

**Illinois Community College District No. 511  
Rock Valley College  
3301 North Mulford Road  
Rockford, IL 61114**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

**December 21, 2021**

**5:15 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

*On December 10, 2021 Governor Pritzker issued the 24th Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation for all counties in the state of Illinois. Due to the COVID-19 health pandemic, Howard J. Spearman, Ph.D., president of Rock Valley College, has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical, prudent, or feasible based on the Disaster Proclamation. Pursuant to Section 7 (e) (4) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS120/7(e) (4), this meeting will be held without the physical presence of a quorum at the meeting location.*

***Meeting Location:*** Building E, Rock Valley College, 3301 N. Mulford Road, Rockford, IL 61114. Howard J. Spearman, Ph.D., president of Rock Valley College, will be physically present at the meeting location. ***Trustees/members, citizens, faculty, and staff may attend the meeting via teleconference or videoconference.***

*Access to the Regular Board of Trustees meeting is provided via teleconference online <https://rockvalleycollege-edu.zoom.us/j/97108660426?pwd=NjE5aXdONFd5YzlmRFJjdTZMYXAxdz09> or by phone at 312-626-6799 using Meeting ID: 971 0866 0426; Passcode 727272. The meeting will include an opportunity for public comment. Members of the public who would like to make a public comment may submit their public comment to [RVC-BoardPC@rockvalleycollege.edu](mailto:RVC-BoardPC@rockvalleycollege.edu) by 3:15 p.m. on December 21, 2021. Public comments will be announced during the public comment portion of the meeting.*

**Call to Order**

The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 511, Winnebago, Boone, DeKalb, McHenry, Ogle, and Stephenson Counties, Illinois, convened remotely via teleconference on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. Board Chair Funderburg called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present at roll call:

Mr. Jarid Funderburg	Mr. Paul Gorski
Mr. Bob Trojan	Ms. Gloria Cudia
Ms. Lynn Kearney	Mr. John Nelson
Ms. Crystal Soltow arrived at 5:29 p.m.	

The following member of the Board of Trustees was absent: Student Trustee Evelyn Molina

Also in attendance: Dr. Howard Spearman, President; Dr. Amanda Smith, Interim Vice President Academic Affairs/Chief Academic Officer; Mr. Jim Handley, Vice President Human Resources; Ms. Ellen Olson, Vice President Finance/Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Heather Snider, Vice President Institutional Effectiveness and Communications; Dr. Patrick Peyer, Vice President Student Affairs; Mr. Keith Barnes, Vice President Equity and Inclusion; Mr. Rick Jenks, Vice President Operations/Chief Operations Officer; Ms. Jennifer Thompson, Executive Director College Communications; Ms. Ann Kerwitz; Assistant to the President; Ms. Kris Fuchs; Assistant to the President; Attorney Joseph Perkoski, Robbins Schwartz.

## Communications and Petitions (Public Comment)

No public comments were received.

### Recognition of Visitors

Vice President Patrick Peyer introduced Athletic Director Darin Monroe who then congratulated student athletes Jaep Almaraz, Byron Blaise and Marie Swanson, who have been awarded scholarships for Division II sports. Almaraz is from Harlem High School and will play men's soccer; Blaise is from Sycamore High School and will play baseball; Swanson is from Harlem High School and will play softball for RVC.

Trustees added their congratulations to these scholarship winners.

### Recess to Truth-in-Taxation Hearing

Board Chair Funderburg announced that the meeting would be recessed to the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing.

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## **TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING**

The Truth-in-Taxation Hearing for Rock Valley College was called to order by Board Chair Jarid Funderburg at 5:21 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. The Hearing was held remotely via Zoom due to the Disaster Proclamation issued December 10, 2021 by Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker.

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present at roll call:

Mr. Jarid Funderburg  
Mr. Bob Trojan  
Ms. Lynn Kearney

Mr. Paul Gorski  
Ms. Gloria Cudia  
Mr. John Nelson

The following member of the Board of Trustees was absent: Ms. Crystal Soltow; Student Trustee Evelyn Molina.

Also in attendance: Dr. Howard Spearman, President; Dr. Amanda Smith, Interim Vice President Academic Affairs/Chief Academic Officer; Mr. Jim Handley, Vice President Human Resources; Ms. Ellen Olson, Vice President Finance/Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Heather Snider, Vice President Institutional Effectiveness and Communications; Dr. Patrick Peyer, Vice President Student Affairs; Mr. Keith Barnes, Vice President Equity and Inclusion; Mr. Rick Jenks, Vice President Operations/Chief Operations Officer; Ms. Jennifer Thompson, Executive Director College Communications; Ms. Ann Kerwitz; Assistant to the President; Ms. Kris Fuchs; Assistant to the President; Attorney Joseph Perkoski, Robbins Schwartz.

