FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE January 15, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting

Results of the Employee Satisfaction Survey for the fiscal year 2018 were presented to the Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, at the regular meeting Tuesday, January 15, at Olney Central College, Olney.

In the fall of each year, District employees are given the opportunity to answer a survey which reviews the operation of the District and its four colleges. The employees were given an opportunity to review health and dental benefits, information availability, personnel changes, website quality, equipment and technology needs, and a variety of other questions concerning the District.

The Board reviewed the highest areas of agreement or strong agreement and the highest areas of disagreement or strong disagreement with the administration of the District. Overall, the survey shows that employees are very satisfied with the operation of the District.

The Board learned of the opportunities and goals through the Title III Grant, a federal grant from the Department of Education that will allow for the development of an Unmanned Aerial Systems program, redevelop the Information Systems Technology and Welding programs, and strengthen advising and registration services.

It was also announced that the District will host a new scholastic competition at Olney Central College this Spring. The Academic Challenge is a high school competition that will be conducted by Eastern Illinois University and is similar to the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) Competition that the University Of Illinois College Of Engineering has discontinued. The competition is expected to bring students from 14 area high schools to campus.

An affiliation agreement was approved with Effingham's St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital for the Phlebotomy Program at Olney Central College.

Board approval was given for the employment of Brandi Rich as Administrative Assistant, Student Services at Olney Central College and for Lynne Welker, Administrative Assistant, Assistant to the Dean at Olney Central College, both employment are effective January 16th. The resignations of Amy Ferguson, Office Assistant at Lincoln Trail, effective December 13th and for Heather Moore, Academic Counselor, Student Support Services, located at Lincoln Trail effective January 26, 2019 were accepted.

A retirement was accepted for Ed Patton, Instructor at Frontier effective May 11th.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, February 19, at 7 p.m. at Wabash Valley College.