

SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 19, 2025; 6:00 PM
RODNEY J BRENNER BOARD ROOM

The Southeastern Illinois College Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:03 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, Mrs. Gina Sirach, and Mr. Avery Henderson.

Also present were: Dr. Karen Weiss, Ms. Lisa Hite, Dr. Tyler Billman, Dr. Chris Barr, Dr. Kyla Burford, Ms. Rachel Parish, and Ms. Kathy Volkening.

Mrs. Hughes welcomed guests and allowed time for comment.

Reports:

ICCTA (Barbre)

Dr. Barbre reported that he and Jim Ellis would be attending the next ICCTA meeting in Springfield in September. He was happy to let everyone know that Avery Henderson would be speaking at the meeting.

Student Trustee (Avery Henderson)

Mr. Avery Henderson reported that the first week of school has been going well. The students are especially happy with this year's T-shirts.

President's Report (Weiss)

Dr. Weiss provided the following updates:

- Back to school has gone well. An enrollment report will be provided next month.
- She is serving on the Selection Committee for the CDB Art & Architecture project. They are in the process of choosing the finalists for the artwork that will be displayed at the Stanford D. Williams Career & Training Center.
- She is serving on the ICCB's Base Operating Technical Modeling group.
- She has been invited to a cocktail party by Lis Brown. This will be next Friday in DuQuoin
- The Nursing program has 25 ADN and 50 PN students this year.
- ADN students from last year had a 100% pass rate.
- The ACEN reaccreditation process will begin fall 2026.
- The Nursing application deadline will be moved up to February 28th to align with scholarship deadlines.
- We are getting new EV equipment. Doug Mayfield and Robbie Lindhorst have been writing grants.
- Adult Education had 128 students last year. Audrey Talbot coordinated a graduation for the students, including cap and gowns.

- Cosmetology is full, with sixteen students.
- The Learning Commons will continue with their “Storyteller” series along with a new “Life Skills” series for students.
- Illinois is implementing a one application for all community colleges process starting next year.
- Glen Poshard will be doing a poetry reading on September 7th in the theater as part of a fundraiser for the 4 C’s Food Pantry.
- TRIO was renewed for five more years.
- Hise Museum will have a reception on August 29th to spotlight “Malkovich, Malkovich, Malkovich” that is currently displayed in the Museum. A Q&A will be held with the photographer on August 30th.
- We are looking at getting some new indoor/outdoor cameras and replacing some doors. Hoping IGEN will cover the cost.
- IT has been busy with many projects over the last year. A list of accomplishments are included in the non-action items.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Ellis and seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve the consent agenda which included the July 15, 2025 regular and closed session minutes, destroying tapes of the January 2024 closed session, the Treasurer’s report, and the approval of bills for July 2025 which totaled \$1,363,262.40 that included \$490,630.29 in Payroll for July 2025 On roll call the following members voted:

Aye _____ Nay

Dr. Barbre

Mr. Ellis

Mrs. Hughes

Mr. Dennison

Mrs. Sirach

Mr. Henderson (Student Trustee)

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sirach and seconded by Trustee Dennison to approve the reimbursement of Travel, Meals, and Lodging Expenses for Dr. Barbre and Jim Ellis who will be traveling to Springfield in September for the ICCTA meeting with estimated expense of \$1800.00 and to New Orleans in October for the ACCT Leadership Conference with estimated expense of \$5500.00.

Non-Action Items

- FY2026 Tentative Budget - Lisa Hite provided an overview of the tentative budget for FY 2026. Time was given for questions and/or concerns. The Board will review the budget before next month’s meeting and will be ready to discuss and vote on it.

- Back to School Inservice Agenda was provided for the Board to review.
- IT Accomplishments for 2024-2025 – A list of accomplishments of our IT Department was provided by Chris Barr to shine a light on the good work that has been going on that department. Ben Ross was mentioned for doing a wonderful job of leading his team.

Action Items

- A motion was made by Trustee Dennison, seconded by Trustee Sirach to approve September 23, 2025, as the date for the Public Hearing for the Budget. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Trustee Barbre, seconded by Trustee Ellis to approve the SIC-RLC Cost Share Agreement. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Trustee Sirach, seconded by Trustee Ellis to approve serving alcohol at the Juried Show Reception on October 31, 2025. Trustee Dennison recused himself of the vote. All other members voted aye. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve the Delta Regional Authority Resolution. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business, Topics, or Discussion

None

Personnel

- A motion was made by Trustee Sirach, seconded by Trustee Barbre, to approve all items listed in Personnel. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
 - A. Approve the Retirement of TRIO Education Technology Coordinator
 - B. Approve Part-time Cosmetology Instructor
 - C. Approve the Resignation of the Dana Keating Student Success Center Assistant
 - D. Approve Resignation of the Learning Commons Paraprofessional
 - E. Approve the Hiring of Full-Time Assistant to the Vice President of Administrative Services/Payroll Coordinator (TENTATIVE)
 - F. Approve Adjunct Faculty Recommendations

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Ellis made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Barbre. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.