sirach, Ms. Lisa Hite, Dr. Tyler Billman, Dr. Chris Barr, Mr. Avery Henderson, and Mrs. Kathy Volkening.

Mrs. Hughes welcomed guests and allowed time for comment.

Mrs. Hughes swore in the new Student Trustee, Avery Henderson for the 2025-2026 school year.

Reports:

ICCTA (Barbre)

Dr. Barbre reported that he will be attending Lobby Day in Springfield, May 6-7. The ICCTA Annual Convention will be held in Bloomington, IL on June 6th.

Student Trustee (Charles King)

- Nursing Club held a silent auction on March 26th, and they served dinner at Heaven's Kitchen on April 15th.
- The Speech Team did well at Nationals. Several people won awards.
- Student Government held a fundraiser for the Honor Flight. They raised enough to cover a Veteran and their support person.
- TRIO Day is April 16th
- Basketball has concluded. Charles commented on the great job the coaching staff has done and thanked the board for their help during his time as Student Trustee.

President's Report (Weiss)

Dr. Weiss provided an update on the following:

- Spring 2025 Illinois Community College Opening Enrollment Report
- Nursing applications are back to pre-COVID numbers.
- Foundation dinner will be held on Friday, April 25th before "Something Rotten"
- Ferrell Hospital's 100th Birthday Celebration will be April 26th.
- Dr. Weiss will be meeting with Mike Sirach and Brandon Smith to discuss artwork for the Carmi Campus.

- Workforce Training has had several things going on this month. These included a tactical group from Alabama for training, CPR classes, and a career day for the Mt. Vernon, IN Middle School.
- The Learning Commons will be hosting Stephanie Plumlee, a local author, on April 17th as well as having a poetry reading on April 23rd.
- 618 Dance recital is May 3rd, and the Spring Choir Performance is May 4th.
- Cabinet has been busy with HLC and ICCB.

SIC Employees has no report this month.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Ellis and seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve the consent agenda which included the March 18, 2025 regular and closed session minutes, destroying tapes of the September 2023 closed session, the Treasurer's report, and the approval of bills for March 2025 which totaled \$1,184,330.04 that included \$639,776.61 in Payroll. On roll call the following members voted:

Aye _____ Nay

Dr. Barbre

Mr. Morgan

Mr. Ellis

Mrs. Hughes

Mr. Bradley

Mr. Dennison

Mrs. Sirach

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Non-Action Items

- A. Spring 2025 Illinois Community College Opening Enrollment Report
- B. 2025 Student Satisfaction Survey

Action Items

- A motion was made by Trustee Ellis seconded by Trustee Sirach to approve the Board Revision and Name Change of BP 9016 – Prohibiting Sex-Based Misconduct (Adopted). All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Trustee Barbre seconded by Trustee Sirach to approve the budget transfers for April 2025. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Trustee Dennison seconded by Trustee Morgan to approve the Curriculum Committee Report. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Trustee Ellis seconded by Trustee Sirach to approve the Course Fee Increase for Nursing and Allied Health. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business, Topics, or Discussion

Mrs. Volkening let the Board know the options they had for the required training they must do in June. They were given the option of attending the ICCTA Annual Convention on June 6th, doing virtual training on June 14th, or getting a link from Robbins Schwartz mid-June. Anyone wanting to attend the ICCTA Annual Conference needs to let Kathy know for registration purposes.

Personnel

A motion was made by Trustee Barbre, seconded by Trustee Dennison, to approve all items listed in Personnel. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

- A. Approve the hiring of Director of Network & Security
- B. Approve Adjunct Faculty Recommendations

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Morgan made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Barbre. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.