

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2026

Call to Order: Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., and the following Trustees answered roll call:

Brian Duncan	Tom Demmer
Margaret Tyne	Sam Ramirez
	Student Trustee Ronnie
Lisa Wiersema	Young-Hughes

Excused: Danelle Burrs (arrived 2:45pm)

SVCC Staff: President, Dr. Jon Mandrell
Vice President of Advancement, Dr. Lori Cortez
Vice President of Information and Planning, Aaron Schupbach-Roe
Vice President of Academics, Sasha Logan
Vice President of Student Services, Jennifer Schultz
Vice President of Business Services, Kent Sorenson
Director of Facilities, Rich Groleau
Human Resources Director Megan Kuhn
Board Assistant, Myndi Fletcher
Dean of Health Professions, Pam Eubanks
Executive Director of Economic Development and Government Affairs, Kim Ewoldsen

It was moved by Trustee Tyne and seconded by Trustee Duncan to move into closed session at 12:24 p.m. At 1:48 p.m. we came out of closed session.

At this time student trustee Young-Hughes was excused to go to class.

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

President's Report: Dr. Jon Mandrell, Dr. Lori Cortez, and Vice President of Information and Planning, and Aaron Schupbach-Roe, spoke of the positive feedback the College received for the Higher Learning Commission Assurance Argument as well as welcoming the first class of Impact Students.
Dr Cortez brought two students from Dixon and Sterling, whom are part of the Impact program. They both spoke of their volunteering projects throughout the community. The students expressed gratitude and thanked everyone for their work with the

creation of the program. Dr. Mandrell spoke of the encouraging engagement our Impact students are making throughout the communities.

Dr. Mandrell and Executive Director of Economic Development and Government Affairs, Kim Ewoldsen, spoke of how community college baccalaureate programs will provide students with an affordable, accessible pathway to earn a bachelor's degree close to home. These programs are especially valuable in high demand fields where local employers need a skilled workforce. Efforts are underway in Illinois to expand community colleges' ability to offer these programs.

Vice President of Academics, Sasha Logan, spoke of how the college continues to respond to the needs of the community by engaging closely with industry, K-12, and university partners when considering new programs.

Dr. Mandrell and Facilities Director, Rich Groleau, discussed the continuing plan for the future with an update on the facilities planning efforts and long-term visions.

Reports/Comments from
Board Trustees and the
SVC Foundation:

Student Trustee Ronnie Young-Hughes provided an update on the many events provided by the student body since the start of the semester. Ronnie also spoke of the Fall SaukFest event and how it is her favorite event on campus. Ronnie continued to discuss the newly-themed volleyball game nights and how the students are really getting involved with the activities. Recent student body events included Pizza with the Prez and a workshop on stress.

Foundation Report and Points of Pride: Dr. Lori Cortez reported on the Inaugural year of Impact. Of the student's enrolled for Fall 2026, 93% are pursuing fields in local, high-demand occupations. She reported an update on financials with 9.4 million being raised as of July 31, 2026; but as of TODAY, 9.8 million has been raised! Currently there is fundraising in Amboy and Newman; up next will be Bureau Valley. Board Chair Thompson commended Dr. Cortez on her work with on the program and its fundraising efforts over the years. Dr. Mandrell noted how it is great to talk about the program within the community and that citizens are already familiar with it.

Dr. Cortez continued to talk about the multi-craft program experiencing strong growth in enrollment. She spoke of the faculty and staff proudly giving back to the community by volunteering their time and talents.

ICCTA Report: Board Chair Thompson reported on recent ICCTA events including the executive retreat in August 2026 in Freeport, IL. Chair Thompson said one goal was on optimizing information and stated everyone should be getting the emails. The second goal was to expand trustee education.

It was moved by Trustee Wiersema and seconded by Trustee Duncan, the Board take a recess at 3:58pm from the Retreat portion of the meeting. In a roll call, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Trustee Duncan and seconded by Trustee Demmer the Board end the recess at 4:00 p.m. and move into the regularly scheduled meeting. In a roll call, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and all Trustees answered roll call.

Administrator
Appointment – Director of
Applications and Data
Governance

It was moved by Trustee Tyne and seconded by Trustee Ramirez the Board approve the appointment of Geoff Bork as the Director of Applications and Data Governance beginning September 28, 2026 at an annual base salary of \$71,261. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget
Adoption

It was moved by Trustee Duncan and seconded by Trustee Tyne-the Board adopt the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget as presented. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Fiscal Year 2026 Year-
End Fund Transfers

It was moved by Trustee Wiersema and seconded by Trustee Demmer the Board approve the Year End Fund Transfers as presented, effective June 30, 2026. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Contract Approval –
Genio Site License

It was moved by Trustee Wiersema and seconded by Trustee Duncan the Board approve the contract for the Genio site License for \$44,899.86. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Cooperative Procurement
Approval – Nursing
Simulation Capture

It was moved by Trustee Demmer and seconded by Trustee Wiersema the Board approve the purchase of the Laerdal SimCapture Pro Cloud system and related equipment and services in an amount not to exceed \$45,493.62, utilizing Sourcewell Contract No. 011822-LAE, to be funded through Restricted Use Bond Proceeds. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

FY27 Organizational
Chart

It was moved by Trustee Burrs and seconded by Trustee Young-Hughes the Board approve the FY 2027 Organizational Chart as presented. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Young-Hughes advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Next meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2026, in the Hellmich Riverview Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Tyne, Secretary