

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2026

Call to Order: Chair Thompson called the regular meeting to order at 5:55 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:

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

SVCC Staff:

President, Dr. David Hellmich
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
Dean of Transfer Programs and Academic Support Services,
Dr. Patrice Hess
Director of Facilities, Rich Groleau
Director of Human Resources, Megan Kuhn
Board Assistant, Peggy Eshleman
Administrative Assistant to Facilities, Myndi Fletcher
Academic Support Coordinator/Advisor, Riley Gober
Assistant Professor of Biology, Therese Wood
Associate Professor of English, Ruth Montino
Dual Credit Biology Instructor, Gina Cole
Executive Director of Regional Economic Development and Donor
Relations, Kim Ewoldsen
Foundation Assistant, Lindsay Good
Learning Commons Tutoring Coordinator, Jenny Brown
Learning Commons Tutoring Instructional Assistant, Elisa Gatz
Marketing Coordinator, Jazmin Martinez
Marketing Manager, Jim Grot
Multimedia Designer, Shaunna Zettle
Professor of English/History, Richard Eichman
Professor of Radiologic Technology, Dianna Brevitt
Transfer Program Coordinator/Advisor, Allison Neubauer

Guests:

Andy Faivre
Chris Krum
Dennis Eshleman
Dr. Kelly Mandrell
Jaycelyn Good
Jillian Good
Mark Krum

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 Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

President's Report: Chair Thompson congratulated Student Trustee, Madison Krum, on her outstanding contributions to the Board during this past year and presented her with a resolution noting her service.

Madison introduced Ronnie Clark, the 2026-2027 student trustee, who is a Psychology major planning to transfer to Illinois State University and major in Art Education with a minor in Psychology.

Dr. Hellmich congratulated the Faculty and Staff of the Year recipients and asked Dr. Patrice Hess and Dr. Lori Cortez to introduce the award winners and say a few words about each awardee – Therese Wood, Elisa Gatz, Gina Cole, Lindsay Good, Shaunna Zettle, Jim Grot, and Jazmin Martinez.

Dr. Hess and Pam Eubanks acknowledged the faculty receiving promotion and tenure appointments – Jackson Holcomb, Lois Hinton, Evan Hunziker, and Ruth Montino who was also recently recognized for twenty years of service and her research on AI that contributed to standard language in the college's syllabus template.

Dr. Hellmich congratulated the Spring 2026 Retirees. Pam Eubanks recognized Health Professions retirees – Jennie Frias, Kim Cole, and Dianna Brevitt. Dr. Hess recognized Amanda Eichman, Richard Eichman, and Dr. Patricia Fulfs. Dave recognized Peggy Eshleman and thanked her for her service. Chair Thompson thanked Dr. Hellmich for his outstanding service to the college.

Student Trustee Madison Krum reported on recent spring semester happenings – the Spring Blood Drive, IMALIVE Fair, Financial Freedom presentation, SGA Elections, Dawson Hollow, and Brittany Piper. She previewed upcoming Student Club activities, Student Leadership Awards on April 29, and Dodgeball on May 4.

Foundation Report: Dr. Lori Cortez reported on the Points of Pride – the Sauk Academy celebrating its tenth year, the successes with Northern Illinois University, and the fabulous enrollment in the first twenty days for Impact student registration.

Lori continued by reporting on the success of the recent Hellmich Legacy event and giving *Impact* success data including 1,877 students enrolled, 104,979 total volunteer hours completed, and 80% of *Impact* students enrolled at SVCC are majoring in high-demand occupations.

ICCTA Report: Chair Thompson had no report this month but said he and Jon will travel to Springfield next month to introduce Jon to some ICCTA folks.

Trustee Tyne traveled to the Southeast coast of Spain with Sauk's Business and Community Education Program and said what a marvelous time she had. Margaret added that Brenda Helms did a terrific job in planning and executing the trip.

Strategic Plan 2027 – 2030:

It was moved by Member Wiersema and seconded by Member Tyne the Board approve the Strategic Plan for 2027 – 2030 as presented. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy *430.01 Information Security* – First Reading:

It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Burrs 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 first reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Board Policy *432.01 Whistleblower* – First Reading:

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

Administrator Appointment – Academic Vice President:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the appointment of Sasha Logan as the Academic Vice President beginning June 22, 2026, at an annual base salary of \$113,880. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Administrator Appointment – Learning Commons Director:

It was moved by Member Demmer and seconded by Member Duncan the Board approve the appointment of Jenny Brown as the Learning Commons Director beginning March 30, 2026, at an annual base salary of \$68,411.20. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Faculty Appointment – Education:

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Burrs the Board approve the appointment of Allison Neubauer as an Assistant Professor of Education beginning May 25, 2026, at an annual base salary of \$55,935.28. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Faculty Appointment – History and Humanities:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Demmer the Board approve the appointment of Riley Gober as an Assistant Professor of History and Humanities beginning August 14, 2026, at an annual base salary of \$55,064.70. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,075,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026A, and not to exceed \$4,825,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026B, for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of the bonds to the purchaser thereof:

It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$1,075,000 Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026A, and not to exceed \$4,825,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026B, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund, funding capital improvements, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax for debt service, and authorizing the sale of the bonds. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Addition / Deletion of Programs:

It was moved by Member Burrs and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the additions and deletions of certificates and degrees as presented. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Contract Approval – EAB:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Burrs the Board approve the contract for EAB for \$39,813 for the first year to be paid for with grant funds with the option to return for approval to continue for years two and three using institutional funds. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Contract Approval – Meadow Student Accounts Management Platform:

It was moved by Member Demmer and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the contract with Meadow Technologies Inc. for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2026. Annual subscription costs will be funded through the Education Fund. Kent Sorenson provided details for the Meadow Platform. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Contract Approval – TouchNet Student Account and Payment Solutions:

It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the contract with TouchNet Information Systems, Inc. for student account and payment solutions for a five-year term. Annual subscription costs will be funded through the Education Fund, and one-time implementation costs will be funded through restricted bond proceeds. Kent gave a brief synopsis of TouchNet. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Destruction of Closed Session Recordings: It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the destruction of the closed session minutes recordings dated between November 1, 2023, and October 28, 2024. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Recommendation for Emeritus Status: It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the recommendation for Dr. David Hellmich to receive the honorary President Emeritus status. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Naming Rights: It was moved by Member Demmer and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the naming rights of the Riverview Room as the Hellmich Riverview Conference Center in honor of Dr. David Hellmich. 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 7:09 p.m.

Next meeting: The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026, in the Riverview Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Tyne, Secretary