The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met as the Committee of the Whole on October 20, 2014, in the Room 216 at the Scott Community College Urban Center, 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa. President Robert Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following directors present: Kendra Beck, Dr. Joseph D’Souza, Mary Lou Engler, Denise Hollonbeck*, Bill Phelan, Milton Shaw. Absent: Kim Clausen, Michelle Garvin. *Director Hollonbeck attended via phone. Chancellor Don Doucette was also in attendance.

Board members had recently taken a self-assessment survey and met to discuss the results. They reviewed the results of each of the 10 sections and discussed items to which they would like to devote additional attention or action. Discussion included noting members are comfortable requesting items be put on the agenda; being careful not to add action items to a published agenda; encouraging discussion by all members; helping Chancellor Doucette with community contacts outside of Scott County; adopting a long-range facilities plan in the spring; learning more about the four foundations; trying to schedule two retreats during the year; considering the use of more ad-hoc committees; conducting the self-assessment every two years.

Chancellor Doucette provided a brief update on the downtown Davenport campus project. He shared the capital campaign case statement and noted that the first three conversations with major funders have been very positive. Architectural plans are in progress, with bids about $3 million over the original estimate; much of this overage is due to the unknowns of the Capitol Theatre and the value engineering process has begun. Terry Kilburg, CPA, is reviewing the project numbers and will prepare an independent report to the Board.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m.

Approved:  

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Board President