

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 18, 2025**

- Call to Order: Chair Bob Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and the following members answered roll call:
- Brian Duncan (virtual @ 6:35 pm)    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 Transfer Programs and Academic Support Services, Dr. Patrice Hess
- Guests: Christopher Tennyson, ROE 47, Regional Superintendent  
Matt Hansen, P.E., Willett Hofmann
- Consent Agenda: It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Demmer 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. David Hellmich introduced Chris Tennyson, who presented the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendent of Schools Area II Award to Dr. Jon Mandrell in recognition of his outstanding efforts to schools in the State of Illinois.
- Dr. Hellmich asked Rich Groleau to update the Trustees on the Sewer Connection to Dixon project. The sewer treatment plant is original to this building and to replace would be more expensive than to connect to the City of Dixon. Matt Hansen gave an overview including preliminary costs estimates, a route map of where the sewer will run, financing options, and the project schedule. He and Rich answered questions from the Trustees.

Aaron Roe provided an overview of a proposed partnership with ReUp, a national leader in leveraging predictive analytics and success coaching to identify and re-engage “stop-out” students (those who have earned college credits but have not completed their degree or certificate. He answered Trustees’ questions.

Kent Sorenson presented an overview of the college’s tentative budget for FY 2026, focusing particularly on the education and operating budgets. He spent time reviewing income and expenses and answering Trustees’ questions.

Reports/Comments from Board Members and the SVC Foundation:

Student Trustee Madison Krum reported on the success of Welcome Week activities, including caricatures and live music with Alex Fischbach. She reported on upcoming events – Fall Sauk Fest on August 27; Donuts with the Dean on September 10; Pizza with the Prez on September 15; and Nicole Kelly, Disability Awareness speaker, on September 17.

Dr. Lori Cortez reported on the points of pride – the college’s fall enrollment growth, the SVCC reduced electricity use and related energy savings, and the welcoming of the first cohort of *Impact Program* students.

Lori thanked the Trustees who were able to attend the Fall Kick Off on August 8 where the Hellmich Leadership Legacy was launched.

Chair Thompson reported ICCTA is on summer hiatus, so he had no ICCTA report, but he will be in Springfield on 9/12 and 9/13 for the September meeting. Bob informed the Trustees of the ACCT annual Leadership Congress in New Orleans October 22/25 and invited all to attend.

Sewer Connection to Dixon:

It was moved by Member Tyne and seconded by Member Demmer the Board approve the attached resolution that specifies details of the agreement with the City of Dixon to explore and develop plans permitting extension of the City wastewater system to the College property as presented for a first reading. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

2025-2026 Tentative Budget and Notice of Public Hearing:

It was moved by Member Ramirez and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Tentative Budget and notice of a public hearing to occur over the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget at 6 p.m. on September 22, 2025, at Sauk Valley Community College, 173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL 61021 in the Riverview Conference Room. 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 Burrs and seconded by Member Wiersema the Board adjourn. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Student Trustee Krum advisory vote: aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next meeting: The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2025, in the Riverview Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret Tyne, Secretary