Vice President / Chief Financial Officer Ms. Ellen Olson confirmed that the tax levy had not changed since reviewed at the December 7, 2001 Committee of the Whole meeting, and the Notice required by state statute was published properly within 14 days of the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing. Olson added that although the amount of the estimated taxes does not exceed the amount of taxes

extended or abated for the year 2020 by more than five percent (5%), and a hearing on the proposed 2021 tax levy is not required under the Truth-in-Taxation law of the state of Illinois, the Board of Trustees deems it appropriate to hold such a hearing.

Trustee Trojan pointed out that this is the fourth year in a row that the tax rate has been reduced and thanked the College Administration for their diligence.

Ms. Olson confirmed that the College did not receive any comments from the public.

On a motion by Trustee Kearney, seconded by Trustee Gorski, and unanimous roll call vote, the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing was closed.

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### **Reconvene Open Meeting**

Board Chair Funderburg announced that the regular Board of Trustees meeting was reconvened to open session and then asked for a motion to adjourn to closed session.

### **Adjourn to Closed Session**

At 5:26 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Trojan, seconded by Trustee Kearney, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the following: 1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees per Section 2 (c) (1); and/or 2) Collective negotiating matters per Section 2 (c) (2); and/or 3) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body per Section 2 (c) (5); and/or 4) Litigation has been filed, is pending or probable per Section 2 (c) (11), all in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Trustee Crystal Soltow arrived at 5:29 p.m.

The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.  
Trustee Soltow entered the meeting at 5:29 p.m. during the Closed Session.

### **Reconvene Open Meeting**

At 5:47 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Trojan, seconded by Gorski, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the open meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### **Action as a Result of Closed Session**

#### **1. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Support Staff Association (SSA) for Implementation of 2021-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement**

A motion was made by Trustee Funderburg, seconded by Trustee Kearney, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Support Staff Association (SSA) for Implementation of the 2021-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Trustee Nelson explained that this Memorandum of Understanding was discussed in closed session and concerns adjustment to wages.

There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### General Presentations

There were no general presentations.

### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Kearney, seconded by Trustee Gorski, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 Special Meeting, the November 9, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, and the November 23, 2021 Regular meeting.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### Action Items

#### **1. BR 7876 – Claims Sheet**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the claims sheets from the Ellucian check register for the period from November 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021. The total is 1,866,924.54.

A motion was made by Trustee Gorski, seconded by Trustee Trojan, to approve Board Report 7876.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **2a. BR 7877-A – Purchase Report-A – FY22 Purchases**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the marked items for purchase on Board Report 7877-A, Purchase Report-A.

\$ NOT TO EXCEED 24,500.00	A. Classroom Captioning, Monument, CO
\$ 20,687.00	B. Action Printing, Fond du Lac, WI

A motion was made by Trustee Gorski, seconded by Trustee Cudia, to approve Board Report 7877-A.

Chief Financial Officer Ellen Olson confirmed that no changes have been made since the December 7 Committee of the Whole meeting.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **2b. BR 7877-B – Purchase Report-B – Advanced Technology Center (ATC) FY22 Change Orders**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the marked items for purchase on Board Report 7877-B.

\$ <\$1,710.00>	A. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ 9,879.00	B. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ 214.00	C. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ <4,375.00>	D. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ 2,253.00	E. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ 6,833.00	F. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ 8,932.00	G. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ 5,203.00	H. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ 1,412.00	I. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ 2,794.00	J. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ 24,053.00	K. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ 5,517.00	L. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ 4,576.00	M. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ 6,743.00	N. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ 1,161.00	O. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ 26,777.00	P. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL
\$ 2,546.00	Q. Stenstrom Construction, Rockford, IL

A motion was made by Trustee Gorski, seconded by Trustee Nelson, to approve Board Report 7877-B.

Chief Financial Officer Ellen Olson explained the addition of Item Q, Change Order #73, made since the December 7 Committee of the Whole meeting.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**2.c. BR 7878 – Summary of Fiscal Year 2022 Estimated Revenues by Source for Community College District No. 511, Winnebago, Boone, DeKalb, McHenry, Stephenson and Ogle Counties, Illinois (Rock Valley College)**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Summary of Fiscal Year 2022 Estimated Revenues by Source for Rock Valley College and request that Ellen K. Olson, the Treasurer for the College, sign the appropriate report.

A motion was made by Trustee Gorski, seconded by Trustee Nelson, to approve Board Report 7778.

