

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

The Board of Trustees of Community College District 509, Counties of Kane, Cook, DuPage, McHenry and DeKalb, State of Illinois, convened a special meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, in Building E, Room E100.01/Virtual.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Rakow called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., indicated that a quorum was present, and asked the recorder to call roll.

Trustees present: Ms. Rakow, Mr. Meyer, Dr. Redmer, Mr. Duffy, Dr. McCreary, Mr. Nowak, and Dr. Ollayos and student trustee Mr. Allen.

Trustees absent: None.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee McCreary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Presentation

A. COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols

Dr. Sam explained the Governor's mandate issued last week, which states higher education employees and students must be vaccinated or must submit to weekly testing. The ICCB has held numerous meetings to share information among colleges on implementing this policy. The timeline is tight and we don't have all the answers, but we are being pragmatic and flexible. Dr. Heinrich and Dr. Wagner informed the Board on the status of where we stand in the process of implementing the executive order to come into compliance by next week. Details about the mandate were outlined. In order to comply with the order, vaccine clinics on campus will continue. The College will provide on-site testing, and the cost will be covered under higher education relief funds. Dr. Garber provided information on potential vendors being considered for data management, noting they are HIPPA and FERPA compliant. Costs for this service cannot be determined yet. There may be a board action for ratification of a data base vendor at the next meeting. Comments, questions and a discussion among trustees followed the presentation.

4. President's Comments

Dr. Sam indicated his comments were included in the Covid-19 Mitigation Protocols presentation.

Chair Rakow requested unanimous board consent to suspend the rules and move agenda item #7, Audience Members Wishing to Address the Board, to this point in the meeting. There were no objections.

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Audience Members Wishing to Address the Board:

The following individuals submitted written comments to the Board prior to the meeting:

Danielle Barrueta, ECC employee; regarding Covid-19 safety protocols.

Anitra King, SSECCA president; regarding Covid-19 safety concerns.

Christina Leverenzzi, ECC professor; regarding Covid-19 testing.

Heather Glass, ECC employee; regarding Covid-19 protocols.

Kyle Witek, ECC employee; regarding Covid-19 protocols.

Anne Duffy, Elgin resident; regarding vaccinations.

The following individuals addressed the Board virtually:

Kim Tarver, ECCFA president; regarding Covid-19 mitigation protocols and safety.

Scott Piner, ECC employee; regarding Covid-19 accommodations.

5. Board Action No. 022-A-22, Intergovernmental Agreement Between Elgin Community College District 509 and the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois for Shield IL COVID-19 Testing Support

Motion: Trustee McCreary moved to approve the agenda item as presented.

Second: Trustee Redmer seconded the motion.

Trustee Ollayos requested that highlights of the board action be provided. Dr. Wagner reviewed details of the agenda item, as outlined in the presentation earlier in this meeting. It was noted the College would be responsible for conducting Covid-19 testing, hiring staff if required, providing a location for collection, and communication to constituents. The agreement would end on December 31, 2021, but it can be rolled over. Trustee Meyer expressed his opinion about the Governor's new mandate, stating that while there is still a pandemic, we are no longer in an emergency situation. He provided additional factors on why he believes we should not agree to the mandate. Trustee Nowak agreed, stating the data doesn't support this action. Other trustees disagreed and provided feedback on the importance of promoting the general welfare of the community and the Board's responsibility to ensure appropriate steps are taken.

Roll Call Vote: Aye, 5; Rakow, Duffy, Redmer, McCreary, Ollayos;
nay, 2; Meyer, Nowak; student trustee Allen, aye; motion carried.

6. Board Action No. 023-A-22, COVID-19 Testing Services Agreement with Vitality Urgent and Primary Care

Motion: Trustee Duffy moved to approve the agenda item as presented.

Second: Student trustee Allen seconded the motion.

Trustee Meyer indicated he does not feel the College should provide on-site testing, as it is readily available at several locations, including pharmacies. Trustee Ollayos stated she would like to see testing on campus only for as long as necessary, with monthly reports on testing data provided to the Board. Student trustee Allen mentioned that there is a fee for testing at pharmacies for individuals who are not insured. Trustee Redmer would like the marketing and communications department to provide information to the campus community on vaccines and free testing.

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Roll Call Vote: Aye, 5; Rakow, Duffy, Redmer, McCreary, Ollayos;
nay, 2; Meyer, Nowak; student trustee Allen, aye; motion carried.

7. Audience Wishing to Address the Board

Note: Per unanimous consent, this item was moved up on the agenda, following Item #4, President's Comments.

8. Old Business

There was no old business reported.

9. New Business

Trustees Redmer and Duffy participated in a legislative roundtable at the Burlington facility on this date, which they felt was outstanding.

Trustee Nowak requested that a presentation by Mr. Ramos, Executive Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, be scheduled for the October meeting.

10. Recess to Closed Session

- A. To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the college...
- B. To discuss litigation, when an action...has been filed...or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent...
- C. 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) (1, 11 and 2 respectively).

Motion: Trustee Duffy moved to recess to closed session.

Second: Trustee Redmer seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 7; Rakow, Duffy, Meyer, Redmer, McCreary, Nowak, Ollayos;
Nay, 0; student trustee Allen, aye. Motion carried at 7:54 p.m. Virtual connections were confirmed and the closed-session began at 7:58 p.m.

11. Reconvene Open Session

The closed session concluded at 8:15 p.m. The board reconvened in open session at 8:16 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Trustee Nowak moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Trustee Duffy seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Aye, 7; Rakow, Meyer, Duffy, Redmer, McCreary, Nowak, Ollayos;
nay, 0; student trustee Allen, aye; meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Donna Redmer, EdD, Board Secretary



Diane Kerruish, Board Recorder