

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2021**

The Board of Trustees of Community College District 509, Counties of Kane, Cook, DuPage, McHenry and DeKalb, State of Illinois, held a meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Monday, March 8, 2021, in Building E, Room E100.01/Virtual.

1. Call to Order by Presiding Officer

Chair Redmer called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m., indicated that a quorum was present, and asked the recorder to call roll.

Trustees present: Dr. Redmer, Ms. Rakow, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Duffy, Dr. McCreary, Mr. Nowak, Dr. Ollayos and Student Trustee, Ms. Vitacco
Mr. Duffy attended virtually. All other trustees participated in-person.

Trustees absent: None.

ECC Staff present: Dr. Sam, President; Dr. Heinrich, VP Teaching, Learning and Student Development; Dr. Wagner, VP Business & Finance; Dr. Garber, VP Planning, Institutional Effectiveness and Technology; Ms. Kerruish, Recorder; ECC staff members and visitors.

2. Statement from the Chair regarding COVID-19 Disaster:

On March 5, 2021 Governor J B Pritzker extended by 30 days, through April 3, 2021, the disaster proclamation relating to COVID -19 (Executive Order 2021-05). With the current mitigation status, this meeting will be conducted in-person. Since attendance at this meeting location is not feasible due to mitigation restrictions and limited seating due to social distancing requirements because of the COVID-19 disaster, members of the public may virtually attend this meeting.

On June 12, 2020, the Governor signed Public Act 101-0640 into law. This new law amends the Open Meetings Act to authorize public bodies to meet remotely without the otherwise required quorum present at the meeting place.

- 1. This authorization is only effective when the Governor has issued a disaster declaration that covers the jurisdiction of the public body.*
- 2. The head of the public body must make a determination that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to a disaster. Our agenda states that there is a virtual component to this meeting as we adhere to the restrictions of the Phase 4 Recovery Plan.*
- 3. Roll Call will determine whether a trustee is attending in-person or virtually and confirm that all are able to hear each other during the meeting.*
- 4. Members of the public are welcome to attend in-person or virtually.*
- 5. One member of the public body or the chief administrative officer or the chief legal officer must be present at the meeting place. Dr. Sam and Mr. Vazquez are in attendance at the meeting place.*
- 6. All votes must be by roll call.*
- 7. Notification has been provided in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.*
- 8. Both Open and Closed sessions of a virtual meeting of the public body must be recorded.*

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3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Student Trustee Vitacco.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Committee of the Whole, January 25, 2021

Chair Redmer requested approval of the minutes of January 25, 2021.

Motion: Trustee Meyer moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Second: Trustee Nowak seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 7; Redmer, Rakow, Meyer, Duffy, McCreary, Nowak, Ollayos; nay, 0; Student Trustee Vitacco, aye; motion carried.

5. Review Board Actions on the March 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Agenda

A. Purchases

1. Audio/Visual Equipment Upgrade – Buildings B, E, J & I (Board Action No. 136-B-21)

This purchase will be funded from the O&M restricted fund. Trustee Meyer speculated about using COVID stimulus funds due to necessity for remote meetings due to the pandemic.

2. Audio/Visual Equipment Upgrade – Culinary Department (Board Action No. 137-I-21)

3. Concrete Repairs (Board Action No. 138-B-21)

Trustee Ollayos indicated that the explanation provided by Ms. Tait via email was very helpful regarding this purchase.

4. Environmental Services (Board Action No. 139-F-21)

5. Multi-Function (Copiers) Agreement Amendment (Board Action No. 140-M-21)

6. Snow Removal Services (Board Action No. 141-B-21)

B. Other Agenda Items

Trustee Meyer requested an overview of the MOA with ECCFA. Mr. Vazquez indicated that no stipends were included in this MOA. There will be more in-person classes and library service, as well as hybrid and remote classes for the fall semester. Professional Development funds will be rolled over from spring 2021 to use in fall 2021. No additional expense involved as this falls within the parameters of what has already been budgeted. COVID related expenses will continue to be funded via the COVID relief legislation. Trustee McCreary requested that this item be removed from the consent agenda for individual consideration tomorrow.

6. Audience Wishing to Address the Board

Anitra King, representing SSECCA, provided a comment via email that was read. She questioned the increased cost for snow removal and suggested hiring an additional grounds employee based on the increased cost. Dr. Sam indicated that this increase will not be spent unless there are additional snow events. Trustee Rakow reminded the Board that the action approved in October was for a period of two or three years.

7. Old Business

There was no old business reported.

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8. New Business

A. Items of Professional Growth

- 1. President's Evaluation (due March 26, 2021)**
- 2. Board Self-Assessment (due April 2, 2021)**
- 3. Board Goal Assessment (due April 2, 2021)**

Chair Redmer outlined the due dates for the assessment and evaluation documents.

B. President's Remarks

A short video highlighting an ECC student, Leo Cooksey was shown. This video has been shown during the virtual meetings with legislators that have been held recently. Dr. Heinrich provided an overview of a request to support legislation that would allow community colleges to offer bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood Education. Professor Munson provided details. This is similar to the BSN (nursing) request. Following discussion and clarification there were no trustees opposed to supporting the concept that was outlined. Further discussions will take place as this progresses.

C. Chair's Remarks

Chair Redmer requested Trustee Rakow provide an update on the legislative activities that have occurred recently. Trustee Rakow provided overviews of the meetings held with our federal legislators. Student Trustee Vitacco added her feedback. The virtual format allowed for individual attention.

D. Announcements

A review of the recent COVID vaccine event held on campus was provided by Dr. Sam.

E. Issues for Next Month's Agenda

No issues were brought forward for next month's agenda.

9. Recess to Closed Session

- A. To discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act...
- B. To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the college...
- C. To discuss litigation, when an action...has been filed...or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent...
- D. To consider collective negotiation matters...for one or more classes of employees...all pursuant to Chapter 5 of the *Illinois Compiled Statutes* Sections 120/2 (c) (21, 1, 11 and 2 respectively).

Motion: Trustee Meyer moved to recess to closed session.

Second: Trustee McCreary seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 7; Redmer, Rakow, Meyer, Duffy, McCreary, Nowak, Ollayos; Nay, 0; Student Trustee Vitacco, aye. Motion carried at 4:24 p.m. Virtual connections were confirmed and the closed-session began at 4:30 p.m.

10. Reconvene Open Session

The closed session concluded at 5:34 p.m. The board reconvened in open session at 5:35 p.m.

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Adjournment

Motion: Trustee McCreary moved to adjourn the meeting.
Second: Trustee Nowak seconded the motion.
Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 7; Redmer, Rakow, Meyer, Duffy, McCreary, Nowak, Ollayos;
Nay, 0; Student Trustee Vitacco, aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.



Jeffrey Meyer, JD, Board Secretary

Diane Kerruish, Board Recorder