Chief Financial Officer Ellen Olson confirmed that no changes have been made since the December 7 Committee of the Whole meeting.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**3. BR 7879 – Levy Year 2021 Estimated Taxes Required and Certificate of Compliance for Truth-in-Taxation Hearing**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the following estimates for the amount of taxes necessary to be raised by taxation for the year 2021 as follows:

Educational Purposes – Fund 01 (\$.2300)	\$15,391,174
Operation and Maintenance Purposes – Fund 02 (\$.0400)	\$2,676,726
Fire Protection, Health, Life or Safety – Fund 03 (\$.0005)	\$0
Financial Audit Purposes – Fund 11	\$50,000
Liability Protection Settlement Fund – Fund 12	
Liability Insurance/Tort & Risk Management	\$0
Workers’ Compensation Insurance	\$0
Unemployment Insurance	\$0
Casualty Insurance	\$0
Athletic Insurance	\$0
Social Security and Medical Insurance	\$0
<b>Total Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$18,117,900</b>

A motion was made by Trustee Trojan, seconded by Trustee Gorski, to approve Board Report 7879.

Chief Financial Officer Ellen Olson confirmed that no changes have been made since the December 7, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**4. BR 7880 – Approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Projects**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the use of Fund 03-Capital and Protection, Health and Safety funds for the capital projects described herein.

A motion was made by Trustee Kearney, seconded by Trustee Trojan, to approve Board Report 7880.

Chief Operations Officer Rick Jenks explained that since the December 7 Committee of the Whole, there was an addition to the equipment section of an EMS golf cart for athletics at an estimated cost of \$20,000. Jenks also confirmed that the total amount did not change and that the amounts shown for these capital projects items are estimates for budgeting purposes. Final purchases will be brought to the Board for approval.

The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**5. BR 7881 – Fiscal Year 2022 Fund Transfer Request**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the College Administration to allocate \$10,700,000 for the strategic initiatives outlined below from Operating Funds (Funds 01 and 02) and transfer \$1,500,000 from Operations and Maintenance (Fund 03) to Restricted Purposes (Fund 06).

Fund 18 – Health Insurance Fund	\$1,000,000
Fund 06 – Athletic Division II Scholarships	\$1,200,000
Fund 19 – Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Fund	\$1,000,000
Fund 20 – SURS Penalty Fund	\$500,000

Fund 03 – Operations and Maintenance Capital)	
• Current Capital Needs	\$2,750,000
• Advanced Technology Center Phase 2	\$2,250,000
• Facility remodeling	\$2,000,000
Total Transfer from Fund 01 – Operating Fund	<b>\$10,700,000</b>

In addition, on December 15, 2020, Board Report #7778, the Board of Trustees approved \$1,500,000 for the Advanced Technology Center Sponsorship Program. Those funds are currently in Operations and Maintenance (Fund 03), and the Administration requests to transfer those funds to Restricted Purposes (Fund 06).

Fund 06– Advanced Technology Center Sponsorship Program	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
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A motion was made by Trustee Gorski, seconded by Trustee Trojan, to approve Board Report 7881.

Chief Financial Officer Ellen Olson explained that a portion of the requested fund transfer will help pay for the capital projects presented by Mr. Jenks.

The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**6. BR 7882 – 2021-2022 Linking Talent with Opportunity Memorandum of Understanding between Hononegah Community High School District #207 and Rock Valley College**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the newly established Linking Talent with Opportunity Memorandum of Understanding between Rock Valley College and Hononegah Community High School District #207 beginning upon signature by both parties and ending June 30, 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Kearney, seconded by Trustee Gorski, to approve Board Report 7882.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**7. BR 7883 – Extension of Advanced Technology Center (ATC) Sponsorship Program**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees extend the Advanced Technology Center (ATC) Sponsorship Program through Fiscal Year 2023 and approve using the remaining \$1,100,000 to fund the ATC Sponsorship Program.

A motion was made by Trustee Trojan, seconded by Trustee Gorski, to approve Board Report 7883.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**8. BR 7884 – Personnel Report**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel items as outlined on the report.

A motion was made by Trustee Gorski, seconded by Trustee Kearney, to approve Board Report 7884.

Trustee Gorski congratulated Dr. Amanda Smith on her promotion to Vice President of Academic Affairs / Chief Academic Officer.

Trustee Nelson expressed his disappointment in the number of faculty departures and hopes the positions will be filled quickly.

