

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 18, 2020
Board of Trustees Meeting
Illinois Eastern Community Colleges

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community College District No. 529 met Tuesday night, February 18th at Frontier Community College, Fairfield, Illinois. The oath of office was administered to new trustee Barbara Shimer.

The Board of Trustees took action toward approval of a \$3.85 million issue of Protection, Health and Safety bonds. The trustees held and certified a Bond Issuance Hearing during the meeting. Final approval of the bond issue is expected at the March meeting of the trustees.

The Board announced their intention to consider the renewal of contracts that run from September 1, 2020 to August 30, 2022 for the four college Presidents. Those Presidents are Jay Edgren, Frontier Community College; Ryan Gower, Lincoln Trail College; Rodney Ranes, Olney Central College; and Matt Fowler, Wabash Valley College. The contracts will be presented for approval at the April 21st Board meeting.

The Board approved an increase in tuition and fees for Fiscal Year 2021. The in-district tuition rate will increase from \$92.00 per semester hour to \$100.00 per semester hour. IECC will continue to rank among the lowest tuition and required fees of any of the 39 community college districts in Illinois.

An agreement was approved that sets the property tax assessment for Marathon Petroleum Company located in Robinson, Illinois. The Real Property Tax Assessment Settlement Agreement is for a four-year period of tax years 2019-2022.

Articulation agreements were approved between Illinois Eastern and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale for transfer from IECC degrees to SIU-C's Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Care management.

Affiliation agreements were approved for medical program students with the Clay County Hospital and Cotillion Ridge.

Bids were approved for 3 Nursing Simulator Manikins at a total cost of \$84,133.64 from Pocket Nurse of Monaca, Pennsylvania and for an On Highway Engine from JBH Technologies of Glenview, Illinois, for instructional purposes at a cost of \$91,193.00.

A Memorandum of Understanding was approved with the Olney Central College Foundation. The OCC Foundation will review the MOU to provide funds for remodeling of two classroom spaces and procurement of various supplies and equipment. The District will repay the OCC Foundation with grant funds awarded incrementally until September 2023.

The Board accepted the Calendar Year 2019 Annual Report of the IECC 403(b) Plan.

A 24 month contract was approved for negotiated electrical supply rates with Homefield Energy. The District has been purchasing its electrical supply for several years on these forward contracts, which have resulted in substantial savings on the District's electrical supply.

The academic calendar for 2021-2023 was approved.

In personnel matters, the Board approved the seniority list for faculty for 2019-2020 and for reemployment of Faculty for the 2020-2021 academic year. The Faculty Seniority Lists for 2019-2020 were approved for both bargaining unit and non-bargaining unit faculty. Bargaining Unit and Non Bargaining Unit faculty were employed for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Employment was approved for Cameron Percy as Technology Systems Specialist at the District Office, effective February 19, 2020 and for Brady Martin, TRIO Upward Bound Counselor, located at Wabash Valley College and effective February 20, 2020.

Retirements were accepted from Carol Kocher, Assistant Professor of OCC Radiography, effective June 1, 2020, from Chris Murphy, Operations and Maintenance at OCC, effective May 23, 2020, and from Renee Smith, Assistant to the CEO and Board Secretary, effective March 1, 2020.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson, Illinois, on Tuesday, March 17th, at 7:00 p.m.