

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2025

- Call to Order: Chair Bob Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:
- Brian Duncan
Margaret Tyne
Student Trustee, Madison Krum
- Lisa Wiersema
Sam Ramirez
- Excused: Danelle Burrs, Tom Demmer
- SVCC Staff: President, Dr. David Hellmich
Vice President of Academics and Student Services, Dr. Jon Mandrell
Vice President of Advancement, Dr. Lori Cortez
Vice President of Business Services, Kent Sorenson
Dean of Information Technology, Kathy Dirks
Director of Facilities, Rich Groleau
Dean of Transfer Programs and Academic Support Services, Dr. Patrice Hess
Executive Director of Student Recruiting and Impact Program, Ashleigh Sorenson
Director of Community Education and Alumni Engagement, Brenda Helms
Board Assistant, Peggy Eshleman
- Guests: George Howe, Shaw Media
Dr. Jason Klein, Senior Director of Learning Partnerships, NIU Center for P-20 Engagement
Dr. Sara Dail, Assistant Superintendent, Sterling CUSD #5
Elle Dail
- Consent Agenda: It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the consent agenda. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
- President's Report: Dr. David Hellmich asked Dr. Jon Mandrell to update the Trustees on Sauk's partnership with Northern Illinois University, the Licensed Educator Accelerator Pathway, a state-funded, tuition-free initiative. Jon introduced Drs. Jason Klein and Sara Dail who noted the cohort format that incorporates a prior learning assessment so working educators can receive credit for past work experiences.
- Dr. Hellmich provided a review of the Sauk Valley Community Leadership Program entering its tenth year of providing community members with the tools to broaden their knowledge of our communities, and to motivate them to become local business and community leaders. Three graduates of the program – Ashleigh Sorenson, Brenda Helms, and Dr. Patrice Hess – spoke about their experiences in and the importance of the Sauk Valley Community Leadership Program.

Dr. Lori Cortez introduced Brenda Helms who provided a review of the Community Education offerings at Sauk including trips and tours, professional development, special interest and hobby programs, and College for Kids activities.

Reports/Comments from Board Members and the SVC Foundation:

Student Trustee Madison Krum reported on the success of the June 30 blood drive and the SGA meeting and reorganization for FY 25-26. She reported on upcoming events including Welcome Week activities on August 11 and 13 and Fall Sauk Fest on August 27. She invited Trustees for “Tacos with the Trustees” on Monday, October 20, at 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Cortez reported on the most recent points of pride: Sauk Valley Leadership Program; the new business office technology, Chrome River; and the continued success of the *Impact Program*. Impact students have volunteered 8,000 hours just since June 1.

Lori mentioned the importance of connecting with the community and promoting the *Impact Program*, saying she received a \$12,500 donation recently from a new connection.

Chair Thompson reported ICCTA is on summer hiatus, so he had o ICCTA report.

Board Policy 302.02
Payment of Bills – Second Reading:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Duncan the Board approve the revisions to 302.02 *Payment of Bills* as presented for a second reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy 305.02
Credit Card Use – Second Reading:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the revisions to 305.02 *Credit Card Use* as presented for a second reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy 309.01
Investment – Second Reading:

It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the revisions to 309.01 *Investment Policy* as presented for a second reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy 522.01 *Sauk Ready: Textbook Program Opt-Out* – Second Reading:

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Duncan the Board approve Board Policy 522.01 *Sauk Ready: Textbook Program Opt-Out* as presented for a second reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Administrator
Appointment – Director of Human Resources:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the appointment of Megan Kuhn as Director of Human Resources beginning August 8, 2025, at an annual base salary of

\$101,192. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

FY2026 Insurance
Renewal:

It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the College's FY 2026 insurance premium payment to ICCRMC in the amount of \$199,799 to be paid from restricted liability, protection, and settlement funds. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

ICCB FY 2026 Capital
Project Requests (RAMP)
for FY 2027 budget:

It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board adopt the attached resolution approving the attached RAMP projects and committing estimated local funds if a project is selected for State funding. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the closed session minutes of June 30, 2025. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Since the scheduled business was completed, it was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board adjourn. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Next meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2025, in the Riverview Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Tyne, Secretary