

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
January 25, 2021**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on January 25, 2021, via Zoom. 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, Mike Gauss, Denise Hollonbeck, Milton Shaw, Bill Vetter. Absent: Michelle Garvin.

The Board conducted a Public Hearing on the SCC Culinary Arts Outdoor Patio project. No one appeared to speak for or against the project, and President Gallagher closed the hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes from the December 21, 2020, Regular Board meeting and the January 13, 2021, Special Board meeting had been provided to the Board members for their review.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Shaw, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Hollonbeck presented the IACCT report, noting that the annual Student Legislative Seminar is scheduled for this Wednesday, and the IACCT Board will meet on Thursday. She encouraged other trustees to join her for the virtual ACCT National Legislative Summit February 8-10.

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

Dr. Ellen Bluth, vice chancellor for economic and workforce development, presented three Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements: Bush Construction in the amount of \$9,000; Seaberg Industries in the amount of \$6,750; and Shared IT, Inc. in the amount of \$7,200.

Director D'Souza 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 two contractual agreements: a new dual enrollment articulation agreement with Augustana College; and renewal of the articulation agreement with Purdue Global University.

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

**The Board was presented with a recommendation to award the contract for the SCC Culinary Arts Outdoor Patio project to Bill Bruce Builders, with the low bid of \$243,000.**

**Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Freudenberg, to award the contract as recommended. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**The Board was asked to affirm the action taken by EICC regarding an emergency repair to the boiler at the SCC Belmont campus, which Chancellor Don Doucette explained followed the process for emergency repairs outlined in the Code of Iowa to request authorization from the AEA director.**

**Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director Gauss, to affirm the college's action to repair the boiler. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**The Board was asked to authorize the discontinuation of two credit programs: truck driving, which has been moved to the Continuing Education division; and health informatics, which has been absorbed into the health information technology program.**

**Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to authorize the discontinuation of both programs as recommended. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

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

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

**During Chancellor's Comments, Chancellor Doucette noted that the recently released Governor's budget recommends a two percent increase in state general aid for community colleges. He noted that informational materials are being prepared for the bond referendum in advance of the March 2 special election; that negotiations with the faculty association are ongoing; and the budget for FY2022 is being prepared for Board review next month.**

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**The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on February 15, 2021, via Zoom.**

**President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.**

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**Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary**

**Approved:**

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**Board President**