

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2026

On August 20, 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 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 5:30 p.m.

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Presidential Scholar Draycee Nelson led the Board and those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 3: ROLL CALL

The roll was called. Trustees present: Sandra Finch, Caroline Harby, Dylan Haun (via phone), Terry Hill, Lisa Martin, Greg Wolfe, and Student Trustee Leonidas Hamza. Trustee not present: Maruti Seth.

Others present: President Dr. Randall Fletcher, Board Secretary Kerri Thurman, Tammy Betancourt, Jill Cranmore, Dr. Amanda Turner, Laura Hensgen, Melissa Rome, Katie Mickle, Nathan Howie, Doug Hunter, Kathy Hunter, Jennifer Slavik, Cole Crawley, Draycee Nelson, and several community members.

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

ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Wolfe asked if there were any changes requested to the agenda. Upon motion by Mr. Hill, and a second by Ms. Finch, the agenda was approved as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote: 7 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; Dr. Amanda Turner, Dean, Student Services; Melissa Rome, Dean, Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Initiative; Laura Hensgen, Executive Director, Marketing, Communications, and Creative Content; Katie Mickle, Coordinator, Administrative Services; Nathan Howie, Chief of Police, Campus Security; Doug Hunter, Professor, Mechatronics; Kathy Hunter, Professor, Applied Computer Science; Jennifer Slavik, Professor, Marketing; Cole Crawley, DACC Student and former Student Trustee; and Draycee Nelson, 2nd year Presidential Scholar.

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

ITEM 6: RECOGNITION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE

The Board recognized Student Trustee Cole Crawley. Mr. Crawley's term as student trustee expired on April 14, 2026; however, he was participating in the DACC Disney program so was unable to be recognized and he was unable to attend last month's meeting. Mr. Crawley

demonstrated that he is a conscientious student and student trustee, and we were fortunate to have had his service on the Board. Dr. Fletcher and the Board wished him the best in the future.

ITEM 7: INSIDE THE COLLEGE: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Dean Melissa Rome provided an update on the strategic plan by discussing the GOST (Goals, Objectives, Strategies, Tactics) Model used to provide the framework for the strategic plan that is structured around four pillars: our students; our teaching and learning; our community; and our institution, working towards a goal of stabilizing and diversifying the enrollment base.

Chairman Wolfe and the Board thanked Ms. Rome for her presentation, with Dr. Fletcher acknowledging the steering committee working under her as well.

ITEM 8: FINANCIAL UPDATE

Vice President Tammy Betancourt provided the Financial Update, citing no changes to the June report since last week's financial meeting; and discussing FY27's first month of revenue and expenses. Caroline Harby requested clarification of one of the line items, which Ms. Betancourt provided.

ITEM 9: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Fletcher provided his monthly report, where he discussed the start of the Fall semester and the daily events and activities welcoming students back to campus, including the campus cookout and photos with Mick Jaguar. He advised he attended the Vermilion Advantage Board of Directors meetings and shared how their new strategic plan coincides with DACC's, citing the strong focus on workforce development in both. He welcomed new Dean of Students Dr. Amanda Turner to campus. He discussed the September 2 Lunch & Learn hosted by CCE in Vermilion Hall 306, highlighting the training opportunities and new training ideas that will be discussed. He advised that storm damage has closed the mall, but confirmed no damage to the barbering equipment that is currently stored there and shared the plan to move the equipment to campus. He shared information on the newest endowment to the DACC Foundation to honor Dr. Wen Hsin Lin, sponsored by his wife, Yon Meei Lin, in the amount of \$100,000.

ITEM 10: PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEM 11: CONSENT AGENDA

A. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2026; AND THE MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION OF FEBRUARY 23, 2026

B. FINANCIAL REPORT

C. CLERY SECURITY REPORT

D. BOARD POLICY REVISIONS

1. BOARD POLICY #4009 – BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

2. BOARD POLICY #4052 – SICK LEAVE

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, and a second by Ms. Martin, the Board approved the items on the Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion passed by roll call vote: 7 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 Ms. Harby, and second by Ms. Martin, the Board approved the Human Resources Report. The motion passed by roll call vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Mr. Haun).

B. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENDITURES FOR TRUSTEES

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 \$689.16 was expended for travel expenditures for trustees over the last month. The expenses were for the ICCTA Executive Committee Retreat in Freeport, Illinois on August 7-8, 2026 for Mr. Greg Wolfe.

Upon motion by Ms. Martin, and second by Ms. Finch, the Board approved the travel expenditures for trustees. The motion was passed by roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays.

C. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO PLACE TENTATIVE FY2027 BUDGET ON DISPLAY AND SET DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2026 (FY2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET-EXTERNAL EXHIBIT)

An operational budget of \$22,350,000 is recommended. This is approximately 3.8% percent higher than the FY26 Operating Budget. With the adoption of a FY27 budget at the state level, which resulted in a 43.1% increase or \$1,744,927 in our operating and equalization grants, as well as continued increases in local property taxes as a result of an increasing Equalized Assessed Valuation, the College will be able to move forward by investing in Human Resources to maintain quality instruction, academic support and student support services, provide training needed to meet the employment demands of the community, cover software increases, improve network infrastructure, maintain our Colleague SIS/ERP system in the Cloud, and cover estimated increases in health insurance premiums and utilities.

