



**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
DISTRICT NO. 522
Marsh Conference Room
Belleville Campus
April 26, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Illinois College, District No. 522, was held Wednesday, April 26, 2023 in the Marsh Conference Room at the Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Avenue, Belleville, Illinois. Chairman Nick Raftopoulos called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and stated the purposes of the special meeting were to certify the April 4, 2023 consolidated election results as submitted by the county clerks for each county serving Community College District #522 and to reorganize the Board of Trustees.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present:

Steve Campo
Charles Hannon
Robert G. Morton
Nick Raftopoulos
Richard Roehrkasse

Trustees absent:

John Blomenkamp
Sara Soehlke

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Mance thanked the outgoing trustees for their years of service on the Board and provided the following brief highlights during the terms of office of two of the longest continuously serving SWIC trustees: Richard Roehrkasse 1991 (32 years and longest serving trustee) and Robert Morton 2001 (22 years):

1994 - current

- Granite City Campus - Industrial Technology Center opens.
- Granite City Campus - Aviation Maintenance Technology Hanger opens.

1996

- Belleville Area College celebrates 50th anniversary.

1999

- Belleville Area College begins classes at the East St. Louis Community College Center.

2000

- Belleville Area College name changed to Southwestern Illinois College.
- Red Bud Campus expansion.
- Belleville Campus Information Sciences Building completed and opened.

2001

- MetroLink station opened at the Belleville Campus.
- The college became an AQIP institution and was a pilot for the Commission's Vital Focus program in 2002. As part of this program SWIC worked with Higher Learning Commission (HLC) staff for three days to design and conduct a program of surveys, workshops, and large-group processes that were designed to identify strengths, opportunities, priorities, and Action Projects.
- The William and Florence Schmidt Art Center opened on the Belleville Campus.

2002

- Belleville - Fire Science training tower authorized.

2004

- Belleville Campus - Liberal Arts Phase I building construction approved.

2006

- Governor Blagojevich joined college officials to rename the Granite City Campus to the Southwestern Illinois College Sam Wolf Granite City Campus in honor of the former state representative who had been a college Trustee since 1995-2012.
- Belleville Campus - Liberal Arts Phase I building opens.
- Belleville Area College celebrates 60th anniversary.

2007

- Sam Wolf Granite City Campus expansion - building improvements and added more classrooms.
- Fire and Rescue Training Center completed in Belleville.

2008

- Belleville Campus Liberal Arts Phase I building opened.

2011

- Approval for construction of an environmentally-friendly, 72,000 square-foot expansion of the Liberal Arts Phase II building.

2013

- AQIP System Portfolio accreditation submitted and approved by the HLC.
- Liberal Arts Phase II building opens.

2015

- Belleville Campus Information Sciences building renovation.

2016

- Belleville Area College celebrates 70th anniversary.

July 2018 - Present

- Introduced more than twenty-five new degrees and/or certificates for ICCB and HLC approvals to capture new students and to increase enrollment.
- HLC announced the phasing out of the AQIP Pathway. The College submitted a 2019 Systems Portfolio to determine the level of monitoring and pathway for accreditation. The Systems Portfolio was approved by the HLC and as of September 2019, the institution was placed on the Open Pathway (desired pathway).
- Belleville Campus - Construction of a Manufacturing Training Academy building.

Appreciation was extended to the outgoing trustees for their years of service on the SWIC Board of Trustees.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RETURNS

MOTION 04-26-23:01

Mr. Hannon moved, seconded by Mr. Roehrkasse, to adopt by title only “Resolution Declaring Results of Election Held April 4, 2023.” Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Mr. Campo, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Morton, Mr. Roehrkasse and Mr. Raftopoulos. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. Blomenkamp and Ms. Soehlke. **PASSED**

MOTION 04-26-23:02

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Mr. Hannon, to adopt “Resolution Declaring Results of Election Held April 4, 2023.” Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Mr. Campo, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Morton, Mr. Roehrkasse and Mr. Raftopoulos. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. Blomenkamp and Ms. Soehlke. **PASSED**

STUDENT TRUSTEE ELECTION

Board Chair Raftopoulos reported Student Life held the Student Trustee election at the Belleville Campus on April 10-11, 2023. Jeanna Rose of East St. Louis was elected to serve as Student Trustee for the 2023-2024 year.

