

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
March 8, 2021**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on March 8, 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, Michelle Garvin, Mike Gauss, Denise Hollonbeck, Bill Vetter. Absent: Milton Shaw.

The Board conducted a Public Hearing on the FY2021-22 Budget Estimate. No one appeared to address the Board about the budget, and President Gallagher closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes from the February 15, 2021, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Gauss, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Under Completion of the Agenda, the Board was asked to cancel the Executive Session re Personnel scheduled at the end of the meeting.

Director Hollonbeck presented the IACCT report, noting that Community College Day on the Hill is scheduled virtually for Thursday; registration is required to receive the Zoom link for the virtual legislative briefing at 8:30 a.m. The IACCT Board will meet on Friday.

Dr. Joan Kindle, vice chancellor for education and training, introduced the staff report, focusing on new curriculum and programs for Fall 2021. Dr. Isaac Newman, interim assistant dean of arts and sciences at Scott Community College, introduced the new Criminal Justice program that will launch this fall, with diploma, certificate and AAS options. Dr. Jeremy Pickard, dean of instruction at Muscatine Community College, spoke about the advanced certificate in data analytics, an 18-credit hour program for those who have already earned an associate degree. He recognized John Dabeet, MCC business department chair, for his efforts in building this certificate. Cheryl Welsch, dean of curriculum and accreditation, spoke about the adaptation of several existing AAS programs into online programs, including supply chain and logistics, administrative office support, augmented and virtual reality, graphic arts, and IT networking systems and security. She also spoke about six new transfer majors that will be submitted next month for Board approval, bringing the total number of transfer majors available to EICC students to 17.

Chancellor Don Doucette noted the list of stipends for part-time non-instructional employees submitted to the Board for approval, an action taken in line with the stipends approved last month for full-time employees. He thanked Director Freudenberg for her advocacy for this action.

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**Director Freudenberg moved, seconded by Director D'Souza, to approve the stipends for part-time non-instructional staff. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director Hollonbeck 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 a Chapter 260E preliminary agreement with Arconic in the amount of \$1,147,500.**

**Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Beck, to approve the Chapter 260E preliminary agreement. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**The Board was asked to approve an articulation agreement with Upper Iowa University for the B.A. in ESL Teaching.**

**Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to approve the articulation agreement. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**The Board was asked to approve plans and specifications for the Emergency Generator project, authorize publication of notice to bidders, and schedule a public hearing on the project for 7:00 p.m. on April 19 via Zoom.**

**Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director D'Souza, to approve the plans and specifications, authorize publication of notice to bidders, and set the public hearing as recommended. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**Two change orders for the SCC Main Building Boiler project were presented for approval: Northwest Mechanical Change Order 1 in the amount of \$3,360; and Northwest Mechanical Change Order 2 in the amount of \$5,646.**

**Director Gauss moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to approve both change orders as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

**The Board was asked to adopt the budget for FY 2021-2022.**

**Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director Freudenberg, to adopt the FY 2021-2022 budget as presented. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.**

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Financial reports for the month ending February 28, 2021, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports be placed on file.

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

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

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

During Trustee Comments, President Gallagher congratulated all on the voters' approval of the \$40 million bond referendum at the March 2 special election. Chancellor Doucette noted that the K-12 districts have been tremendous collaborators in developing the projects that the bond levy will support. He noted the college has three years of hard work ahead to be ready for classes in new facilities in Fall 2022 and 2023.

The Board was asked to schedule a special meeting for 4:30 p.m. on March 17, 2021, via Zoom, to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for the new facilities. The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on April 19, 2021, via Zoom.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

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**Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary**

Approved:

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**Board President**