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April 16, 2019

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Illinois Eastern Community College District No. 529 reorganized for the next two years, at the regular meeting, Tuesday, April 16, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.

Following adoption of a resolution for the election returns of April 2, the oath of office was administered to trustees Al Henager, Mt. Carmel, John Brooks, Robinson, and James Lane, Robinson. Trustees Henager and Brooks were seated for six-year terms, expiring in 2025 and James Lane was seated to fill the remaining 2 years of an unexpired six-year term, expiring in 2021.

The oath of office was also administered to Corey Hall, who was seated for a one-year term as student member of the Board of Trustees. A student at Lincoln Trail College, he succeeds student tree Haylee Neuman.

Trustee G. Andrew Fischer was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Trustee Brenda Culver was elected Vice-Chairman.

Trustee Gary Carter was appointed Secretary Pro Tempore.

Ryan Hawkins was re-appointed District Treasurer.

Renee Smith was re-appointed Board Secretary and District Ethics Officer.

All of the officers were elected unanimously.

Action was taken to adopt all rules, regulations, policies and actions of prior Boards of Trustees.

A resolution was adopted listing the dates, times and locations of regular monthly meetings for the remainder of calendar year 2019. The meetings will continue to be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., except for the December meeting, which will be held on the second Tuesday. Meeting location will rotate between the four colleges, as follows:

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 7 p.m., Olney Central College
Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College
Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College
Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College
Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 7 p.m., Olney Central College
Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College
Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College
Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College

Trustees approved two articulation agreements between IECC and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in the area of Accounting and with Chamberlain University in the area of Nursing. These agreements facilitate the smooth transfer from IECC's programs to the universities' Programs.

Acceptance of two parcels of property was approved by the Board. The Lincoln Trail College Foundation has conveyed 11 acres of property for use by LTC for a soccer field. Lincoln Trail has also

received a real estate gift of property that is located at 303 East Cherry Street in Robinson. Trustees also approved a renovation and expansion project to LTC's Zwermann Arts Center. The project will be funded with local contributions.

Activity Fee allocations for 2019-2020 were approved for FCC, LTC, OCC and WVC. The Board adopts the allocation of student activity fees at the colleges each year. The allocation notes what percentage of each dollar will be turned over to an appropriate self-balancing account in the auxiliary fund.

An affiliation agreement was approved with Harmon's Pharmacy of Oblong for LTC's Pharmacy Technician Program.

Trustees approved an agreement between IECC and area high schools that satisfies a state mandate with the goal of improving the transition from high school to college or work by reducing the number of students who need math remediation coursework in college.

The Board received a status report on the Identity Theft Prevention Program and a report on the upcoming HLC Year 4 Assurance Argument Review.

An Honors Program was approved for high achieving IECC students. The Honors Program has been developed to provide learning opportunities to talented students who seek intellectual and cultural growth through enriched academic experiences.

Contracts were renewed for two years for CEO Terry Bruce, FCC President Jay Edgren, LTC President Ryan Gower, OCC President Rodney Ranes, and WVC President Matt Fowler.

A resignation ratification was approved for Jamie Henry, Director of Business at Lincoln Trail College, effective May 4.

Retirement ratifications were approved for Carole Fusco, Assistant Professor for Nursing at Lincoln Trail College, effective June 1 and for Cheryl Holder, Director of Adult Education at Frontier Community College, effective July 1.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. at Olney Central College, Olney.