BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2026

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

Brian Duncan	Tom Demmer
Margaret Tyne	Sam Ramirez
Danelle Burrs	Student Trustee Ronnie Young-Hughes

Excused: Lisa Wiersema

SVCC Staff:
President, Dr. Jon Mandrell
Vice President of Information and Planning, Aaron Schupbach-Roe
Vice President of Academics, Sasha Logan
Vice President of Advancement, Dr. Lori Cortez
Vice President of Business Services, Kent Sorenson
Director of Facilities, Rich Groleau
Board Assistant, Myndi Fletcher
Coordinator, Student Activities/Cross-Cultural Services, Ana Salgado
Executive Director of Economic Development and Government Affairs, Kim Ewoldsen
Director of the IL Small Business Development Center at Sauk, Justin Bergman
SBDC Business Advisor, Pam Clodfelter
SBDC Administrative Assistant, Nancy Schaefer
Illinois Acting State Director, SBDC, Brittani Garner
Illinois Acting Assistant State Director, SBDC, Jenny Malloy
Student President, Elise Richards
Student Vice President Josie Bovee
Student Secretary Mia Trujillo
Student Treasurer Reagan Hammes
Student Support Services Project Director, Stephanie Jacobs
Academic Support Coordinator/Advisor, Tanner Thompson

Trustee Demmer was excused at 6:45pm

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

President's Report: Dr. Mandrell acknowledged the passing of Mr. Frederick (Fred) Turk, who passed away on September 25, 2026. Fred was a deeply dedicated educator, advocate, and lifelong learner whose kindness and global perspective left a lasting impression not only

on his local community but wherever his travels had taken him. Trustee Ramirez spoke of fond memories of knowing Mr. Turk.

Dr. Mandrell and Kim Ewoldsen shared that the SBDC's Director, Justin Bergman, has been named the 2026 Illinois State Star. This award recognizes outstanding performance and leadership within the Illinois SBDC Network. Illinois State SBDC Director, Brittani Garner and Illinois Acting Assistant State Director, SBDC Jenny Malloy were in attendance and provided an overview and recognition of the award. Brittani spoke of the SBDC seeking accreditation soon and plans to bring their team to Sauk as part.

Dr. Mandrell and Coordinator of Student Activities/Cross-Cultural Services Ana Salgado shared a spotlight on Sauk Valley Community College's Student Government Association. Student government allows students to actively lead and engage the students in important decisions for the SVCC campus. This year's officers that were present: President Elise Richards, Vice President Josie Bovee, Secretary Mia Trujillo, Treasurer Baylee Gutierrez, and Student Trustee Ronnie Young-Hughes. The students spoke of their many goals for the year and increasing student engagement. The members mentioned they have been working hard to expand the notices of what is going on, not only with sports, but with speakers as well.

Dr. Mandrell continued campus recognition with a highlight on TRIO Student Support Services. TRIO at Sauk provides dedicated support to help students overcome barriers and achieve their educational goals. Director Stephanie Jacobs and Academic Support Coordinator/Advisor Tanner Thompson provided a presentation about the program. Both spoke about what the program is and what they do for our students. It was noted that there are only 1,181 TRIO programs throughout the United States. 83% of Sauk students are first-generation college students, meaning neither of their parents has earned a bachelor's degree. However, their parents may have earned an associate degree or other college credentials.

Dr. Mandrell, and Vice President of Information and Planning, Aaron Schupbach-Roe, spoke of the continuing evolution of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and ways to be responsible with its use. We feel this new policy will help us as an institution in navigating responsible usage.