Depending on the fluctuation in the Equalized Assessed Valuation, the tax levy rate is anticipated to be approximately 59.57 cents. While the current tax rate is 60.56 cents, it typically fluctuates between 60 and 63 cents.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, and a second by Ms. Finch, the Board established Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Vermilion Hall Room 302, at Danville Area Community College as the date, time, and place for the Public Hearing on the FY27 budget. May we further ask the Board to consider making said budget available for public inspection with appropriate notification provided to the public with final approval anticipated

at the September 24, 2026 Board meeting. The motion passed by roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays.

D. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF SOPHOS MANAGED SECURITY PROGRAM CONTINUATION

Instances of cyberattacks continue to increase and several Illinois community colleges have been victim of cyberattacks in the recent past. With the advent of AI attacks, this threat is even greater than ever before.

Upon motion by Ms. Finch, and a second by Mr. Hill, the Board approved a 3-year agreement with Sophos to continue providing a cybersecurity Managed Security Program for \$154,891 for the period November 1, 2026, through October 31, 2029. The motion passed by roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays.

E. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF 2026-2031 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Danville Area Community College (DACC) Strategic Plan Implementation Framework (FY2026–FY2031) establishes a systematic operational road map designed to position the institution as the primary catalyst for economic mobility, academic excellence, and community engagement in Vermilion County.

Built upon the GOST Model (Goals, Objectives, Strategies, Tactics), this framework translates broad vision into executable, measurable, and accountable actions. The strategic plan is structured around 4 Strategic

Pillars:

1. Our Students: Enhancing the holistic experience, from enrollment to career placement, ensuring every student feels seen and supported.
2. Our Teaching & Learning: Investing in innovative pedagogy, modern technology, and faculty development to maintain academic excellence.
3. Our Community: Strengthening our role as an economic engine through workforce development and civic engagement.
4. Our Institution: Ensuring long-term sustainability through fiscal responsibility, open communication, modern infrastructure, and a healthy organizational culture.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, and a second by Ms. Martin, the Board approved the 2026-2031 Strategic Plan. The motion passed by roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays.

F. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO PERMIT INTERFUND LOANS AS NEEDED FOR THE PERIOD 8-26 THROUGH 7-27

Due to the timing of revenue and expenditure amounts that occur during the year, several of the College's Funds experience a negative cash balance at various times during the year. In addition, most of our grants are on a reimbursable basis. We incur the cost and then periodically, based on the grant regulations, request reimbursement for these expenditures, which has a negative effect on cash flow.

Interfund loans do not change the College's total cash balance, but the transaction does provide for each individual Fund to reflect a positive cash balance. This request will provide lending options through the FY27 fiscal year end and address the anticipated negative cash balance during the next year.

The current authorization for interfund loans ends on July 31, 2026.

Upon motion by Ms. Finch, and a second by Ms. Martin, the Board approved the authorization to permit interfund loans as needed for the period of August 2026 through July 2027. The motion passed by roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**G. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF PERMANENT TRANSFER OF
EARNED INTEREST MONIES FROM THE WORKING CASH FUND
TO THE EDUCATION FUND**

With an approved resolution by the Board of Trustees, the law allows for earned interest to be permanently transferred from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund for general operations.

Upon motion by Ms. Finch, and a second by Mr. Hill, the Board approved the Resolution for the Permanent Transfer of Earned Interest Monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund. The motion passed by signature vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays.

**H. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR CHARTER BUS
SERVICES**

Bids were advertised in the News Gazette and Commercial News (including the internet) for charter bus services for a select list of 36 games and tournaments for men's and women's basketball, volleyball, softball, and baseball, as well as for baseball and softball's spring training.

Upon motion by Ms. Finch, and a second by Ms. Martin, the Board approved Turner Coaches as the provider of charter bus travel for athletic team travel in the amount of \$182,446 for FY27. The motion passed by roll call vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**I. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF FILING PETITIONS
FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT #507**

A Resolution for Community College Election is included for the purpose of electing two members for a full term of six years to the College Board of Trustees. The election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2027. A "Notice of Filing Petitions for Membership on the Board of Trustees of Community College District #507" needs to be publicized at least ten (10) days before the first day for filing petitions.

Nominating petitions for the April 6, 2027 election shall be filed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on November 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, or 23, 2026. Nominating petitions along with applicable documents may be picked up in the Office of the Board Secretary.

Upon motion by Ms. Finch, and a second by Mr. Hill, the Board approved the Notice of Filing Petitions for Membership on the Board of Trustees of Community College District Number 507. The motion passed by signature vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays.

J. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY; AND DISCUSSION OF THE WRITTEN CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2026; APRIL 29, 2026; MAY 28, 2026; AND JUNE 25, 2026

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:15 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:10 p.m.

ITEM 13: INFORMATION

A. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

- No recorded comments.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Wolfe adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: _____