

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 27, 2021
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 27, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

Dr. G. Andrew Fischer was honored for his years of service to the IECC District and Board. Dr. Fischer, who has most recently served as Board Chairman, announced his retirement from the Board late last year.

Following adoption of a resolution for the election returns of April 6, the oath of office was administered to trustees Barbara Shimer, Robinson, Jan Ridgely, Olney, and Brady Waldrop, Lawrenceville. All Trustees were seated for six-year terms, expiring in 2027.

The oath of office was also administered to Sania Borom, who was seated for a one-year term as student member of the Board of Trustees. A student at Wabash Valley College, she succeeds student trustee Sutton Dunn.

Trustee Gary Carter was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Trustee Brenda Culver was elected Vice-Chairman.

Trustee Barbara Shimer was elected 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 2021. 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 18, 2021, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College
Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College
Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 7 p.m., Olney Central College
Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College
Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College
Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College
Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 7 p.m., Olney Central College
Tuesday, December 14, 2019, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College

Trustees approved eleven articulation agreements between IECC and McKendree University, located in Lebanon, Illinois. These agreements facilitate the smooth transfer from IECC's programs to the

universities' programs.

A lab fee of \$120 was approved for the Unmanned Aerial Systems Program.

Two affiliation agreements were approved with Providence Family Practice for LTC's Certified Medical Assistant Program and with St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital for FCC's Medical Lab Technician Program.

Trustees approved a new District policy on catalog terms that will clarify individual student graduation requirements.

To comply with recently approved State of Illinois legislation, the Board approved the SURS Deferred Compensation Plan. This plan is employee funded and provides another investment option for eligible employees.

Activity Fee allocations for 2021-2022 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 architectural services contract was approved with Walk Architecture for improvements to the LTC Natatorium.

Bid committee recommendations were approved for acceptance of the bid received from Central State Construction for a total of \$1,786,230 for HVAC work for District buildings; and for acceptance of the bid received from Brightspark Travel for a total of \$58,710 for the TRIO Upward Bound Student Trip for 2021.

Contracts were approved for Chancellor Ryan Gower, FCC President Jay Edgren, LTC President Zahi Atallah, OCC President Rodney Ranes, and WVC President Matthew Fowler.

Employment was approved for Joshua Hoffert, Workforce Education Instructor, effective May 1, 2021; for Stephen Murray, Workforce Education Instructor, effective May 1, 2021; for Tyson Murray, Advisor, LTC, effective April 29, 2021 and for Shawn Poindexter, Information Systems Technician, LTC, effective April 28, 2021.

Resignation ratifications were approved for Sarah Burke, Nursing Instructor, located at WVC, effective May 14, 2021; for Mary Morris, Assistant Professor at FCC, effective May 15, 2021; and for Luke Stuckey, Head Men's Basketball Coach at LTC, effective May 29, 2021.

Retirement ratifications were approved for Dr. Winifred Wolven, Professor at LTC, effective May 15, 2021; for Rickey Lamb, Instructor at Workforce Education, effective June 1, 2021; and for Scott McCallen, Broadcast Services Specialist at WVC, effective July 1, 2021.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.