The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on January 25, 2016, 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*, Michelle Garvin*, Denise Hollonbeck, Milton Shaw, Bill Vetter. Absent: Kim Clausen, Dr. Joseph D’Souza, Bill Phelan. *Attended via conference call.

The Board conducted a public hearing on a public improvement projects: MCC Larson and Musser Halls HVAC Project. No one appeared to speak for or against the project, and President Gallagher closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes from the December 14, 2015, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Lorraine Jestel, whose son is a student athlete at MCC, addressed the Board about transportation issues for student athletes. She expressed concern for safe transportation to away games and the need to not cancel games due to transportation issues. Dr. Naomi DeWinter, MCC president, explained that the college had been using its own vehicles to transport students and that this will no longer be done. She assured Ms. Jestel that the college will have a plan in place to safely transport student athletes and that no away games will be cancelled because of transportation issues. Ms. Jestel thanked Dr. DeWinter and the Board.

Director Hollonbeck presented an IACCT update. She and Director Shaw will be attending the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC, next month. She encouraged the Board members to attend the IACCT Annual Conference in Des Moines February 21-23.

Dr. Ellen Kabat Lensch, vice chancellor for economic and workforce development, introduced Paula Arends, director of workforce innovation, to talk about workforce programs. Ms. Arends described the Workforce Opportunity and Investment Act programs, as well as the workforce development programs funded by the State of Iowa. She gave an overview of the sector boards created by the college to solicit input in the areas of advanced manufacturing, healthcare, transportation and logistics, and information technology. Dr. Kabat Lensch shared the webpage that has been created to share the sector board activities, as well as the career pathways maps that have been developed. Paul Rumler, executive vice president of the Quad Cities Chamber and their chief economic development officer, shared his appreciation for EICC’s leadership and the regional, bi-state view the college has taken in developing the area’s workforce.
A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the personnel list as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Kabat Lensch presented two Chapter 260E preliminary agreements: EnviroVison Recycling LLC in the amount of $60,000; and Greystone Manufacturing LLC in the amount of $270,000.

Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to approve the Chapter 260E preliminary agreements. Aye: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Kabat Lensch presented two Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements: Eagle Engineering, Inc. in the amount of $19,040; and Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. in the amount of $25,000.

Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve four lease agreements for Iow@Work office space at Clinton Community College, CCC-Maquoketa Center, MCC, SCC Belmont and SCC West Davenport Center.

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

Suteesh Tandon, chief financial officer, shared the bids received for the MCC Larson and Musser Halls HVAC project. The engineering services consultant has advised the college to reject all bids, purchase the Trane equipment directly, and rebid the project for installation only.

Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to reject all bids and to authorize publication of notice to bidders for installation only. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve plans and specifications for the SCC 1100/2100 Wing HVAC Project, authorize publication of notice to bidders, and set a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on February 15, 2016, at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.

Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to approve the plans and specifications, publish notice to bidders and schedule the public hearing. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.
The Board was asked to approve plans and specifications for the CCC 1965/1974 Addition Restroom Renovations, authorize publication of notice to bidders, and set a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on February 15, 2016, at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.

Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the plans and specifications, authorize publication of notice to bidders, and schedule the public hearing. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to adopt a resolution authorizing Chancellor Doucette to execute contracts related to the due diligence for the purchase of two downtown Davenport buildings related to the SCC Urban Campus project. Director Hollonbeck noted that the Board’s Downtown Task Force thoroughly discussed the issues and agrees the Board should move forward in this direction.

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

Financial reports for the month ending December 31, 2015, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports placed on file.

Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director Shaw, 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 Shaw moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Trustee Comments, President Gallagher thanked the Board members who called in for the meeting because of the road conditions for assuring quorum.

During Chancellor’s Comments, Chancellor Doucette noted that on-campus enrollment is lower than last spring, but high school concurrent enrollment continues to climb. The college is focused on building on-campus enrollments. The lobbying team has met with all area legislators, who were supportive of the college but cautious in promising increased financial support given the state’s finances. Governor Branstad proposed a 1.5% increase in his budget; Chancellor Doucette commented he sees that as the floor and will work to increase the level of support. He plans to spend more time in Des
Moines than in previous years, and that we will have several students at the Capitol this week for the IACCT Student Legislative Seminar. College leadership is working to build the 2017 budget, which the Board will consider for approval in March. Negotiations with the faculty association will begin soon, with a switch to interest-based bargaining as we work to establish mutual interests and stronger relationships. Chancellor Doucette thanked the faculty association leadership for their willingness to move in this new direction. A memorandum of agreement has been signed with eonReality to explore the possibility of a virtual and enhanced reality center in the new SCC Urban Campus. Representatives from eonReality will be on site February 29 and March 1. He also introduced two employees who have taken on new roles: Dr. Jeremy Pickard, who is now dean of instruction at MCC; and Dr. Daniel Marvin, now dean of concurrent enrollment and career technical education.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on February 15, 2016, in the Ellis Vetter Board Room at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

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Board President