

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**September 19, 2023**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of the Illinois Eastern Community College District No. 529 met Tuesday night, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Olney Central College, Olney, Illinois.

The Board approved the 2024 Fiscal Year Budget which projected \$34,481,671 in total operating funds. The budget was approved following a public budget hearing.

The Board accepted the FY2023 Student Complaint Annual Review and the 2023 Annual Security Report.

Board approval was given for revisions to the following policies:

- Information Technology (IT) Change Management Policy 200.3 to ensure a consistent and systematic approach to modifying IT resources.
- Campus Safety and Security Policy 500.17 which reaffirms IECC's commitment to complying with the Clery Act.

The Board approved First-Year Housing Policy 500.40 which is a new policy that requires first-time, full-time students whose primary residence falls more than 60 miles outside District 529 boundaries to reside in college-affiliated housing during their initial academic year at Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. The policy also contains circumstances in which exemptions would be granted.

A 5-year tax abatement resolution to incentivize residential and commercial development in the Robinson Crawford County Enterprise Zone was approved by the Board.

The bid committee recommendation was approved for acceptance of the bid received from Grunloh Building, Inc., Effingham, IL in the amount of \$2,400,330 for the Athletic Training Facility at Lincoln Trail College.

The following personnel were employed: Denise Givens, TRIO Upward Bound Counselor, OCC effective September 25, 2023.

Changes in employment status effective September 25, 2023 were approved for Cassandra Goldman from Program Director of International Students to Dean of Students; Michael Conn from Dean of Instruction, OCC to Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning; Julie Auteberry from Adult Education Professional Development to TRIO Upward Bound Coordinator, WVC; Amanda Kotch from Coordinator, International Students, Athletics, & Student

Activities, FCC to Distance Learning Specialist, FCC; Reilly Baumgart from Director of Business, WVC to Payroll Coordinator; and Paula Peach from Part-time to Full-time Library Assistant, WVC. Change in employment status was also approved for Amanda Nelson from TRIO Upward Bound Counselor, OCC to Academic Advisor, OCC effective October 9, 2023.

Under Personnel actions the Board approved Special Assignments for Andrea Loll as Temporary College Admissions Representative for LTC, Kaitlyn Weger as CARLI Library, Amy Tarr as Interim Dean of Instruction, OCC, and Chad Groves as Approver for LRC/ASC purchasing.

Approval of proposed non-college employment was given for Kristina Isaac at St. Vincent Ascension, Evansville, IN and Allendale School CCSD 17, Allendale, IL and Megan Bunnage at St. Vincent Evansville Women's & Children's Hospital.

Educational level changes were approved for Steve Hnetkovsky and Sarah Bergbower.

Resignation ratifications were approved for Michael Patilla as Music Instructor, LTC effective December 31, 2023; Krista Barber as Nursing Instructor, OCC effective September 5, 2023; and Caleb Dunn as Operations & Maintenance, FCC effective September 15, 2023.

An honorable dismissal was approved for Ashley Bigard as Title III Project Director, OCC effective September 29, 2023 as the grant she administered for IECC came to its natural closure.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, October 17, at 6:15 p.m. at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.