

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2026

Call to Order: Chair Thompson called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:

Brian Duncan	Danelle Burrs
Margaret Tyne	Sam Ramirez
Lisa Wiersema	Tom Demmer
Student Trustee, Ronnie Clark	

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
Vice President of Information and Planning, Aaron Schupbach-Roe
Dean of Business, Career, and Technical Education, Sasha Logan
Dean of Student Services, Jennifer Schultz
Director of Facilities, Rich Groleau
Board Assistant, Peggy Eshleman
Administrative Assistant to Facilities, Myndi Fletcher
Director of Athletics, Derron Sellers
Head Men's Basketball Coach, Anthony Sharp
Head Tennis Coach, Sara Kipping
Assistant Track and Field Coach, Brian Johnson
Head Volleyball Coach, Jay Howell

Guests: Dr. Linda Hellmich
Michael Briscoe
Madison Krum
Kelly Patterson Duncan
SVCC Athletes

Consent Agenda: It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Burrs the Board approve the consent agenda. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Clark advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

President's Report: Dr. Hellmich acknowledged the passing of Dick Holtam, who passed away on May 2, 2026. Mr. Holtam retired from Sauk Valley Community College as the counselor for Health Careers students on April 30, 2007. Trustee Tyne acknowledged Mr. Holtam, saying he was a counselor when she was a student and later was her daughter's counselor.

Dr. Jon Mandrell introduced Derron Sellers whom recognized student athletes on teams who competed in nationals and those who were on the President's or Dean's List. The coaches who

were present acknowledged their players' accomplishments individually.

Dr. Hellmich and Peggy Eshleman led a discussion about the recent pinning and commencement ceremonies. There was short discussion and Dave thanked the trustees for attending both ceremonies. Trustees' suggestions and concerns will be addressed at a post-commencement meeting.

Kent Sorenson provided an overview of the College's conference, meeting, and travel expense line item, including current year activity, budget utilization, and related processes and controls. Kent gave his key observations and then welcomed questions.

Dr. Hellmich provided highlights of SVCC accomplishments from FY 2016 to FY 2026 as well as accomplishments to be achieved over the next 11 years - fiscal years 2027 to 2037. Dave highlighted the inclusive and welcoming culture, among other important highlights as well as our hopes for the future.

Student Trustee Ronnie Clark provided an overview of her activities and presence on the campus as well as what she hopes to accomplish as Student Trustee.

Foundation Report: Dr. Lori Cortez reported on the Points of Pride, including congratulations to Chair Thompson on his recent ICCTA award, congratulations to SVCC Women of Achievement nominees, with special congratulations to Madison Krum and Sarah Partington for their recent awards, the achievements of two SVCC students who have been accepted into the French Embassy Program.

Lori continued by introducing SVC Foundation board member Michael Briscoe, who reported the Morrison *Impact* campaign has been completed. Lori stressed the success of the Morrison campaign was due largely to Michael's efforts.

ICCTA Report: Chair Thompson had no report this month.

Board Policy *306.01 Tax Abatement* – First Reading:

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Demmer the Board approve the revisions to *306.01 Tax Abatement*, as presented for a first reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Clark advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy *430.01 Information Security* – Second Reading:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Duncan the Board approve the revisions to *430.01 Information Security* which will result in two policies: *430.01 Video Surveillance* and

523.01 Information Security, as presented for a second reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Clark advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy *432.01 Whistleblower* – Second Reading:

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Tyne the Board approve the revisions to *432.01 Whistleblower* as presented for a second reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Clark advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Freedom of Information Act Officer Appointment and Open Meetings Act Designee:

It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the appointment of Aaron Schupbach-Roe as the Freedom of Information Act Officer with Rebecca Stroup as alternate and Myndi Fletcher as the Open Meetings Act Designee with Angela Delhotal as alternate. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Clark advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Appointment of College Auditor for Fiscal Year 2026:

It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Demmer the Board appoint Wipfli LLP to perform the College's annual financial statement audit, Single Audit, and related compliance procedures for fiscal year 2026. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Clark advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

FY2027 Staff Increases:

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the step increases for eligible staff effective June 22, 2026; a 1% market adjustment to the FY 2027 salary schedule; and a stipend for those earning less than \$18.00 per hour and less than \$20.00 per hour. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Clark advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Contract Approval – Instructure Canvas:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the contract for Instructure Canvas for \$41,815.65 for one year. Aaron explained the initial hack and another more recent hack that affected 9,000 institutions. He explained that students were informed, and the fact the Department of Homeland Security is investigating but we are asking for a one-year contract only with Canvas at this time. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Clark advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Cooperative Procurement Approval – CDL Truck Simulator:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Demmer the Board approve the purchase of a VS600M CDL Truck Simulator from Virage Simulation in the amount of \$117,000, utilizing cooperative procurement through Sourcewell Contract No. 102325-VIR, to be funded through grant resources. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Clark advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Bid Award – Baseball and Softball Field Improvement Project: It was moved by Member Demmer and seconded by Member Duncan the Board award the bid to Next Landscaping LLC of Polo, Illinois, in the amount of \$70,000, for the Baseball and Softball Field Improvement Project, to be funded through restricted use bond proceeds. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Clark advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Bid Award – Sure-Hop Infield Mix Project: It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board award the bid to Grainco FS of Ottawa, Illinois, at a unit price of \$85.95 per ton, for the procurement of approximately 650 tons of Sure-Hop infield mix, with a total project cost not to exceed the base bid amount plus a 10% contingency, to be funded through restricted use bond proceeds. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Clark advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Request to Serve Alcohol: It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramierez the Board approve serving alcohol on May 26, 2026, at a Rotary District 6420 event in the Rotary Plaza. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Clark advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Semi-Annual Post-Counsel Review of Closed Session Minutes: It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Duncan after having reviewed its closed session minutes as required by law, the Board leave closed the closed session minutes of October 20, 2025 and November 24, 2025. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Clark advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Unveiling of the Hellmich Riverview Conference Center: The College proudly dedicated the Riverview Room as the Hellmich Riverview Conference Center in honor of retiring President Dr. David Hellmich.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Next meeting: The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026, in the Hellmich Riverview Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Tyne, Secretary