

## **MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – APRIL 29, 2026**

On April 29, 2026, 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 for a Special Meeting in Room 302, Vermilion Hall, Danville Area Community College, 2000 East Main Street, Danville, Illinois.

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **ITEM 2: ROLL CALL**

Roll was called. Trustees present: Sandra Finch, Caroline Harby, Dylan Haun, Terry Hill, Lisa Martin, Maruti Seth (via phone), Greg Wolfe, and Student Trustee Leonidas Hamza.

Others present: President Randall Fletcher, Board Secretary Kerri Thurman, Tammy Betancourt, Jill Cranmore, Frazier Satterly, Lorna Geiler, Laura Hensgen, Nathan Howie, Dr. Penny McConnell, Kathy Hunter, Ashley Hargrove, Jeanie Cisney, Dave Kietzmann, Larry Hinkle, Deb Mills, Tracy Cherry, Stephen Nacco, Cindy Nacco, Terry Goodwin, Molly Goodwin, Jeff Nardoni, Deonte Brooks, and Carol Finley.

Media present: Jennifer Bailey, *The News-Gazette*; and Steve Brandy, Vermilion County First.

### **ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, and a second by Ms. Finch, the agenda approved as presented. The motion passed by voice vote: 8 yeas; 0 nays.

### **ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Deb Mills thanked Dr. Fletcher, the Board and administration for the direction they are taking.

Deonta Brooks is the Education Chair for the Danville NAACP and they have some concerns and will be watching and listening.

Jeanie Cisney is a recently tenured faculty member. She cares deeply about DACC and especially the lives transformed through the college. She stated clarity and honesty is needed and that the community stay steady and unified. She prays for the truth to come forward and to be honored.

Carol Finley's heart is broken for friends, for the college, and for the people in charge. She prayed with the group.

Tracy Cherry has been in education for 40+ years and served on the Board for 7 years. She noted it's not an easy task, it takes commitment and hard work and the Board may not always be right. She stressed tonight is the night to make it right. Transparency is not only important but necessary.

Larry Hinkle shared his history with the college and applauded Dr. Fletcher. He also thanked the Board of Trustees for their dedication to the college.

Jeff Nardoni noted that what is happening stems from fear. He stated he has talked with people who are concerned about their job and fearful of losing job. He stated “where fear is, love isn’t and where love is, fear isn’t.”

Gene Fowler spoke on behalf of Terry Goodwin. He is concerned about DACC and wants fair treatment of people involved.

Brock Dieu also spoke on behalf of Terry Goodwin. He hopes the decisions made are for the people, community and students the Board represents.

**ITEM 5: MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, and a second by Ms. Finch, the following motion passed by voice vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 120/2 of the Open Meetings Act, the Board of Trustees of Community College District #507 shall enter a Closed Session for purposes specified in Paragraphs (c)(1), specifically matters pertaining to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

The Board entered Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 7:40 p.m.

**ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Wolfe adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

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Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

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