

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
May 10, 2021**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on May 10, 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. *Present until 7:15 p.m.

Minutes from the April 19, 2021, Regular Board meeting had been provided to the Board members for their review. Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked by Director Freudenberg to adopt a resolution declaring Eastern Iowa Community Colleges a Trafficking Free Zone. Director Freudenberg noted that, if approved, EICC would be the first college in the country to make this declaration. The resolution is as stated:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, human sex trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and occurs when an adult or child is recruited, harbored, obtained, or exported through force, fraud or coercion for the purposes of sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of human sex trafficking is increasing throughout the United States, and even in the Eastern Iowa Community Colleges service area; thriving in cities across geographic and socio-demographic variability, and nationally, the criminal enterprise of human trafficking is second only to the illegal drug trade, in terms of the speed of its growth and being among the most lucrative, and;

WHEREAS, human sex trafficking significantly threatens the safety and well-being of the child victims, some as young as infants, and often coming from the foster care system, and vulnerable adults being purchased, as well as the families of buyers, legitimate businesses and our communities; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing body of evidence that targeting sex buyers is a pragmatic, effective way to reduce demand within the commercial sex industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community Colleges do hereby proclaim to continue our efforts to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of our children and vulnerable adults, and mitigate the associated public safety, economic, and health risks to our community, in collaboration with the Sisters of St. Francis and the U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking;

***COMBATTING COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION THROUGH
COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, AND THE IMPLEMENTATION AND
ENFORCEMENT OF A ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY AGAINST ANY ACT WHICH
MAY SUPPORT THE SEX TRAFFICKING OF HUMANS;***

AND to ask the citizens of Cedar, Dubuque, Clinton, Jackson, Johnson, Louisa, Muscatine and Scott Counties to join us in promoting a shift away from the culture of tolerance toward human trafficking;

AND to declare Eastern Iowa Community Colleges a Trafficking Free Zone.

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

Director Hollonbeck reported on IACCT activities, including the recent Board meeting, the outstanding leadership of new IACCT executive director Emily Shields, and the upcoming IACCT summer conference, to be held virtually July 21-22.

The staff report focused on student success, with presentations by the college presidents, three students, and Erin Snyder, chief communications officer. CCC President Brian Kelly introduced student Nuong Bui, who spoke about the support and encouragement she received as she progressed through the nursing program, especially from her instructors and the RISE program. MCC President Naomi DeWinter introduced Presley Reimers, who spoke about completing his High School Equivalency diploma and the support he received during that process. SCC President Ann Lawler introduced Summer Rosenmohr, who spoke about her experiences as a non-traditional student at SCC and the benefits she received from participating in both Phi Theta Kappa honor society and the TRIO Student Support Services program. Ms. Snyder then shared data related to student completion, retention and graduation. She noted that EICC's IPEDS graduation rate is up this year to 39.5%, which is 12.5 points above the national two-year public college average.

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.

The Board was asked to approve a series of motions related to the issuance of Industrial New Jobs Training certificates.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director D’Souza, to approve the Resolution Instituting Proceedings to take additional action for the issuance of not to exceed \$6,000,000 Industrial New Jobs Training Certificates (2021-1 Multiple Project). Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director D’Souza moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to approve the Resolution Directing the Sale and Delivery of \$5,465,000 Industrial New Jobs Training Certificates, Series 2021-1. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director Vetter, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,465,000 Industrial New Jobs Training Certificates, Series 2021-1, and providing for the securing of such certificates for the purpose of carrying out an Industrial New jobs Training Program project designated as the 2021-1 Multiple Project; Approval of Continuing Disclosure Certificate. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Garvin moved, seconded by Director D’Souza, to name U.S. Bank National Association as paying agent and registrar for the Series 2021-1 Multiple Project and approve the form of agency agreement and registrar’s agreement. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve two Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements: Clausen Companies in the amount of \$14,300; and Data Dimensions, LLC in the amount of \$19,500.

Director D’Souza moved, seconded by Director Gauss, to approve the Chapter 260F/WTED retraining agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve a resolution regarding the issuance of not to exceed \$13,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2021.

Director Hollonbeck moved, seconded by Director D’Souza, to approve the Resolution Directing the Advertisement for Sale, Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures and Approving Official Statement. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Director Beck moved, seconded by Director Gauss, to approve the bond counsel and disclosure counsel engagement agreements with Ahlers Cooney, P.C. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

EICC has received an offer from William Sheeder to purchase the former Career Assistance Center at 627 West Second Street, Davenport, Iowa. The Board was asked to approve a Resolution for Public Hearing and Notice of Sale.

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Director Vetter moved, seconded by Director Gauss, to approve the Resolution for Public Hearing and Notice of Sale, scheduling the public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on June 21, 2021, via Zoom. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Financial reports for the month ending April 30, 2021, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports placed on file.

Director Beck 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 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 Hollonbeck, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Trustee Comments, Director D'Souza congratulated chief financial officer Suteesh Tandon on his appointment to the Regional Development Authority and the IACCT TIAA investment boards.

During Chancellor's Comments, Chancellor Doucette reminded all of the virtual graduations scheduled for Thursday (CCC), Friday (MCC) and Monday (SCC).

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on June 21, 2021, via Zoom.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Approved:

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Board President