

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2025

Call to Order: Chair Bob Thompson called the FY 2025-2026 Budget Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:

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

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
Director of Human Resources, Megan Kuhn
Director of Research and Planning, Aaron Roe
Board Assistant, Peggy Eshleman
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
Executive Director of Regional Economic Development and Donor
Relations, Kim Ewoldsen

Guests: Carver Grummert
Dr. Linda Hellmich
Dr. Kelly Mandrell
Laynie Mandrell
Macie Mandrell
Dr. George Mihel
Emma Pistole
Christian Xique
Iker Zaragoza

Conduct public hearing concerning the FY 2024-2025 budget: Chair Thompson opened the floor for public comments and Board comments. No comments were made. It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Tyne the Board adjourn the public hearing concerning the FY 2025-2026 budget. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: Aye. Motion carried.

FY 2025-2026 budget public hearing adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Call to Order: Chair Thompson called the regular board meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and the following members answered roll call:

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

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Consent Agenda: It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Wiersema 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. Hellmich asked Dr. Jon Mandrell to introduce the Student Government officers Emma Pistole, Carver Grummert, Iker Zaragoza, and Christian Xique. Each officer gave an overview of their duties within the SGA.

Dr. Lori Cortez welcomed Kim Ewoldsen and asked her to update the Trustees on the college's ongoing relationship with district legislators along with legislative priorities. Kim shared some of the great work being done at the college; she spoke of relationships, initiatives, and the ongoing baccalaureate discussions.

Dave asked Aaron Roe to give the Fall enrollment update. Aaron explained the ten-day figures that are used for reporting; he highlighted new trends such as enrollment increases in both traditional and non-traditional students and a 6.9% headcount increase of recent high school graduates.

Reports/Comments from
Board Members and the
SVC Foundation:

Student Trustee Madison Krum reported on the great turnout at Sauk Fest, her Student Trustee Meet and Greet, Donuts with the Dean, Pizza with the Prez, Constitution Day, and Nicole Kelly and her Disability Awareness presentation. Madison reported on her first ICCB SAC meeting at Lake Land in Mattoon and highlighted upcoming activities and club activities.

Foundation Report: Dr. Lori Cortez reported on the most recent points of pride – Dr. Jon Mandrell receiving the Friends of Education Award from the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools; the most recent partnership with Northern Illinois University, the LEAP program; and the 2024-2025 Impact Program Annual report.

ICCTA Report: Chair Thompson reported on the recent ICCTA meeting held in Springfield where Dr. Avis Proctor was welcomed as the President of the President's Council and he stated members are keeping up with the BSN initiative.

Chair Thompson attended a virtual ACCT meeting and learned some interesting information from another college as to its TRIO funding. He reminded other trustees of the ACCT Leadership Congress in October in New Orleans saying that anyone may attend.

Board Policy 504.01
International Students –
First Reading:

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Demmer the Board approve the revisions to Board Policy 504.01 *International Students*, as presented for a first reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Assistant Professor of Nursing Retirement:	It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve with regret the retirement of Jennie Frias as an Assistant Professor I of Nursing effective May 15, 2026. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
Professor of English and Education Retirement:	It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Burrs the Board approve with regret the retirement of Amanda Eichman as a Professor of English and Education effective June 1, 2026. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
FY 2025-2026 Budget – Final Reading:	It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the FY 2025-2026 Budget as presented. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
Fiscal Year 2025 Fund Transfers:	It was moved by Member Demmer and seconded by Member Burrs the Board approve the fund transfers as presented effective for the year ended June 30, 2025. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
Working Cash Fund Borrowing:	It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve the accompanying resolution for the borrowing of \$2,529,945 from the Working Fund to the Operating Funds, if needed. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
Public Bid Action – Fusion Simulator System:	It was moved by Member Burrs and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board accept the bid from Brown’s Medical Imaging with a bid amount of \$31,500 for the Fusion Simulator System to be paid from Restricted Use Funding Bond Proceeds. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
Requests to Serve Alcohol:	It was moved by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Ramirez the Board approve serving alcohol on October 9, 2025, at the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce Manufacturing Dinner and at the unveiling of the Rotary Plaza on October 24, 2025. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.
Appointment of Sauk Valley Community College President:	It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Duncan the Board approve the hiring of Dr. Jon Mandrell as the next President of Sauk Valley Community College beginning July 1, 2026, at an annual salary of \$205,000. 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 Burrs the Board adjourn. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Next meeting: The next regular meeting of the Board will be the Board Retreat at noon on Monday, October 20, 2025, in the Riverview Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Tyne, Secretary