

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 22, 2025**

On May 22, 2025, the Board of Trustees of Community College District 507, in the Counties of Vermilion, Edgar, Iroquois, Champaign, and Ford in the State of Illinois, met in regular session in the Board Room, Vermilion Hall Room 302, at Danville Area Community College.

### **ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Wolfe called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

### **ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Phi Theta Kappa students led the Board and those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ITEM 3: ROLL CALL**

The roll was called. Trustees present: Caroline Harby, Lisa Martin, Maruti Seth, Greg Wolfe, and Student Trustee Cole Crawley. Trustees not present: Sandra Finch, Dylan Haun, and Terry Hill.

Others present: Interim President Dr. Randall Fletcher, Board Secretary Kerri Thurman, Tammy Betancourt, Jill Cranmore, Doug Adams, Carl Lewis, Dawn Nasser, Ronnie Johnson, Guido Esteves, Kathy Hunter, Rachel McCoy, Natasha Merangoli Pounds, Nathan Howie, John Spezia, Jerry Davis, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Students, All-Star Jaguar Students, and eSports Students.

Media present: Steve Brandy, Vermilion County First; Jennifer Bailey, *News-Gazette*; Kaighla White, *Commercial-News*.

### **ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Wolfe asked if there were any changes requested to the agenda. There was a request to remove Action Item 14F – Board Consideration of Approval of the President’s Contract. Upon motion by Mr. Seth, and a second by Ms. Harby, the amended agenda was approved. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays.

### **ITEM 5: RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Dr. Fletcher introduced the following: Tammy Betancourt, Vice President, Finance/Chief Financial Officer; Jill Cranmore, Vice President, Human Resources & Labor Relations; Doug Adams, Executive Director, Facilities; Carl Lewis, Assistant Vice President, Finance; Dawn Nasser, Director, Enrollment Services; Ronnie Johnson, Professor, Art; Guido Esteves, Director, Audio, eSports & Community Engagement; Kathy Hunter, Professor, Information Systems; Rachel McCoy, Office Specialist; Natasha Merangoli Pounds, Administrative Specialist, Illinois Works; Nathan Howie, Chief Security Officer; John Spezia; and Jerry Davis, Jerry Davis Law. Also present were student representatives from DACC Esports, DACC All-Star Jaguars, and DACC Phi Theta Kappa.

### **ITEM 6: RECOGNITION OF DACC ESPORTS**

The Board recognized Guido Esteves and the DACC eSports team. Mr. Esteves introduced the famed and national champion eSports team members. Mr. Esteves announced that DACC now

has four championships in eSports and four of the top 10 players in the country are at DACC. The players were given their championship rings from the last two years.

**ITEM 7: RECOGNITION OF DACC ALL-STAR JAGUARS**

The Board recognized the DACC All-Star Jaguars. Director of Enrollment Services Dawn Nasser shared that this group of students have done an outstanding job of promoting the College this year. Each of the students introduced themselves and shared information about their educational journey.

**ITEM 8: RECOGNITION OF PHI THETA KAPPA**

The Board recognized Professor Ronnie Johnson and Phi Theta Kappa. Professor Johnson announced that students were honored with receiving the All-Illinois Academic Team award at a recent Phi Theta Kappa banquet in April. He noted there are a record 41 graduates who are PTK members this year.

**ITEM 9: FINANCIAL UPDATE**

The Financial Statement of Revenue and Expenditures ending April 30, 2025 was included in the Board agenda book.

**ITEM 10: PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Fletcher announced that this week marks commencement week with several activities and ceremonies. He also announced that the Foundation received 633 scholarship applications during the most recent round of applications.

**ITEM 11: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. John Spezia addressed the Board and expressed appreciation to them for serving on the Board.

**ITEM 12: CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2025; AND MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 24, 2025**

**B. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**C. CLERY SECURITY REPORT**

Upon motion by Ms. Harby, and a second by Mr. Seth, the Board approved the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays.

**ITEM 13: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ITEM 14: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

Recommendations of Employment are conditional upon all Human Resources processes being met.

Upon motion by Mr. Seth, and second by Ms. Harby, the Board approved the Human Resources Report. The motion passed by roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays.

**B. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENDITURES**

Per Public Law 99-0604, known as the “Local Government Travel Expense Control Act,” travel expenses for members of the Board of Trustees must be approved at an open meeting of the Board.

A total of \$379.97 was expended for travel expenditures for trustees over the last month. The expenses were for the ICCTA Lobby Days on May 6-7, 2025 in Springfield, Illinois for Mr. Greg Wolfe.

Upon motion by Mr. Seth, and a second by Ms. Martin, the Board approved travel expenditures for trustees over the last month. The motion passed by roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays.

**C. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT**

Bids were advertised in the News Gazette and Commercial News (including the internet) for computer equipment approved on the FY25 Capital Equipment list. Bids were requested for: (45) Lenovo Thinkstation P3 30H1S5770 and (24) Lenovo Thinkstation P3 30H1S82R00 with Custom Bios and Image and 3-Year Extended Onsite Warranty.

This equipment was approved on the FY-25 Capital Equipment List and funding will be through Technology/Equipment Bonds.

Upon motion by Mr. Seth, and a second by Ms. Harby the Board approved the purchase of the computers in the amount of \$76,863.45 from Paragon Micro. The motion passed by roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays.

**D. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF RETIREMENT**

Rickey Williams has submitted his letter of intent to retire effective July 31, 2025, after 18 years of service.

Upon motion by Ms. Harby, and a second by Ms. Martin, the Board approved the retirement of Professor Rickey Williams. The motion passed by roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays.

**E. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY; SECURITY PROCEDURES, SCHOOL BUILDING SAFETY AND SECURITY, AND THE USE OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO RESPOND TO AN ACTUAL, A THREATENED, OR A REASONABLY POTENTIAL DANGER TO THE SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS, STAFF, THE PUBLIC, OR PUBLIC PROPERTY**

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:10 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:04 p.m.

**ITEM 15: INFORMATION**

**A. TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

There were no Trustee comments.

**B. COMMUNICATIONS**

**ITEM 16: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Wolfe adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

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