

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
February 17, 2020**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on February 17, 2020, at the SCC Urban Campus, 101 West Third Street, Davenport, Iowa. President Robert Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following directors present: Kendra Beck\*, Dr. Joseph D'Souza, Lori Freudenberg, Michelle Garvin\*, Jim Hayes, Denise Hollonbeck, Milton Shaw (\*via phone). Absent: Bill Vetter.

Minutes from the January 27, 2020, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Hayes moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Audience and Communications, SCC President Lyn Cochran introduced Dr. Michael Beane, SCC Dean of Students, and Deb Lowman, SCC Assistant Dean of Library and Learning Resources. Chancellor Doucette introduced Brian Kelly, CCC President. Members of the New Faculty Development Course were in attendance, and Chancellor Doucette asked them all to introduce themselves. All were welcomed.

Director Hollonbeck presented the IACCT report, noting that she had just returned from Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, representing the ninth community college board she has visited as President of the IACCT Board. She and Director Shaw attended the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC, last week, where they and other members of the Iowa delegation met with elected representatives. She noted that next week researchers will conduct information-gathering meetings with individuals around the state for Iowa's participation in the Gates Foundation-funded America's Rural Community Colleges grant project. Community College Day on the Hill is scheduled for March 3, and the IACCT Annual Conference will be July 22-24 in Sioux City.

Dr. Joan Kindle, Vice Chancellor for Education and Training, introduced the staff report focused on professional development for faculty. She noted that five years ago EICC lost a significant number of long-time faculty to an early retirement incentive and that a strong onboarding program was needed for new faculty hires. The Council for Teaching Excellence (EXCEL) was formed, and among its several projects, it created the New Faculty Development Course (NFDC). EXCEL members Bret Benson, Gina Bielski, Jayln Parker and Andrea Williams provided an overview of the purpose and themes of the NFDC, as well as the mentoring program it includes and new resources under development for adjunct faculty. Michelle Rasmussen, Assistant Dean for eLearning Operations, gave an overview of the online Center for Teaching and Learning, a new resource for all faculty. Dr. Kindle expressed her appreciation for the work of this team, as well as the strong support provided by EICC's academic deans. Chancellor Doucette

**expressed his admiration for the leadership and the work that has been done, noting that faculty define an educational institution and that something special is happening at EICC.**

**Chancellor Doucette provided an overview of the 2020 Legislative Session, anticipated increases to state general aid, and specific bills of interest to community colleges. Directors Hollonbeck and Shaw provided perspective on federal legislation, sharing what they learned at the ACCT meeting.**

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

**Dr. Ellen Kabat Lensch, vice chancellor for economic and workforce development, presented two Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements: IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union in the amount of \$1,350; and Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. in the amount of \$32,500.**

**Director Hayes moved, seconded by Director D'Souza to approve the Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreement. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**The Board was asked to approve contractual agreements: a community college education service agreement with University of Phoenix for nursing students; an articulation agreement with Franklin University; and transfer major agreements with Clarke University, Iowa Wesleyan University, Mount Mercy University, St. Ambrose University, University of Dubuque, Upper Iowa University and Western Illinois University.**

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

**Chancellor Doucette presented the budget estimate for FY 2020-2021, noting that the recommended property tax levy rate will decrease from 99 cents to 82.4 cents, largely due to reduced early retirement and facilities maintenance costs. The Board was asked to authorize publication of the budget estimate and to schedule a public hearing on the budget estimate for 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2020, in the Ellis Vetter Board Room at 101 West Third Street, Davenport, Iowa.**

**Director Shaw moved, seconded by Director Freudenberg, to authorize publication of the budget estimate and to schedule the public hearing as requested. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

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**Financial reports for the month ending January 31, 2020, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports placed on file.**

**Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Hayes, 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 Hayes moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**During Trustee Comments, President Gallagher thanked the New Faculty Development Course members for the opportunity to meet and talk with them during dinner preceding the meeting, and thanked Directors Hollonbeck and Shaw for representing EICC at the ACCT legislative summit. Director Garvin expressed her appreciation for the transfer major agreements, noting they will be a game-changer for students. Director Hollonbeck spoke about a recent report on the demographic cliff, which anticipates a significant decline in the number of traditional college-age students beginning in 2026, and noted that EICC needs to be planning for its effect on enrollment. Director Freudenberg congratulated the college on its spring enrollment increase. Director Hayes noted he is impressed with the members of the New Faculty Development Course, noting they reassure him the college is on the right track to get where we need to go and that he feels good about the future.**

**The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2020, in the Ellis Vetter Board Room at 101 West Third Street, Davenport, Iowa.**

**President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.**

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**Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary**

**Approved:**

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**Board President**