The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**9. BR 7885 – College Closure – December 28, 29, 30, 2021**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees close Rock Valley College on Tuesday, December 28; Wednesday, December 29; and Thursday, December 30, 2021, and designate those days as additional paid days off for employees scheduled to work. Members of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and Support Staff Association (SSA) who are required to work on any of those days to keep the campus safe and secure will be paid in accordance with their respective collective bargaining agreements, treating compensation for those days as a campus closure day.

A motion was made by Trustee Cudia, seconded by Trustee Nelson, to approve Board Report 7885.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**10. BR 7886 – Update to Board Policy 3:30.090, Family and Medical Leave (FMLA)**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the revision of Board Policy 3:30.090 so that Rock Valley College is in compliance with House Bill 0012. **Attorney Reviewed.**

A motion was made by Trustee Cudia, seconded by Trustee Kearney, to approve Board Report 7886.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**11. BR 7887 – Update to Board Policy 3:30.110, Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA)**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the revision of Board Policy 3:30.110 so that Rock Valley College is in compliance with House Bill 3582. **Attorney Reviewed.**

A motion was made by Trustee Cudia, seconded by Trustee Gorski, to approve Board Report 7887.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.



12. **BR 7888 FIRST READING – Update to Board Policy 2:10.050, Official College Holidays**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the revision of Board Policy 2:10.050, Official College Holidays, to add Juneteenth National Freedom Day as an additional paid holiday for Rock Valley College employees. Following the College's past practice for observing holidays that fall on a Saturday or Sunday, if June 19 falls on a Saturday, the College will be closed on the preceding Friday, and employees will receive a paid holiday. If June 19 falls on a Sunday, the College will be closed on the following Monday, and employees will receive a paid holiday.

There was no discussion. Since this is a First Reading, a vote was not taken.

13. **BR 7889 – FIRST READING: Update to Board Policy 3:30.150, Bereavement Leave**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees update existing Board Policy 3:30.150 to rename the policy from Child Bereavement Leave to Bereavement Leave; expand time off to include time away from work to plan for funerals and grieve the loss of other members of the immediate household in addition to a child; and include up to three days of paid time off to plan for and grieve the loss of their immediate family member. The revised board policy would allow for up to an additional seven days (maximum of 10 days off to be in accordance with the Child Bereavement Leave Act), plus any other provisions required by the Act. **Attorney Reviewed.**

There was no discussion. Since this is a First Reading, a vote was not taken.

14. **BR 7890 – Membership in the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT)**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve membership in the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) effective January 1, 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Gorski, to approve Board Report 7890.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Other Business**

1. **New Business**

There was no new business.

2. **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**Updates / Reports**

1. **President's Update**

President Howard Spearman commented that December has been a great month of positive reflection and appreciation and made the following remarks:

- Employees have shared how much they appreciate the Board's approval to close the College December 28, 29, and 30.

- At the RVC Foundation's Scholarship and Donor Appreciation luncheon held December 3, students, donors, and employees shared what RVC means to them. Thank you to Brittany Freiberg and her team for planning the event.
- Employees appreciated being able to tour the ATC and participate in the Employee Appreciation Luncheon held December 15. Thank you to Jennifer Thompson and her team and other RVC employees who contributed to the success of both events.
- ATC personnel have moved into the ATC. Mechatronics and welding classes will begin in January. ATC wall art design and donor recognition will be discussed in January.
- The Board retreat to be held Saturday, January 22 will include a diversity, equity and inclusion workshop for the Board and Cabinet. The workshop will be co-facilitated by Vice President of Equity and Inclusion Keith Barnes and Jim Reed, executive director of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association.
- The family of Kanwal Prashar, retired RVC professor, who recently passed away, expressed their appreciation to the College and how much Professor Prashar loved working here – so much that he retired four times.
- Best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year.

Trustee Trojan added his thanks and congratulations for opening the ATC in January. He had a tour recently and the facility is really shaping up.

