

**SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**OCTOBER 21, 2025; 6:00 PM**  
**RODNEY J BRENNER BOARD ROOM**

The Southeastern Illinois College Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Rodney J. Brenner Board Room. On roll call, the following members were present: Mr. Richard Morgan, Mr. Jim Ellis, Mrs. Gina Sirach, Mr. Blake Bradley, and Mr. Avery Henderson.

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

Dr. Weiss was appointed by all board members in attendance as Pro Tempore in the absence of Trustee Hughes and Trustee Barbre.

**Reports:**

ICCTA (Barbre)

Trustee Ellis reported on behalf of Trustee Barbre that he and Trustee Barbre would be attending the November ICCTA meeting in Naperville, Illinois.

Student Trustee (Avery Henderson)

Mr. Avery Henderson reported:

- Golf Scramble will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Volleyball team will be hosting a high school volleyball all-star game on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The first home basketball game will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Circle K met with a Kiwanis representative on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Nursing Club is planning a T-shirt fundraiser.
- Student Government held an inauguration on October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Phi Theta Kappa met on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Adulting 101 will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Learning Commons.
- Harrisburg High School's *Little Shop of Horrors* completed their run in the theatre on Sunday.

President's Report (Weiss)

Dr. Weiss provided the following updates:

- Staff Development Day was held on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Law Enforcement did active shooter training.
- *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* tickets are on sale now. This will be on November 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Dr. Emily York wrote a grant and found out today that we were approved. It's for \$85,000.00.
- The Foundation Christmas Dinner will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr. Billman, Lori Cox, and Doug Mayfield went to Carmi on 10/7 to look at revamping an Oil & Gas Short Certificate for Fall 2026.
- We had 71 students participate in STEM Day on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 2024-2025 PN students obtained a 100% pass rate.
- ACEN re-accreditation is scheduled Fall 2026.
- Doug Mayfield has been writing grants for CTE. They were able to purchase a tractor. He is working with Robbie Lindhorst on an IGEN grant for EV.

- CTE Spotlight Day will be held in December.
- Heritage Festival is full and will be held November 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Dr. Burford submitted a grant application to benefit mental health.
- The Soar & Explore College Fair was successfully held on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- A meeting will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the potential for pickle ball courts.
- Dr. Barr's team will now be meeting monthly with RLC. They will begin doing the same with JALC in the near future.

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Trustee Bradley and seconded by Trustee Morgan to approve the consent agenda which included the September 23, 2025 regular and closed session minutes, destroying tapes of the March 2024 closed session, the Treasurer's report, and the approval of bills for September 2025 which totaled \$2,950,826.58 which included \$597,101.29 in Payroll. On roll call the following members voted:

Aye \_\_\_\_\_ Nay

Mr. Morgan

Mr. Ellis

Mrs. Sirach

Mr. Bradley

Mr. Henderson (Student Trustee)

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Sirach and seconded by Trustee Bradley to approve the reimbursement of travel, meals, and lodging expenses for Dr. Barbre and Mr. Ellis to attend the ICCTA meeting, November 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in Naperville, Illinois. Total estimated expenses are \$1800.00.

Aye \_\_\_\_\_ Nay

Mr. Morgan

Mr. Ellis

Mrs. Sirach

Mr. Bradley

Mr. Henderson (Student Trustee)

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Non-Action Items**

- 2024-2025 Annual Assessment Report
- 2025 Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Annual Report
- Title III Y4 Evaluation Report
- First Reading of New BP 5030.4 – Faculty Pay on Internships, Clinicals, Labs, Internships, and Practicums
- First Reading of New BP 9013.1 – Anti-Hazing

**F. First Reading of Amended BP 5012 – Insurance**

**Action Items**

- A.** A motion was made by Trustee Morgan, seconded by Trustee Ellis to approve the Certificate of Tax Levy. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- B.** A motion was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Sirach to approve the Budget Transfers. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- C.** A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Sirach to approve the 2026-2027 Athletic Proposal. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- D.** A motion was made by Trustee Sirach, seconded by Trustee Bradley to approve the Curriculum Committee Report. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- E.** A motion was made by Trustee Sirach, seconded by Trustee Ellis to approve serving alcohol at the Dueling Pianos on February 14, 2026. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- F.** A motion was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Sirach to approve the amended BP 9008 – Credit for Correctional, Police, and Fire Training. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**New Business, Topics, or Discussion**

None

**Personnel**

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

- A.** Approve the Resignation of the Part-time Falcon Pride Instructor
- B.** Approve the Hiring of the Full-time Dana Keating Student Success Center Assistant
- C.** Approve Spring 2026 Adjunct Recommendations

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Morgan made the motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Trustee Ellis. All members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.