

**Rock Valley College Board of Trustees
Illinois Community College District #511
3301 North Mulford Road
Rockford, IL 61114**

**Special Meeting – Announcement of Trustee Vacancy
January 10, 2023, 5:15 p.m.**

MINUTES

On January 6, 2023, Governor Pritzker issued the thirty-eighth 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 via <https://rockvalleycollege-edu.zoom.us/j/94045510300?pwd=SXR2L3JXbnJmb1U4UmtqK1dxajhLZz09> or by phone at 312 626 6799 using Meeting ID 940 4551 0300, Passcode: 777032. The meeting will include an opportunity for public comment. Members of the public may submit their public comment to RVC-BoardPC@rockvalleycollege.edu by 3:15 p.m. on January 10, 2023. Public comments will be announced during the public comment portion of the meeting.

The Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 511, Winnebago, Boone, DeKalb, McHenry, Ogle, and Stephenson Counties, Illinois, convened via remote video conference on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 5:18 p.m. Trustee Gloria Cudia, Board Vice Chair acting as Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

The following trustees were present:

Ms. Gloria Cudia

Mr. Paul Gorski

Ms. Crystal Soltow

Mr. Bob Trojan

Mr. John Nelson

Ms. Lynn Kearney arrived at 5:20 p.m.

The following trustee was absent: Student Trustee Ryan Russell

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. Betsy Saucedo, Interim Assistant to the President; Attorney Joseph Perkoski, Robbins Schwartz.

Announcement of Trustee Vacancy

Ms. Gloria Cudia, board vice chair acting as board chair, made the following announcement on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

The purpose of this meeting is to announce the resignation of Jarid Funderburg from the Board of Trustees and to discuss the process we will follow to fill the vacancy. We received notice of Mr. Funderburg's resignation on January 1, 2023. We first wish to recognize Mr. Funderburg's contributions to Rock Valley College over the past several years. Among his many accomplishments, Jarid helped the College navigate the numerous challenges presented by the COVID crisis, as well as seeing the College through the implementation of the Advanced Technology Center (ATC) programs. We will miss Jarid's unique business perspective and steady leadership of the Board and wish him the very best.

The Board must now undertake the process of filling the vacancy on the Board. Under the Illinois Community College Act, we have 60 days from the resignation to do so. We will discuss that process in this meeting.

Trustee Cudia then invited Trustee Trojan to make a statement. Trustee Trojan noted that as board secretary, he is acknowledging that Trustee Cudia has the authority to act as board chair because of her office of vice chair under the Statute and Board Policy. He then asked if anyone had an objection to having Trustee Cudia fill the board chair vacancy and serve as the board chair until the reorganization meeting to be held in April 2023.

Attorney Perkoski confirmed that state statute allows Trustee Cudia to become board chair, and item G on the agenda allows a vote to affirm.

Trustee Kearney entered the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Trustee Trojan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kearney, to have Trustee Cudia fill the vacant board chair role until the Board's reorganization meeting in April 2023. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Trustee Nelson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Trojan, to name Trustee Gorski as vice chair until the Board's reorganization meeting in April 2023. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Communications and Petitions

No communications or petitions were presented.

Adjourn to Closed Session

At 5:25 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Trojan, seconded by Trustee Kearney, to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Reconvene Open Session

At 5:37 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Trojan, seconded by Trustee Kearney, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the open meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. No action was taken as a result of closed session.

Process to Fill Trustee Vacancy

Board Chair Cudia explained the process and timeline that the Board of Trustees will follow to fill the vacant trustee position. The process and timeline will be published January 11, 2023. Applications submitted to the president's office by 5:00 p.m. on January 26 will be reviewed by trustees on January 28. Final interviews will be held February 13, and the selected candidate will be sworn in on February 14. This process will meet the Illinois Open Meetings Act requirement for trustees to fill the vacant trustee position within 60 days of the trustee's resignation.

Next Meeting


The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held January 24, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. The meeting will be held remotely via teleconference or in person in Room 0214, Performing Arts Room (PAR), Educational Resource Center (ERC) on the main campus as permitted by Illinois statute.

The Board of Trustees will meet for a retreat on January 28, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held remotely via teleconference or in person in Room 0214, Performing Arts Room (PAR), Educational Resource Center (ERC) on the main campus as permitted by Illinois statute.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 5:41 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Gorski. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Submitted by Ann Kerwitz


Robert Trojan, Secretary


Gloria Cudia, Board Chair