

**Illinois Community College District #511**  
**Rock Valley College**  
**3301 North Mulford Road, Rockford, IL 61114**  
**April 26, 2022**  
**5:15 p.m.**

*On April 1, 2022 Governor Pritzker issued the 28th 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 Board of Trustees meeting is provided via teleconference online via <https://rockvalleycollege-edu.zoom.us/j/95551131124?pwd=bVJobm1rQ1dUS0xVdTFpTjNLclJldz09>; by phone at +1-312-626-6799 with **Meeting ID 955 5113 1124 and Passcode 731874**. Public comments may be submitted by email prior to the Board meeting, to be read during the public comment portion of the meeting. Public comment via email should be submitted by 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 and sent to [RVC-BoardPC@rockvalleycollege.edu](mailto:RVC-BoardPC@rockvalleycollege.edu).

**FINAL MEETING OF PRESENT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The final meeting of the present Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 511, Winnebago, Boone, DeKalb, McHenry, Ogle, and Stephenson Counties, Illinois, convened remotely via teleconference on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 5:16 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jarid Funderburg.

**Roll Call**

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

Mr. Jarid Funderburg	Mr. Bob Trojan
Mr. John Nelson	Mr. Paul Gorski
Ms. Lynn Kearney	Ms. Gloria Cudia
Ms. Crystal Soltow arrived at 5:17 p.m.	Student Trustee Evelyn Molina

Also in attendance: Dr. Howard Spearman, President; Dr. Amanda Smith, Vice President Liberal Arts and Adult Education/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; Dr. Hansen Stewart, Vice President Industry Partnerships and Community Engagement; Ms. Jennifer Thompson, Executive Director College Communications; Ms. Ann Kerwitz; Assistant to the President; Ms. Kris Fuchs; Assistant to the

President; Attorney Matthew Gardner, Robbins Schwartz; Attorney Joseph Perkoski, Robbins Schwartz. Guests: Associate Professor John Skupien and Student Trustee-Elect Mr. Ryan Russell.

### **Communications and Petitions (Public Comment)**

Board Chair Funderburg announced that there were no public comments.

### **Recognition of Visitors**

#### **1. Student Trustee 2022-2023 – Ryan Russell**

Dr. Patrick Peyer introduced Mr. Ryan Russell as the newly elected student trustee for 2022-2023. Mr. Russell is a graduate of Byron High School, served in the U.S. Air Force and the Illinois National Guard, and is a member of the RVC Veteran's Club. He will be sworn in as the student trustee at the May 24 regular board meeting.

#### **2. Faculty of the Year – Associate Professor John Skupien**

Dr. Amanda Smith introduced Associate Professor John Skupien, recently named 2022 Faculty of the Year. Professor Skupien is an alumnus of the RVC automotive program, has worked in the industry over 19 years, and is very valued by staff and students alike. Trustees added their congratulations and thanked Mr. Skupien for the great work he has done at RVC.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Trustee Kearney, seconded by Trustee Trojan, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting and the March 22, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

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

### **Adjourn to Closed Session**

At 5:23 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Trojan, seconded by Trustee Kearney, to adjourn to closed session to discuss: 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.

The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### **Reconvene Open Meeting**

At 6:06 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Kearney, seconded by Trustee Trojan, to adjourn the closed session and return to open session. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. No action was taken as a result of closed session.

## Action Items

### 1. **BR 7914 – 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 from March 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022. The total is \$2,933,620.84.

A motion was made by Trustee Trojan, seconded by Trustee Nelson, to approve Board Report 7914. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### 2.A. **BR 7915-A – Purchase Report-A – FY22 Addendums**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the marked items for purchase on Board Report 7915-A.

\$ 14,500.00	A.	Verizon Wireless, St. Louis, MO
\$ 1,500.00	B.	Meridian, Loves Park, IL
\$ 6,000.00	C.	Illinois Holler LLC, Rockford, IL
\$ 1,100.00	D.	Ellucian, Malvern, PA

Trustee Cudia, made a motion, seconded by Trustee Nelson, to approve Board Report 7915-A. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### 2.B. **BR 7915-B – Purchase Report-B – FY22 COVID-19 Emergency Purchase**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the marked items for purchase on Board Report 7797-B, Purchase Report #761-B.

\$ 21,500.00	A.	Soft Docs SC, LLC, Columbia, SC
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Trustee Nelson, made a motion, seconded by Student Trustee Molina, to approve Board Report 7915-B. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### 2.C. **BR 7915-C – Purchase Report-C – 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 7915-C.

\$ 26,000.00	A.	Zoom Video Communications, Inc., San Jose, CA
\$ 11,350.76	B.	State University Retirement System (SURS), Champaign, IL
\$ 32,474.00	C.	Duplo USA Corporation, Santa Ana, CA
\$ 75,158.00	D.	Burris Equipment Company, Waukegan, IL
\$ 42,500.00	E.	Meridian, Loves Park, IL
\$ 17,500.00	F.	AAMPED Inc., Allen, Texas
\$ 18,831.91	G.	Automotive Equipment Specialists, Hanover Park, IL

\$ 10,900.00 H. Vertigo, Cortland, IL

Student Trustee Molina made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kearney, to approve Board Report 7915-C. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**3. BR 7916 – 2022 Summer Flex Days--Fulltime ESP, SSA, PSA and Administrative Staff**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve five (eight-hour) summer flex days for fulltime Educational Support Personnel (ESP), Support Staff Association (SSA), Professional Staff Association (PCA) and Administration.

Trustee Nelson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cudia to approve Board Report 7916. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**4. BR 7917 – Personnel Report**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel actions listed on the report.

A motion was made by Trustee Kearney, seconded by Student Trustee Molina, to approve Board Report 7917.

Trustee Nelson commented that he will vote no as he does not think that Rodger Hergert should retire.

The motion was approved by majority roll call vote. Trustees Cudia, Gorski, Kearney, Soltow, Trojan, and Funderburg voted yes. Trustee Nelson voted no “with tongue-in-cheek.” Student Trustee Molina voted yes (advisory)

**5. BR 7918 – Resolution Honoring the Retirement of Rock Valley College Employees**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Retirement Resolution honoring 2021-2022 Rock Valley College retirees.

A motion was made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Trojan, to approve Board Report 7918. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**6. BR 7919 – Donation Report – Tree Donation**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees accept and acknowledge the donation of 25, three-gallon, potted oak trees by the Association of Illinois SWCD/Winnebago County. The value of this donation is Five Hundred and 00/100- Dollars.

A motion was made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Student Trustee Molina, to approve Board Report 7919. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**7. BR 7920 – Memorandum of Agreement with Illinois Fraternal Order of Police**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police to update Section 16.1 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement to give the Rock Valley College police department the ability to attract qualified applicants.

A motion was made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Kearney, to approve Board Report 7920.

Trustee Nelson commented that this is a very important agreement, as he believes that RVC needs its own police department and hopes the agreement will encourage current officers to stay and/or add new members.

Trustee Cudia commented that this agreement is a message to the police officers that trustees appreciate their work and “have their back.”

The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**8. BR 7921 – Approve Donation of Aircraft from AAR**

The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees accept the donation from AAR of a used Bombardier Inc. model CL-600-2B19 aircraft, including all technical manuals, documents, and records in AAR’s possession.

A motion was made by Trustee Kearney, seconded by Student Trustee Molina, to approve Board Report 7921.

President Spearman commented that the College is waiting for confirmation of when the plane will be flown to Rockford. He is expecting a press release soon with a press conference to be held in June. President Spearman congratulated Dean Vicki Brust and her team who have been working diligently to get this aircraft donation completed.

Trustees Kearney and Nelson commented that our partnership with AAR has been very smooth, and they have been wonderful partners.

The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. New Business**

- a. Save the Date: May 12, 2022 – GED Graduation, 6:00 p.m., PEC
- b. Save the Date: May 13, 2022 – Commencement, 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., PEC  
Dr. Spearman asked trustees to inform Ann Kerwitz which ceremonies they plan to attend.
- c. Board Report 7915-D – Purchase Report – Emergency FY22 Purchase

President Spearman explained that an emergency purchase has been made for two water heaters for the Physical Education Center. The Board Report reads in part: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the marked items for purchase on Board Report 7915-D.

§ 28,314.00 A. Helm Service, Freeport, IL

Trustee Nelson, made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kearney, to approve Board Report 7915-D for the emergency purchase of two water heaters for the PEC.

Chief Operations Officer Rick Jenks explained the reason for the emergency request is that the two water heaters in the Physical Education Center (PEC) are about 14 years old, are no longer working and cannot be repaired. In addition, the softball and baseball teams are in full season and need to be able to shower after practices and competitive games. Because the situation was just discovered one day ago and did not allow for 48 hours' notice to the public, Attorney Matthew Gardner recommended that this emergency approval be ratified at the May 24 regular meeting.

The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**2. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**Updates/Reports**

**1. President's Update**

RVC President Dr. Howard Spearman provided the following report:

- He and the Cabinet hosted a virtual Town Hall called "Chat with the Cabinet" on April 7. Although it was not well attended, the ongoing goal is to find creative ways to engage students.
- Vice President Jim Handley and his HR team coordinated the Retirement Celebration, followed the next day by an Alumni and Retirement breakfast coordinated by Brittany Freiberg and her RVC Foundation team. Both events were well attended.
- RVC has submitted nominations for several ICCTA Awards. Winners will be announced at the ICCTA Awards Banquet to be held in Chicago on June 10.
- Professor Stephanie Wascher, CIS course instructor, is also the Illinois representative for Cybersecurity Education, and is hosting the Illinois Cybersecurity Education Summit at RVC on Thursday, April 28. The event will bring together Illinois stakeholders from K-12 and higher education to discuss cybersecurity pathways of study.
- Congratulations again to Professor John Skupien who has been named the Faculty of the Year for 2022.
- Welcome to Dr. Hansen Stewart, vice president of industry partnerships and community engagement, who started at RVC this week. Dr. Stewart's primary office will be at the Advanced Technology Center.

**2. Leadership Team Updates.**

- Chief Operations Officer Rick Jenks announced that work on the front steps of the ERC has begun. Two more machines arrived at the ATC last week, with two remaining to be delivered. Springs for the garage door are expected to arrive in June.
- Vice President Keith Barnes announced that the DEI Awards ceremony will be held April 29 from 11:00-1:00 in the Student Center Atrium. In addition, the College has been named a finalist for the 2022 Equity & Diversity Award presented by ICCTA.

- Vice President Heather Snider provided an enrollment update, noting that Summer I begins May 16. We are 97% to budget for FY22.; 75% to budget for summer II; and fall enrollment is 44% to budget.
- Dr. Patrick Peyer reviewed upcoming college events: Student Life Awards Banquet-May 3; Sankofa Completion Ceremony-May 6; LatinX-May 11; TRiO graduation-May 19 and RAISE graduation on May 20.
- Dr. Amanda Smith noted that the David H. Caskey Memorial Lecture presented virtually on April 7 had over 100 attendees. She thanked Dr. Julie Hernandez for coordinating the event. The next First Tuesday Lecture series returns in May featuring Dr. Timothy Hatten. Trustees are invited to attend the upcoming pinning ceremonies: Respiratory Care-May 11; Nursing and Dental Hygiene on May 12. All will be in person in the Atrium.
  - In response to a comment by Trustee Trojan, Dr. Smith confirmed that due to the staggered completion times, there is not a formal CNA ceremony.
  - Trustee Cudia added that she would like to have a list of graduation events.
- Vice President Jim Handley commented that everyone was pleased with the successful in-person retirement celebration held April 19. In addition, the spring professional development day held April 14 offered great opportunities for all staff.

### **3. Trustee Comments**

- Board Chair Funderburg reminded trustees that the Statement of Economic Interest is due to Winnebago County May 1.
- Trustee Nelson commented that he has been interested lately in a board that sets policy rather than micromanages.
- Trustee Soltow commented that following the ATC ribbon cutting, she heard great things about the event, but also received complaints that some people were not invited such as some from the Chamber of Commerce and Belvidere Park District. She hopes it was a misunderstanding.
- Trustee Trojan commented that the ATC ribbon cutting was well attended and received good media coverage. He added that an announcement was made at the event that the RVC Foundation's fundraising goal of \$1 million had been reached. Mr. Trojan suggested that the College may want to host a special event at the ATC to include all elected officials and organizations. He also noted that it is important to keep track of students attending the ATC and that the proposed E-vehicle training must be at the ATC.
- Trustee Cudia commented that she was approached by the Belvidere Hispanic community to help bring folks together to communicate, bring cultures together and suggested a meeting be held at the ATC. Cudia added that she submitted her Statement of Economic Interest to Winnebago County today. Cudia added that this is Administrative Assistants Week and thanked RVC staff for their service.
- Trustee Kearney commented that she was sorry to have missed the ATC ribbon cutting, but she will attend the GED graduation, the Nursing pinning and one or both of the Commencement ceremonies.
- Board Chair Funderburg commented that he was sorry to hear that some people felt left out of the ATC ribbon cutting event. He likes the idea of holding a board meeting at the ATC and possibly coordinating that with an open house event. He concluded by thanking everyone who helped plan and orchestrate the very successful ribbon cutting.

#### **4. ICCTA Report**

Trustee Nelson reported that he will be attending the ICCTA conference to be held Friday, April 29, 2022 in Springfield. At the last ICCTA meeting held March 11-12, the two most discussed issues were the importance of E-vehicles and improving enrollment. The seminar was about taxation and back door referendums. He will not be able to attend the June 10 awards in Chicago but hopes others can attend.

In response to a question from Trustee Trojan regarding the proposed legislation to create trustee districts, Nelson explained that ICCTA is aware of the situation, as is the president of the Illinois Senate. Trustee Nelson added that he will bring that up at the April 29 ICCTA meeting.

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

Student Trustee Molina read her report highlighting her experience at the Student Government Association (SGA) trip to Orlando, Florida to attend a conference helping schools improve and collaborate with other SGAs from around the country. She also noted that RVC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter was recently honored at an international convention in Denver., CO, where they won a Distinguished College Project Award and were recognized as one of the Top 100 chapters in the world. The Arbor Day tree planting was held April 25, rescheduled from April 22 due to rain and lightning.

Trustees commented how much they've enjoyed working with Ms. Molina and congratulated her on her plans to attend Northwestern University.

#### **6. RVC Foundation Liaison Report**

Trustee Trojan provided an update on RVC Foundation activities, including hosting a retiree and alumni breakfast on April 20. Future events include another event to be held in July and another in October. Rachel St. John, the Foundation's new director of development and alumni relations, will be busy contacting the 35,000 alumni in the area and the 55,000 nationwide. Additionally, the Foundation expects to award \$400,000 in scholarships this year, and the annual appeal letter will be mailed in May to approximately 6,000 recipients. RVC trustees are also being asked to donate.

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

The Freedom of Information Act report was accepted as presented.

### **Adjourn Final Meeting of Present Board**

At 7:03 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Trojan, seconded by Trustee Cudia, to adjourn the final meeting of the present board. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Trustees took a short break before beginning the Reorganization Meeting.



**ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**Immediately Following the Final Meeting of Present Board**  
**April 26, 2022**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order by Chairperson of Retiring Board**

The Reorganization meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 511, Winnebago, Boone, DeKalb, McHenry, Ogle, and Stephenson Counties, Illinois, convened via Zoom remote video conference on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 7:08 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jarid Funderburg.

**Roll Call by Secretary of the Retiring Board**

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

Mr. Jarid Funderburg  
Mr. John Nelson  
Ms. Lynn Kearney  
Ms. Crystal Soltow

Mr. Bob Trojan  
Mr. Paul Gorski  
Ms. Gloria Cudia  
Student Trustee Evelyn Molina

Also in attendance: Dr. Howard Spearman, President; Dr. Amanda Smith, Vice President Liberal Arts and Adult Education/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; Dr. Hansen Stewart, Vice President Industry Partnerships and Community Engagement; Ms. Jennifer Thompson, Executive Director College Communications; Ms. Ann Kerwitz; Assistant to the President; Ms. Kris Fuchs; Assistant to the President; Attorney Matthew Gardner, Robbins Schwartz; Attorney Joseph Perkoski, Robbins Schwartz.

**Recognition of Visitors**

There were no visitors to be recognized.

**Adoption of Policies of the Board**

Trustee Gorski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cudia, to adopt the Policies of the Board of Trustees dated April 8, 2014 and individually updated as necessary as part of the Board Policy Manual.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved by majority roll call vote. Trustees Cudia, Gorski, Kearney, Soltow, Trojan and Funderburg voted yes. Trustee Nelson voted no. Student Trustee Molina voted yes (advisory).

### **Certification of Audit and Board Minutes and Policies by Secretary**

Board Secretary Bob Trojan certified that the audit and minutes and policies of the Board of Trustees are true and are kept in conformity with the Board of Trustees Bylaws.

### **Adjournment of Retiring Board, sine die**

A motion was made by Trustee Trojan, seconded by Trustee Cudia, to adjourn the meeting of the Retiring Board, sine die. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### **Convening of New Board by Ranking Hold-over Officer from Retiring Board Who Shall Serve as Temporary Chairperson**

As the ranking hold-over officer from the retiring board, Board Chair Jarid Funderburg, serving as Temporary Chairperson, convened the new Board of Trustees and asked Board Secretary Trojan to call the roll.

### **Roll Call**

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

Mr. Jarid Funderburg	Mr. Bob Trojan
Mr. John Nelson	Mr. Paul Gorski
Ms. Lynn Kearney	Ms. Gloria Cudia
Ms. Crystal Soltow	Student Trustee Evelyn Molina

### **Election of Chairperson of the Board Election of Vice Chairperson of the Board Election of Secretary of the Board**

Temporary Chairperson Funderburg called for nominations for the position of Board Chair.

A motion was made by Trustee Gorski, seconded by Trustee Nelson, to nominate the slate of officers as follows: Jarid Funderburg as Board Chairperson, Gloria Cudia as Vice Chairperson and Bob Trojan as Secretary. There were no other nominations, nor any discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### **Appointment of Treasurer**

A motion was made by Trustee Kearney, seconded by Trustee Nelson, to approve the appointment of Ms. Ellen Olson, vice president of finance/chief financial officer, as College Treasurer. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### **Appointment of Attorney**

A motion was made by Trustee Trojan, seconded by Trustee Gorski, to approve the appointment of Mr. Joseph Perkoski of Robbins Schwartz as College Attorney. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### **Appointment of Bank Depository(s)**

A motion was made by Trustee Gorski, seconded by Board Chair Funderburg, to approve the appointment of Illinois Bank & Trust as the College's primary bank depository. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### **Appointment of Auditor(s)**

A motion was made by Trustee Trojan, seconded by Trustee Gorski, to approve the appointment of Sikich, LLP as the College's auditing firm. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### **Appointment of Board of Trustees Liaison to RVC Foundation**

Board Chair Funderburg appointed Trustee Trojan to continue as representative to the RVC Foundation.

### **Appointment of Board of Trustees Liaison to ICCTA**

Board Chair Funderburg appointed Trustee Nelson to continue as representative to the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA).

### **Appointment of Representative of Finance Topics at Committee of the Whole**

Board Chair Funderburg appointed Trustee Trojan as representative of Finance topics at the Committee of the Whole meetings.

### **Appointment of Representative of Operations Topics at Committee of the Whole**

Board Chair Funderburg appointed Trustee Kearney to continue as representative of Operations topics at the Committee of the Whole meetings.

### **Appointment of Representative of Teaching, Learning and Communications Topics at Committee of the Whole**

Board Chair Funderburg appointed Trustee Cudia to continue as representative of Teaching, Learning and Communications topics at the Committee of the Whole meetings.

### **Appointment of Representative of Board Policies Topics at Committee of the Whole**

Board Chair Funderburg appointed Trustee Kearney as representative of Board Policies topics at the Committee of the Whole meetings.

### **Appointment of Representative of Special Projects Topics at Committee of the Whole**

Board Chair Funderburg announced that he will serve as representative of Special Projects topics at Committee of the Whole meetings. Trustee Kearney questioned if the Board chair could serve in charge of a committee. Attorney Joseph Perkoski commented that the Board chair is the

liaison to all Board committees, and although he believed that has been past practice, it is not a legal problem.

Trustee Nelson added that he understands the chairman is automatically a member of all committees. He added that he did not hear Trustee Gorski's name mentioned and feels that he should be part of this committee. Board Chair Funderburg apologized for his distraction and appointed Trustee Gorski to the Special Projects Committee. Trustee Gorski commented that he already participates on the Higher Learning Commission Steering Committee.

Funderburg added that Trustee Soltow will work with Trustee Trojan on Finance topics.

### **Setting the Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Next Calendar Year**

A motion was made by Trustee Gorski, seconded by Trustee Nelson, to approve the meeting schedule for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. There was no discussion, and the motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Gorski noted that if the Board does hold a meeting at the ATC, proper public notice needs to be given if there is a change of date or location. Trustee Trojan added that it would be a good idea to have a Board meeting at ATC in conjunction with Belvidere organizations.

### **Adjourn**

At 7:24 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Gorski, seconded by Trustee Cudia to adjourn the Reorganization meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
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**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

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**Roll Call**

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

Mr. Jarid Funderburg  
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Mr. Bob Trojan  
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Also in attendance: Dr. Howard Spearman, President; Dr. Amanda Smith, Vice President Liberal Arts and Adult Education/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; Dr. Hansen Stewart, Vice President Industry Partnerships and Community Engagement; Ms. Jennifer Thompson, Executive Director College Communications; Ms. Ann Kerwitz; Assistant to the President; Ms. Kris Fuchs; Assistant to the President; Attorney Matthew Gardner, Robbins Schwartz; Attorney Joseph Perkoski, Robbins Schwartz.

**Communications and Petitions (Public Comment)**

There were no communications or petitions.

**Recognition of Visitors**

There were no visitors to be recognized.

### Adjourn to Closed Session

A closed session was not held.

### Trustee Comments

- Trustee Gorski commented that he is looking forward to next year.
- Trustee Kearney commented that she is open to assistance to reviewing Board policies. She would like to have a systematic review of the policies and invited attorney support, to which Attorney Joseph Perkoski agreed. President Spearman added that Vice President Jim Handley works closely with the Robbins Schwartz attorneys in relation to the Board policies. Trustee Nelson added that he is happy to help, if needed.

### Other Business

#### **1. New Business**

Save the dates for May 12 (GED Graduation) and May 13 (Commencement)

#### **2. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business presented to the Board.

### Next Meeting

**Date of Next Committee of the Whole Meeting:** May 10, 2022, 5:15 p.m.; Remote meeting to be held via teleconference or in person in the Performing Arts Room of the Educational Resource Center depending upon State regulations.

**Date of Next Regular Meeting:** May 24, 2022, 5:15 p.m., Remote meeting to be held via teleconference or in person in the Performing Arts Room of the Educational Resource Center depending upon State regulations.

### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:29 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Cudia. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Submitted by Ann Kerwitz

  
Robert Trojan, Secretary

  
Vice- ~~Jarid Funderburg~~, Chairperson