

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**August 20, 2019**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges approved a tentative budget and schedule for approval of the final 2020 Fiscal Year Budget, Tuesday, August 20, at the regular meeting, held at Lincoln Trail College.

A public hearing on the budget will be held at the regular meeting, Tuesday, September 17, at Olney Central College. The final budget will be adopted following the public hearing. The budget has been available to the public at the IECC District Office since August 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Board heard a detailed review of certain programs and services. This is part of a continual review process with a focus on quality, cost and need.

The Board approved a bid committee report for purchase of equipment for an Economic Development Administration Grant for the Wabash Valley College Diesel Equipment Technology Program and for the Olney Central College Welding Program.

The Board formally appointed a search committee to begin the selection process for IECC's next leader. The committee will be comprised of Trustees James Lane and Gary Carter, Interim Chief Executive Officer Marilyn Holt, and Board Secretary Renee Smith.

Existing athletic training services contracts for OCC and FCC were approved for renewal with Carle Richland Memorial Hospital for OCC and with Wabash General Hospital for FCC for an additional one-year period to cover athletic training services for the colleges for the academic year 2019-2020.

Articulation agreements were approved with Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in the Automotive Service Area and with Palmer College of Chiropractic. These agreements aid in the smooth transition between IECC colleges and the universities.

A Paramedic Education Program Agreement with Carle Richland Memorial Hospital. The partnership agreement will now enable the District to move forward with the national accreditation process for the Paramedic Education Program. The student enrollment target date for the program is Spring Semester 2020.

The following personnel were employed:

Maverick Fisher, Welding Specialist for the Title III Grant, effective October 1, 2019,  
Lacey Shalenko, Head Women's Basketball Coach at WVC, effective September 1, 2019,  
Jennifer Thomason, Custodian/Groundskeeper at FCC, effective August 26, 2019.

The employment status of Sharis Wilson, Office Assistant at FCC was changed to Coordinator of Literacy Development at FCC, effective August 21, 2019.

Resignations were ratified for Jesse Allen, Instructor, Broadband/Telecommunications Technology at LTC, effective August 12, 2019, for Kathy Swinson, Director of Transition Center and Perkins, District Office, effective November 1, 2019, for Jack Trosper, Head Women's Basketball Coach, WVC, effective July 19, 2019, and for Danelle Davis, Office Assistant at LTC, effective August 17, 2019.

The retirement of Kathy Slichenmyer, Administrative Assistant to the President at OCC, was ratified and will be effective January 1, 2020.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Olney Central College, Olney, on Tuesday, September 17, at 7 p.m.