The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on January 26, 2015, in the Ellis Vetter Room at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa. President Robert Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following directors present: Kendra Beck, Kim Clausen*, Dr. Joseph D'Souza, Mary Lou Engler, Michelle Garvin*, Denise Hollonbeck, Bill Phelan*, Milton Shaw*. Absent: none. (*attended by telephone)

Minutes from the December 15, 2014, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Phelan moved, seconded by Director Engler, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

As the IACCT report, Director Hollonbeck noted that the annual Student Legislative Conference will be in Des Moines later this week. Gary Mohr, executive director for external affairs, will be one of the presenters.

During Completion of the Agenda, Secretary Bedell noted that an additional sonography clinical agreement with Pekin Hospital has been added to the agenda under Contractual Agreements for approval.

The staff report was presented by Marsha Rinetti, associate director of the Eastern Iowa Small Business Development Center, and Tim Cottle, associate director of the Eastern Iowa Business and Industry Center. Ms. Rinetti and Mr. Cottle introduced the new Venture School program that EICC is beginning next month in partnership with the University of Iowa’s Pappajohn Center and the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce.

A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director Beck moved, seconded by Director D’Souza, to approve the personnel list as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark Kapfer, executive director of economic development, presented a Chapter 260E preliminary agreement with Nestle Purina PetCare Company in the amount of $134,000; and three Chapter 260F retraining agreements: with BeeLine Company in the amount of $25,000; RAM Holdings, Inc. in the amount of $4,999; and Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. in the amount of $25,000.

Director Engler moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to approve the Chapter 260E preliminary and Chapter 260F/WTED agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve several contractual agreements: a services agreement with OneCampus; an amended agreement with Muscatine Power& Water for public
access television services; clinical agreements in sonography with Genesis Health System, OSF St. Francis Hospital and Pekin Hospital; and a nursing clinical agreement with UnityPoint Clinic.

Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director D’Souza, to approve the contractual agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to adopt a resolution authorizing Chancellor Don Doucette and Gary Mohr to represent the interests of EICC to state government.

Director Engler moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to adopt the resolution as stated. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board also was asked to adopt a resolution appoint as members of the new EICCD Downtown Campus Foundation Chancellor Don Doucette, Robert H. Gallagher, Kendra Beck, Denise Hollonbeck and Milton Shaw.

Director Phelan moved, seconded by Director D’Souza, to adopt the resolution as stated. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

In order to avoid a conflict with EICC Commencement ceremonies, the Board was asked to change the date of the May 18, 2015, Regular Board meeting to May 11, 2015. The meeting will be in the Ellis Vetter Board Room at the District Office.

Director D’Souza moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to approve the change in meeting date. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Financial reports for the month ending December 31, 2014, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports placed on file.

Director Engler moved, seconded by Director D’Souza, to acknowledge receipt of the reports and to place them on file. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Copies of the bills had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Board members were asked to approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Director Clausen moved, seconded by Director D’Souza, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Trustee Comments, Director Engler congratulated Dr. Karen Vickers, CCC president, on the very nice signing ceremony and open house in recognition of the
transfer of the Bicklehaupt Arboretum to EICC and CCC. She thanked Dr. Vickers for her hard work and leadership in the community that generates the trust and respect necessary for this gift.

During Chancellor’s Comments, Chancellor Doucette noted that community colleges have received much positive press of late, including supportive actions from both the President of the United States and the Governor of Iowa. EICC is trying new strategies to address new challenges, one of which is the once-in-a-generation change in human resources created in part by the early retirement incentive. In response to the conversation about strategic priorities at last fall’s Board retreat, he shared the “Vital Few” strategic priorities identified as most important for EICC’s focus this year. He asked Secretary Bedell to describe four professional development initiatives beginning this year: the L.E.A.D. Institute; the new professional development website; Emeritus Status for retiring employees; and the Employee Emergency Assistance Fund.

Chancellor Doucette reported that the Board’s Downtown Campus Task Force met last week and that the background work on the project continues to progress; he thanked them for their continued work. The capital campaign planning is underway to support this project.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on February 16, 2015, in the Ellis Vetter Board Room at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Approved:

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary