

SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025; 6:04 PM
RODNEY J BRENNER BOARD ROOM

The Southeastern Illinois College Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 6:03 pm in the Rodney J. Brenner Board Room. On roll call, the following members were present: Mrs. Debbie Hughes, Dr. Frank Barbre, Mr. Jim Ellis, 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, and Ms. Kathy Volkening.

Mrs. Hughes noted there were no guests in attendance.

Reports:

ICCTA (Barbre)

Dr. Barbre presented the Board with the ICCTA Board Highlights newsletter highlighting Avery Henderson as a guest speaker at the September 12-13, 2025 meeting.

Student Trustee (Avery Henderson)

Mr. Avery Henderson reported:

- See You at the Pole event would be September 24th
- The Nursing Department is working on several fundraisers set to begin in October
- Student Government elections will be held on October 1st
- Theta Sigma Phi presents Pinocchio on September 25th and 26th
- Student Corps will have another coloring contest this year.

President's Report (Weiss)

Dr. Weiss provided the following updates:

- The possibility of adding an access road adjacent to the Carmi location is being looked at closely. This will enable CDL testing to be conducted there. Ed Fitzgerald and Lisa Hite attended a TIF meeting in Carmi and spoke with Holly Healy and Mayor Bill Stendeback. The next step is to get an engineer to look at the location to provide more details and a cost estimate. Dr. Barbre is excited about this project and said it would be a big boost to this area. The Board was in agreement that Dr. Weiss should move forward with this project to get more information and report to the Board at the October meeting.
- Dr. Weiss requested approval from the Board to look into the possibility of installing solar panels on top of the Hise Museum. IGEN partners with Energysense to offer free energy assessments. Dr. Barbre suggested speaking to the president from Lake Land College due to their experience with solar panels being installed on their campus buildings. The Board was in agreement that Dr. Weiss should move forward with finding out details regarding the solar energy assessment and installation of solar panels.

- A group of SIC employees and their families will be attending an SIUC football game on October 18th and an Evansville Thunderbolts hockey game on October 25th.
- She would like to look into the cost of repurposing the northwest corner of the North parking lot into a pickle ball court. She feels this would be good for the students, faculty, staff and community members to take advantage of the courts. The Board offered approval for Dr. Weiss to look into details of what this would cost.
- Dr. Weiss would like to form a Hise Museum Executive Board. This would be separate from the Art Selection Committee and would help with operations/fundraising. The Board was in agreement with moving forward with forming a the Executive Board.
- Kay Whitlock, a former SIC student, came to campus to discuss the possibility of donating the use of some property she owns for the OWL program.
- A request from Kevin Kerr has been made to use SIC as a location to host the GOP gubernatorial candidate's town hall meeting. The Board approved the use of the space at no charge.
- SIC Nursing Program is 3rd in the state of Illinois according to registerednurse.org.
- The Learning Commons is hosting an “Adulting 101” series to help students learn more about credit scores, nutrition/self-care, and other relevant topics.
- Dr. Tyler Billman and Lori Cox are working on getting new training programs offered at the Carmi location.
- A mass text went out to students reminding them to re-enroll. We have had limited success with getting students to respond. We will continue using this technology to reach students.
- Chris Barr provided current enrollment numbers, as compared to the same date last year..

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Barbre and seconded by Trustee Dennison to approve the consent agenda which included the August 19, 2025 regular and closed session minutes, destroying tapes of the February 2024 closed session, the Treasurer's report, and the approval of bills for August 2025 which totaled \$1,334,806.84 which included \$390,034.82 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.

Non-Action Items

- A. 2025 EADA Survey**
- B. 2025 Annual Campus Security Survey**
- C. 2025 Sex-Based Misconduct Procedures**
- D. Campus Emergency Operations Plan Update Fall 2025**
- E. Campus Violence Prevention Plan Update Fall 2025**
- F. Public University Direct Admission Program Act Intergovernmental Agreement**

Action Items

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Sirach, seconded by Trustee Ellis to approve the Resolution to Adopt FY 2026 Budget. All members voted aye. Motion carried.**
- B. A motion was made by Trustee Dennison, seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve the Curriculum Committee Report. All members voted aye. Motion carried.**
- C. A motion was made by Trustee Sirach, seconded by Trustee Barbre to approve the 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates. All other members voted aye. Motion carried.**

New Business, Topics, or Discussion

None

Personnel

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

- A. Approve New Job Description for Enrollment Services Specialist**
- B. Approve Transfer of Part-time TRIO Advisor to Part-time Enrollment Services Specialist**
- C. Approve Hiring of Part-time Environmental Services Worker**
- D. Approve Transfer of Accounts Receivable Specialist to Assistant to Vice President of Administrative Services/Payroll Coordinator**
- E. Approve Transfer of Business Office Assistant to Accounts Receivable Specialist**
- F. Approve Retirement of Mathematics Instructor**
- G. 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 7:24 pm.