

**Illinois Community College District #511  
Rock Valley College  
3301 North Mulford Road  
Rockford, IL 61114  
Educational Resource Center, Room 2416**

**Board of Trustees Special Meeting – Higher Learning Commission  
October 15, 2024, 7:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 511, Winnebago, Boone, DeKalb, McHenry, Ogle, and Stephenson Counties, Illinois, convened on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 in room 2416 of the Educational Resource Center on the main campus. Board Chair Robert Trojan called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

The following trustees were present at roll call:

Mr. Robert Trojan	Ms. Gloria Cardenas Cudia
Mr. Paul Gorski	Mr. John Nelson
Student Trustee Nico Mikos	

The following trustees were absent: Ms. Crystal Soltow, Ms. Kristen Simpson, Mr. Richard Kennedy.

Board Chair Trojan announced there was a quorum, and the meeting began. Note: Although Board Secretary Kennedy was absent, a secretary pro tempore was not appointed.

Also in attendance: Ms. Ann Kerwitz, Assistant to the President; Attorney Matthew Gardner, Robbins Schwartz.

**Communications and Petitions (Public Comments)**

No public comments were received.

**Introductions**

Board Chair Trojan welcomed members of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) site visit team and asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves. Members of the HLC site visit team were Dr. Bill Lamb, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Dr. Cheryl Norman, Central Lakes College, Brainerd, Minnesota; and Glen Roberson, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Indianapolis, Indiana. Other members of the site visit team were meeting simultaneously with invited members of the community.

**General Discussion**

Dr. Lamb confirmed that the reason for the on-site visit is to confirm the information contained in the Assurance Argument submitted by the College. He then invited trustees to explain why they wanted to be a Rock Valley College trustee, the difference between the Committee of the Whole meetings and the regular meetings, and if the Board has had to confront an ethical issue

concerning the actions of a Board member or staff member and how it was resolved. Discussion followed.

**Date of Next Regular Meeting:** October 22, 2024, 5:15 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 1300, Advanced Technology Center, 1400 Big Thunder Blvd., Belvidere, IL. The location was changed for this meeting only.

**Date of Next Committee of the Whole Meeting:** November 5, 2024, 5:15 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 0214, Performing Arts Room (PAR), Educational Resource Center (ERC) on the main campus.


**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 8:47 a.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 L. Kerwitz

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Board Secretary Did Not Attend  
Secretary Pro Tempore Not Appointed

  
Robert Trojan, Board Chair