

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 27, 2023**

Call to Order: Chair Bob Thompson called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:

Brian Duncan	Lisa Wiersema
Danelle Burrs	Tom Demmer
Student Trustee, Chloe Coil	

Excused: Sam Ramirez, Margaret Tyne

SVCC Staff: President, Dr. David Hellmich  
Vice President of Academics and Student Services, Dr. Jon Mandrell  
Vice President of Business Services, Kent Sorenson  
Dean of Information Technology, Kathy Dirks  
Director of Facilities, Rich Groleau  
Director of Human Resources, Kathryn Snow  
Director of Research and Planning, Aaron Roe  
Board Assistant, Peggy Eshleman  
Stewardship Coordinator, Angela Delhotal

Guests: Tim Garnhart, WIXN Radio

Consent Agenda: It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Duncan the Board approve the consent agenda. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

President's Report: Dr. Hellmich shared the College's holiday video. He invited Kent Sorenson to present on restricted funds, budget projections, and the 2023 tax levy. Kent began with budget projections by explaining the stable financial outlook including fund balances, tuition and fees, and personnel costs. He answered a question from Trustee Duncan regarding CPPRT. Kent continued by explaining the difference between restricted and unrestricted assets, saying that the restrictions are largely imposed by the Illinois Community College Act and other state statutes. Accounting standards stipulate how the funds are reported. He explained tax levy goals and noted the meaning of aggregate levy and debt service levy. He concluded with a levy summary and reminded the Board the tax levy would be an action item at the December meeting. Kent answered questions from Chair Thompson.

Dr. Jon Mandrell presented on the success of transfer students and commented on how proud he is of the success of SVCC's transfer students. Aaron Roe continued by saying Illinois is the best in the nation for completion rates at four-year institutions

among all community college students at 20.9%. He noted Sauk strives to send students where they will be successful, and he showed success rates at some of the transfer schools. Aaron answered questions from the Trustees. Jon navigated the Transferology website, showing the Trustees how easily students are able to find course transfer information.

Dr. Hellmich asked Rich Groleau to provide an update on the flooding in the building. Rich explained the uncapped valve problem in the second-floor closet, the resulting water damage to computers and flooring, and how everyone came together to help with the cleanup – all who were on campus that morning, the police academy students, and Supreme Cleaners. Rich and Kent are working with the insurance company to replace carpeting.

Reports/Comments from Board Members:

Student Trustee Report: Chloe Coil reported on events including the blood drive, Magician Wes Mathison, SGA attendance at APCA, and recent student club events. She noted upcoming events including the RAD Tech Club traveling to the RSNA Conference and PTK hosting a De-stress day on campus. Chloe reported she traveled to John Logan College on November 14 for an ISAC meeting, and she explained some of the projects being advocated for by the ISAC group. She provided the good news that Illinois public community colleges had a marked increase in headcount since last year.

Foundation Report: Angela Delhotal thanked everyone in advance for selling the *Chocolate Rendezvous* tickets. She mentioned that Tuesday, November 28 is *Giving Tuesday* where buying one general admission ticket allows the purchase of a second ticket for half off. Angie reported that Wal-Mart Distribution Center donated \$11,000 worth of food to the Foundation to distribute to students. It is expected Wal-Mart will continue with this donation twice each year.

ICCTA Report: Chair Bob Thompson reported that Illinois Deputy Governor for Education Martin Torres as well as Governor Pritzker and Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias spoke at the ICCTA meeting on November 10 in Schaumburg and generated a spirited discussion about community college baccalaureate degree programs. Giannoulias mentioned how welcoming Illinois community colleges are for students and how community colleges literally save people's lives. The next meeting will be in conjunction with the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., in February. It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Student Trustee Coil the Board revise Board Policy 419.01 *Fringe Benefits* as presented for a first reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy 419.01  
*Fringe Benefits* – First  
Reading

New Program Proposal – Diagnostic Medical Sonography      It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Student Trustee Coil the Board approve the addition of a Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program for Fall 2024. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

Closed Session:      It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Duncan the Board move into closed session at 7:32 p.m.

Closed session concluded at 7:53 p.m.

Closed Session Minutes:      It was moved by Member Demmer and seconded by Student Trustee Coil the Board approve the closed session minutes of October 23, 2023. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

Semi-Annual Post-Counsel Review of Closed Session Minutes:      It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Duncan, after having reviewed its closed session minutes as required by law, that the Board leave closed the closed session minutes of May 23, 2023 and July 31, 2023 as recommended by counsel. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment:      Since the scheduled business was completed, it was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board adjourn. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Coil vote aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting:      The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, December 18, 2023, in the Riverview Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret Tyne, Secretary