OATH OF OFFICE

Chairman Raftopoulos directed the Board Secretary to read the names and terms of office for each of the newly-elected trustees and the student trustee for Community College District No. 522 and to administer the Oath of Office. The following individuals assumed the Oath of Office.

<u>Sub-district</u>	<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
1	Tracy Vallett	4-year term Ending 2027
2	Sean McPeak	6-year term Ending 2029
3	Steve Campo	4-year term Ending 2027
4	Matthew Burke	4-year term Ending 2027
5	Mark Morton	6-year term Ending 2029
6	Nick Raftopoulos	6-year term Ending 2029
7	Dane Tippett	6-year term Ending 2027
Student Trustee	Jeanna Rose	1-year term 2023-2024

ROLL CALL

Trustees present:

Matthew Burke
Steve Campo
Sean McPeak
Mark Morton
Nick Raftopoulos
Jeanna Rose, Student Trustee
Dane Tippett
Tracy Vallett

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Raftopoulos moved, seconded by Mr. Campo, to appoint college attorney Garrett Hoerner temporary chairperson for the purpose of electing a Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Rose (advisory), Mr. Burke, Mr. Campo, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Tippett, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Raftopoulos. Nays: none. The motion carried.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Chairman pro-temp Hoerner requested nominations for Chairperson to serve a two-year period. Mr. Campo moved, seconded by Mr. McPeak, to nominate Nick Raftopoulos as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Chairman pro-temp Hoerner requested a motion to close the nominations for Chairperson. Mr. Campo moved, seconded by Mr. McPeak, to close the nominations for Chairperson. Upon a voice vote the motion carried.

Mr. Campo moved, seconded by Mr. McPeak, to elect Nick Raftopoulos as Board Chair for a two-year period. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Rose (advisory), Mr. Burke, Mr. Campo, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Raftopoulos. Nays: none. The motion carried.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Raftopoulos asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, to nominate Steve Campo to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. McPeak moved, seconded by Ms. Vallett, to close the nominations. Upon a voice vote the motion carried.

Upon a roll call vote, those members voting aye for Steve Campo to serve as Vice Chairman were Ms. Rose (advisory), Mr. Burke, Mr. Campo, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Raftopoulos. Nays: none. The motion carried.

MEETING DAY, TIME AND LOCATION FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Mr. Tippet, to ratify the action taken by the Board of Trustees at its December 2022 meeting setting the meeting schedule for 2023. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Rose (advisory), Mr. Burke, Mr. Campo, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Raftopoulos. Nays: none. The motion carried.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Raftopoulos named the following Board committees and ICCTA Representative and Alternate to serve a two-year term:

Personnel, Programs and Services Committee

Steve Campo, Chair
Matthew Burke
Nick Raftopoulos

Planning and Policy Committee

Nick Raftopoulos Chair
Dane Tippet
Tracy Vallett

Facilities and Finance Committee

Mark Morton, Chair

Steve Campo

Sean McPeak

ICCTA Representative: Tracy Vallett

ICCTA Alternate: Nick Raftopoulos

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Mr. Campo, to move into Executive Session at 5:47 p.m. to discuss purchase or lease of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)). Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Rose (advisory), Mr. Burke, Mr. Campo, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Tippett, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Raftopoulos. Nays: none. PASSED

There was consensus to return to regular session at 6:05 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION 04-26-23:03

Mr. McPeak moved, seconded by Mr. Burke, to approve lease between Southwestern Illinois College Foundation, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, and Southwestern Illinois College, Community College District No. 522. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Rose (advisory), Mr. Burke, Mr. Campo, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Tippett, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Raftopoulos. Nays: none. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Vallett moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. The motion carried.

Approved: **05.17.23**

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Raftopoulos
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Beverly J. Fiss
Secretary to the Board of Trustees