## **2. Leadership Team Updates**

- Ms. Ellen Olson announced that although the College is satisfied with the services of Illinois Bank and Trust, the College will issue an RFP for financial and banking services in the first quarter of 2022.
- Ms. Heather Snider provided an enrollment update, noting the spring enrollment is down 5.67% from last year at this time and 84 percent to budget. This reflects the deregistration on December 15. Spring registration ends January 7. Congratulations to Jennifer Thompson on her selection to the District 3 Executive Council of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations for community and technical colleges, and to Sonnie Glusman who earned an AAS degree in cross-media production.
- Dr. Patrick Peyer thanked everyone for getting through a challenging 2021. New inductions to the RVC Athletic Hall of Fame will be held April 8, 2022 and include Misty Opat, Craig Doty, Cierra Morris, LT Davis, Vivi Marquez and Natalie Olsen. Congratulations to the RVC softball staff who was awarded the NFCA National Coaching Staff of the Year and presented the award at the national convention in Las Vegas last week. This is the seventh straight year that RVC has won the award. In addition, Kristy Pierce, volleyball coach, has been named Region 4 Conference Coach of the Year for 2021, and Vivi Marquez, assistant volleyball coach, was named the NFCA Assistant Coach of the Year.
- Mr. Jim Handley announced that Crisis Intervention Training for police officers and others was held at the College recently. Attendees included 30 employees and over 30 officers from around the area.
- Dr. Amanda Smith made several announcements: 1) The College has been awarded a third Workforce Equity Initiative (WEI) grant for \$1.2 million to provide training in seven high-demand areas. 2) Congratulations to Heather Snider and Gina Caronna for their work obtaining an \$80,000 Innovative Bridge and Transition grant from the ICCB for summer pathways programs in manufacturing, mechatronics, engineering, and health sciences. 3) Trustees are invited to join the Faculty Development Day to be held remotely on January 7, 2022. 4) As a result of the positive relationship with faculty, a Letter of Affirmation has been signed by the faculty association regarding Covid-19 protocol in 2022.

- Mr. Rick Jenks made several announcements: 1) A Winnebago County committee has passed the Intergovernmental Agreement to move the cold forming program from its current Buckbee location. The IGA was well received and will go to the full County board 12/21. Moving equipment will begin on 12/22. 2) The LED lighting project is moving forward but has run into some issues regarding materials; the FPOM staff is about 60 percent done with the exterior lighting and will resume in January, weather permitting. 3) The Capital Development Board (CDB) has indicated it will not install a ramp for the ERC steps, but agreed to the need for a partial repair on the CLI side. All work on the steps is on hold until the weather improves.

Trustee Kearney inquired what signage will be put up to inform the disabled. Mr. Jenks indicated there is a usable handicapped ramp on the CLI side of the building and there will be signs for the lower-level elevator.

### **3. ICCTA Report (Illinois Community College Trustees Association)**

Trustee Nelson reported the ICCTA did not have any meetings in December, however, he did receive a report that the college presidents had a very productive meeting.

### **4. Trustee Comments**

- Trustee Kearney commented that the RVC Foundation's donor luncheon was done exceptionally well. She also attended the nurses pinning ceremony and found the nursing faculty to be very positive and the students very appreciative.
- Trustee Nelson commented that the College has made good progress in 2021, and the ATC is starting to roll. He would like to see an increase in enrollment.
- Trustee Gorski thanked staff for their hard work and urged them to take advantage of the time off next week. He also thanked students for putting their faith in RVC and trusting the Board to help. He also thanked his fellow trustees and the administration for their efforts, as well as former trustee Patrick Murphy for advancing the ATC and for helping the College when he was a board member.
- Trustee Soltow thanked everyone for making her time as a trustee very interesting; she has learned a lot from everyone, enjoyed the journey, and is looking forward to opening the ATC.
- Trustee Trojan commented that although 2021 has been full of turmoil, he is grateful for a good Board and administration. He expects that 2022 will be a spectacular year.
- Trustee Cudia commented that she is getting positive feedback from the community. She also thanked her fellow trustees, the RVC staff and administration for their hard work.
- Board Chair Funderburg thanked everyone for their hard work over the past year and is looking forward to 2022. He also thanked students, faculty, and administration for putting faith in the Board.

### **5. Student Trustee Report**

Although Student Trustee Evelyn Molina was not at the meeting, her student trustee report was part of the meeting packet.

**6. RVC Foundation Liaison Report**

Trustee Trojan reported that the RVC Foundation board met earlier today and welcomed two new board members, Ms. Jamie Fanara and Mr. Ira Grimmet. The RVC Foundation has completed a second chance scholarship awarding period for the first time, which brought the total award up to 213 students who were awarded a total of \$376,000 in scholarships this year. Co-chairs of the RVC Strong campaign, Barry Kramer and John Wolf, announced that the campaign is going public now that at least 50 percent of the goal has been committed or received. To date, the year-end appeal has raised \$86,000.

**7. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Report**

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) report was accepted as presented.

**Closed Session**

A second closed session was not held.

**Next Meeting**

The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held remotely via teleconference on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

The next Regular meeting will be held remotely via teleconference on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

**Adjournment**

At 6:36 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Trojan, seconded by Trustee Kearney, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Submitted by Ann Kerwitz

  
Robert Trojan, Secretary

  
Jarid Funderburg, Chairperson