



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
DISTRICT NO. 522
Belleville Campus
Marsh Conference Room
June 26, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

A public hearing convened by the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Illinois College, District No. 522, was held Wednesday, June 26, 2024 in the Marsh Conference Room at the Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Avenue, Belleville, Illinois. Chairman Nick Raftopoulos called the public hearing to order at 5:34 p.m. and stated the purpose of the public hearing was to consider the District's Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present:

Steve Campo
Sean McPeak
Mark Morton
Nick Raftopoulos
Dane Tippet
Tracy Vallett

Trustee absent:

Matthew Burke

FY 2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Chairman Raftopoulos asked if anyone wished to offer comments in favor of the proposed budget against the proposed budget; or wished to submit comments in writing for or against the proposed budget. An individual posed questions to the Board concerning the overall budget being up 15% from last year; a 44% increase in tuition revenue; and \$1.6M for salaries from the Restricted Purposes Fund. Staff addressed and responded to the concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Mr. Tippet, to close the public hearing at 5:40 p.m. Upon a voice vote the motion carried.

Approved: **07-17-24**

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Raftopoulos
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Beverly J. Fiss
Secretary to the Board of Trustees