Reports/Comments from Board Trustees and the SVC Foundation:	Student Trustee Ronnie Young-Hughes provided an overview of recent campus activities, highlighting the many opportunities for student engagement, leadership, and connection. Activities included a leadership workshop with Lamar Deshawn-Baldwin; a theatre presentation for student-athletes on consent; SGA handing out root beer floats; the Mobile Museum of Tolerance exhibit; Multicultural Celebration and Pink Day; Pathways Playground, which welcomed local eighth-grade students to campus; an SGA-sponsored presentation by Erika Gilchrist on deconstructing negative thought patterns; and the distribution of free T-shirts for Pack the Nest Night, celebrating our sophomore volleyball players. Ronnie also made an announcement that she applied for an early application to Illinois State University and was accepted! She is quite excited to continue her education at the Bloomington campus. Foundation Report: Vice President of Advancement Dr. Lori Cortez reported that on November 13, 2026, the Impact Team will welcome volunteer partners to campus for a special event featuring program updates, volunteer training, and a student panel. The event will provide an opportunity to celebrate the program's impact and strengthen connections with those who support its success. The opportunity will provide an opportunity to strengthen partnerships and share important information. Dr. Cortez further spoke about student successes and how SVCC students continue to outperform both native students and other community college transfer students according to Illinois State University data. Dr. Cortez also spoke of our international guests from Finland and the Netherlands for a two-week visit. The last Point of Pride for this month was a focus on SBDC's director Justin Bergman being recognized as the State's premier SBDC director. Foundation side: Dr. Cortez stated that her office has identified two potential donors who may fully support the Bureau Valley district. Additionally, Dr. Cortez noted that the Amboy campaign is near completion. Our very own Sam Ramirez was also recognized as being a donor for the Newman campaign. In additional exciting news, a 1.5 million estate donation has been provided to the nursing program. Trustees Sam Ramirez and Bob Thompson along with Dr. Mandrell and Dr. Cortez went to the ACCT conference in Chicago this past week. Sam provided a report, outlining the key points he took away from the conference. He talked about the many discussions on AI and how different schools are handling that. He also spoke about a seminar that focused on how the board members can be more involved in the students' lives. Student Trustee Young-Hughes said the SGA is planning a future BBQ with the Board event.

Board Policy *429.02 Acceptable Use of Artificial Intelligence* - First Reading:	It was moved by Trustee Burrs and seconded by Trustee Tyne the Board approve the revisions to *429.02 Acceptable Use of Artificial Intelligence*, as presented for a first reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
April Board Meeting Adjustment	It was moved by Trustee Duncan and seconded by Trustee Ramirez the Board approve the decision to change the April 26, 2027 meeting date to April 19, 2027. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
VSP Plan Change for Plan Year 2027	It was moved by Trustee Ramirez and seconded by Trustee Burrs the Board approve the updated Vision Service Plan (VSP) insurance coverage and authorize the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sauk Valley Community College Faculty Association. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
Trust Agreement – CDB Upgrade Parking Lots and Roadways Project	It was moved by Trustee Tyne and seconded by Trustee Duncan the Board approve the Amendment to Trust Agreement with Sauk Valley Bank & Trust for CDB Project No. 810-084-014, *Upgrade Parking Lots and Roadways*, authorizing an additional contribution of $485,800, increasing the College's total trust contribution to $1,585,800, and authorizing the appropriate College officials to execute the amendment. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
Working Cash Fund Borrowing	It was moved by Trustee Duncan and seconded by Trustee Ramirez the Board approve the accompanying resolution for the borrowing of $3,536,743 from the Working Fund to the Operating Funds, if needed. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
Cooperative Procurement Approval – Campus Furniture Replacement	It was moved by Trustee Tyne and seconded by Student Trustee Young-Hughes the Board approve the purchase of campus furniture from SBM Business Equipment Center of Sterling, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed $64,744.05, utilizing OMNIA Partners Public Sector Contract No. R240117, to be funded through Restricted use Bond Proceeds – Series 2026B. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Contract Approval – Professional Services	It was moved by Trustee Ramirez seconded by Trustee Tyne the Board approve the professional services contract for the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Sauk Valley Community College in the amount of $32,300. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
Request to Serve Alcohol	It was moved by Trustee Duncan and seconded by Trustee Burrs the Board approve serving alcoholic beverages on November 6, 2026, December 10, 2026, and February 13, 2027. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
Approval of Closed Session Minutes	It was moved by Trustee Duncan and seconded by Trustee Ramirez the Board approve the closed session minutes from September 21, 2026. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried. In closing, it was mentioned that we are the host for the ICCTA event on November 4. We hope everyone can attend. A quick discussion was held on the board members going digital and not having a physical board packet. The idea was well received and administration will research costs, including any necessary electronic tablets.
Adjournment:	Since the scheduled business was completed, it was moved by Trustee Burrs and seconded by Student Trustee Young-Hughes the Board adjourn. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.
Next meeting:	The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2026, in the Hellmich Riverview Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret Tyne, Secretary