

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
April 2, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Special Session on April 2, 2022, via Zoom. President Robert Gallagher called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. with the following directors present: Kendra Beck, Dr. Joseph D’Souza, Tyla Sherwin-Cole, Debbie Tappendorf, Bill Vetter. Absent: Jenny Boysen, Michelle Garvin.

President Gallagher provided a summary of the chancellor search process to date, noting that the Search Committee provided four finalists to the Board for consideration, as requested. Two of those four finalists accepted other positions this week and withdrew from the search. He asked the Board for discussion about whether to extend the search to attract additional final candidates.

Director Beck, who served on the Search Committee, said that she felt the committee had not completed its job, that having only two candidates limits the Board’s choices, and that she believes the search should be reopened.

Director Vetter, who also served on the Search Committee, concurred, noting that the selection of a new chancellor is a critical decision for the college and the region’s future competitiveness.

Director D’Souza agreed that the search should be extended, noting his respect for the work of the Search Committee.

Director D’Souza moved, seconded by Director Sherwin-Cole, to extend the search in order to obtain additional finalists for the Board to interview and to refer the matter back to the Search Committee. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

President Gallagher noted that the decision is not a reflection on the quality of the two current finalists; the Board is pleased to have them continue in the process. He also clarified that the finalist interviews and forums originally scheduled for next week will be postponed.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

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Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

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Board President