

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 20, 2005
Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges has accepted the final report of the Higher Learning Commission, which recommends granting accreditation to the district for ten years, to 2015. The report was accepted at the regular meeting, Tuesday, September 20, at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.

After receiving the board's response to accept the final report, it will be forwarded to a Readers Panel, which will review the report and the response. If the panel agrees with both the report and the response, the Higher Learning Commission will take final action.

The IECC District, in accepting the final report, also agreed to file a report in 2008 dealing with the district's progress in the assessment of student learning.

An operating funds budget of \$25,218,132 was adopted by the trustees for the fiscal year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, following a public hearing held before the board meeting. The budget includes \$22,635,758 in the Education Fund and \$2,582,374 in the Operations and Maintenance Fund. These are the two principal operating funds of the IECC district.

Revenue for the Education Fund is from the following sources: Local taxes \$1,775,000, state government \$11,680,249, student tuition and fees \$9,005,509, investments \$60,000, sales and service fees \$40,000, miscellaneous revenue \$75,000, for total receipts of \$22,635,758.

Expenses in the Education Fund are budgeted as follows: Salaries \$13,893,557, employee benefits \$1,345,311, contractual services \$417,762, material and supplies \$1,035,329, travel and conference-meeting expense \$219,341, fixed charges \$227,652, utilities \$242,339, capital outlay \$391,034, miscellaneous expenses \$4,863,433, for total expenditures of \$22,635,758.

Revenue for the Operations and Maintenance Fund is from the following sources: Local taxes \$770,000, state government \$1,772,374, investments \$10,000, building rental \$30,000, for total receipts of \$2,582,374.

Expenses in the Operations and Maintenance Fund are budgeted as follows: Salaries \$882,208, employee benefits \$138,518, contractual services \$234,708, materials and supplies \$146,375, travel and conference-meeting expense \$4,500, fixed charges \$123,020, utilities \$971,200, capital outlay \$79,345, staff development \$2,500, for total expenditures of

\$2,582,374.

Also approved were fiscal year budgets for the following special funds: Operations and Maintenance Restricted Fund \$3,500,197, Bond and Interest Fund \$1,388,803, Auxiliary Fund \$4,213,485, Audit Fund \$96,052, Liability, Protection and Settlement Fund \$1,342,664.

A resolution was adopted to appoint Roger Browning, currently the Chief Finance Officer of the District to also serve as District Treasurer, effective December 1. As Treasurer, Browning will succeed Marilyn Grove, who is retiring November 30 after serving in that office since 1979.

Trustee Walter Koertge was appointed alternate member of the District's Audit Committee. Current members of the committee are Marilyn Wolfe and Kevin Williams.

A lease was approved for space at 108 E. Main St., Olney, to house the new Phlebotomy and Massage Therapy Programs of Olney Central College. Rental will be \$1,200 per month, from September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2007. The rent will go to \$1,500 per month effective September 1, 2007 for the final year of the lease.

Joint Agreements for education cooperation was approved with John A. Logan College in Carterville and Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville. Under the agreements the colleges agree to accept students in certain programs that are not offered by their home district.

A clinical education affiliation agreement with Good Samaritan Regional Health Center in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, was approved for renewal.

A Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Agreement was approved with the Hope Center, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Changes in employment status were approved for the following personnel:

Anne Hustad and Karen Marks, from temporary faculty to full-time bargaining unit faculty, effective October 1.

Amy Loss, from Clerk to Director of Admissions/Career Advisor, at Frontier Community College, effective November 1.

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Monday, October 3, at 8 a.m., at the District Office in Olney, for the purpose of conducting a Bond Issue Notification Act hearing on the issuance of Protection, Health, and Safety bonds, and approval of the district's annual financial audit.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, October 18, at 7 p.m. at

Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.