

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
3575 COLLEGE ROAD, HARRISBURG, IL 62946
JANUARY 17, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

The Southeastern Illinois College Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, in the Rodney J. Brenner Board Room at SIC. On roll call, the following members were present: Dr. Franke Barbre, Mrs. Debbie Hughes, Mr. Jim Ellis, Mr. Richard Morgan, Mr. Blake Bradley, and Mr. David Dennison.

Also present: Dr. Karen Weiss, Dr. Tyler Billman, Dr. Kyla Burford, Dr. Chris Barr, Dr. Jonah Rice, Lisa Hite, and Ms. Sky Fowler.

Dr. Barbre welcomed guests and allowed time for comment.

ICCTA Report – Dr. Barbre

Dr. Barbre will attend the National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC, from February 2 to February 9, 2023.

Student Trustee Report – Devin Rankin

Mr. Devin Rankin could not attend the meeting due to a basketball game.

Dr. Rice's Report

Dr. Rice updated the Board on the Carmi project, enrollment, and the Hise property and fund. Enrollment is down nationally; however, our current headcount and credit hours are up. Dr. Rice reported that he could not be happier with his staff and faculty. We are not back to pre-covid numbers yet, but we are getting closer. Most schools are reporting double digits down. We have had two serious inquiries on the Hise Mansions. Our crew is doing some light work on the property, including sweeping and cleanup on the grounds as well as some paint and scraping. Our new RAMP project will be the College parking lots.

SICEA – Paul Cummins

Paul Cummins was not present to give his report.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Morgan, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the December 6, 2022 minutes, destroying tapes of the January 2021-July 2021 closed session(s), the Treasurer's Report, and the approval of bills for November 2022 which totaled \$3,486,252.56 which included \$626,597.80 in payroll and bills for December 2022 which totaled \$1,470,473.35 which included \$609,036.95 in payroll. On roll call, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Reimbursement of Travel, Meal, and Lodging Expenses. Dr. Barbre will travel to Washington, DC, for the Community College National Legislative Summit on February 6th – 9th. Total estimated expenses will be \$4,500. A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the reimbursement of travel, meal, and lodging expenses. On roll call, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action Items

- A. A motion was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the Revised Board Policy #6008 Accommodating the Disabled Employee. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Trustee Dennison, seconded by Trustee Bradley, to approve the Revised Board Policy #6012 Mandatory Safety Training. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Bradley, to approve the Revised Board Policy #6018 College Logo and Seal Usage. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- D. A motion was made by Trustee Dennison, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the Revised Board Policy #9001.2 Optional Standardized Testing for Admission. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- E. A motion was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Morgan, to approve the Revised Board Policy #9002.5 Nursing Program Admissions Requirements. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- F. A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the Revised Board Policy #9002.8 Residency for Active Duty and Veterans Education Beneficiaries. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- G. A motion was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Dennison, to approve Budget Transfers. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- H. A motion was made by Trustee Ellis, seconded by Trustee Bradley, to approve the IMEC Contract. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- I. A motion was made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Dennison, to approve Tuition Freeze and Fee Increase Recommendation for FY24. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- J. A motion was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Richard, to approve the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- K. A motion was made by Trustee Bradley, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the Intergovernmental Joint Agreement Between Rend Lake College & Southeastern Illinois College. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Non-Action Items

- A. Review Proposed Board Policy #5032 Employee Recognition – First Reading. This change is based on a minor modification of employee title.
- B. Review Proposed Board Policy #5035 Holidays – First Reading. This change reflects the new Juneteenth holiday and Election Day during even

- years.
- C. Review Proposed Board Policy #6023 Conceal Carry – First Reading.
This change is to add the Stanford D. Williams Career and Training Center as site listed in the policy.
 - D. Review Proposed Board Policy #9002.4 Admission of High School Students – First Reading.
This change is an update to the placement test scores. The College no longer uses ASSET or COMPASS placement testing, but rather NextGen ACCUPLACER Tests. These scores reflect current practices with the admission of high school students and with the Early College Dual Credit Program.
 - E. Review Proposed Board Policy #9002.6 Early College Program – First Reading.
This change is an update to the placement test scores. The College no longer uses ASSET or COMPASS placement testing, but rather NextGen ACCUPLACER Tests. These scores reflect current practices with the admission of high school students and with the Early College Dual Credit Program.
 - F. Review Proposed Board Policy #9002.1 Process for Determining Residency – First Reading.
This change is to update acceptable documents to establish residency as well as the process.
 - G. Correspondence.
Correspondence from the ITI Grant and IACCAI was included for review.

Personnel

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

- A. Approve Job Description for the Visual and Performing Arts Specialist.
- B. Approve the Hiring of a Full-time Cosmetology Instructor.
- C. Approve Adjunct Assignments for Spring 2023 Academic Term.

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 6:45 p.m.