



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
DISTRICT NO. 522
Marsh Conference Room
Belleville Campus
May 20, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Illinois College, District No. 522, was held Wednesday, May 20, 2026 in the Marsh Conference Room at the Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Avenue, Belleville, Illinois. Chairman Steve Campo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present:

Steve Campo
Eric Edgar
Sean McPeak
Mark Morton
Nick Raftopoulos (arrived at 5:35p)
Zoyalyn Stoll, Student Trustee
Dane Tippet (r)
Tracy Vallett

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOCUS GROUP - SHOOTING RANGE/TACTICAL VILLAGE

The Construction Project Focus Group brought forward several decisions that needed to be rendered concerning the Shooting Range/Tactical Village project.

MOTION 052026:01

Mr. McPeak moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, to approve Change Order 001 with architect Lamar Johnson Collaborative, Inc. (LJC) dated April 30, 2026 agreeing architect's civil engineering consultant, CDI Engineering, and MEP consultant, SSC Engineering, Inc., and subject matter expert consultant McClaren, Wilson & Lawrie, may carry professional liability coverage in the amount of \$2M per claim/\$5M aggregate and that LJC's professional liability policy will not provide any excess or additional coverage for errors and omissions of CDI and/or SSC and/or MWL. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll

(opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. Raftopoulos. **PASSED**

MOTION 052026:02

Mr. McPeak moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, to approve Option D layout for the SWIC Tactical Village. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. Raftopoulos. **PASSED**

MOTION 052026:03

Mr. McPeak moved, seconded by Mr. Tippet, to approve Option 1 Surface Retention for the SWIC Tactical Village. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. Raftopoulos. **PASSED**

MOTION 052026:04

Mr. McPeak moved, seconded by Ms. Vallett, to approve the 4-pipe HVAC system for the Shooting Range and offices. While the 4-pipe system is more costly on the front end, a savings will be realized within seven to ten years. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. Raftopoulos. **PASSED**

MOTION 052026:05

Mr. McPeak moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, to select the main wall system construction for the SWIC Tactical Village. There will be a savings on insulation cost. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. Raftopoulos. **PASSED**

FY 2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET

MOTION 052026:06

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Mr. McPeak, to adopt by title only Notice of Public Hearing and Meeting of the Board of Trustees declaring the dates of the Fiscal Year, providing for a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget, and publication of Notice of said Public Hearing. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. **PASSED**

MOTION 052026:07

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Mr. McPeak, to adopt Notice of Public Hearing and Meeting of the Board of Trustees declaring the dates of the Fiscal Year, providing for a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget, and publication of Notice of said Public Hearing. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. **PASSED**

OMNIBUS VOTE FOR CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION 052026:08

Mr. McPeak moved, seconded by Ms. Vallett, for an omnibus vote for the items on the consent agenda. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. **PASSED**

- approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting of April 15, 2026;
- award the lowest responsible bid for Crawl Space Piping & Electric project to Baer Heating & Cooling, Trenton, IL in the amount of \$8,040,033.50 funded by Protection, Health and Safety; 2023 Bond Issuance; and departmental Fund Balance;
- award the lowest responsible bid for Packaged Terminal Air Conditioner (PTAC) units for the Southwestern Illinois Justice and Workforce Development Campus to Baer Heating & Cooling, Inc Trenton, IL in the amount of \$118,775.00 procured using approved budgeted funding from the Southwestern Illinois Justice and Workforce Development Campus grant;
- approve request for proposal for Southwestern Illinois College to partner with Carnegie, Westford, MA for an institutional website design and rebranding in the amount of \$694,050.00 procured with approved Capital Funding;
- approve request for proposal for Southwestern Illinois College to partner with Daktronics, Brookings, SD for signage design and consultation utilizing Omnia Contract #R220061 for pricing and purchases with appropriate funding approval;
- purchase Big Joe PDSR30-157 Reach Stacker from Wiese USA, St. Louis, MO in the amount of \$28,513.00 procured with approved budgeted Perkins Grant funding;
- purchase Custom Engine/Propeller Design Stand from Heisler Repair, Worden, IL in the amount of \$24,999.00 procured with approved budgeted departmental funding;
- purchase Six ROBOTIQ-HND-UR Kits and Accessories from FPE Automation, Inc., Sunset Hills, MO in the amount of \$64,283.13 procured with approved Perkins Grant funding;
- purchase signage at the Southwestern Illinois College Fairview Heights Campus from United Ink, Belleville, IL in the amount of \$27,828.15 procured with approved funding from the 2023 Bond Issuance;
- purchase license agreement for Math software from Wolfram Research, Champaign, IL for three years in the total amount of \$53,901.90 procured with approved budgeted departmental funding;
- purchase remodel of the Marsh Conference Room at the Belleville Campus from Lowery Electric, Collinsville, IL in the amount of \$28,675.00 procured with approved budgeted departmental funding;

- purchase ten Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) Trainers for the Red Bud CTE Building at the Red Bud Campus from TW Controls, Roanoke, VA in the amount of \$104,029.50 funded by ICCB Advanced Manufacturing grant;
- purchase six 560 Mobile Workbenches for the Red Bud CTE Building at the Red Bud Campus from Stor-Loc, Kankakee, IL in the amount of \$45,803.20 funded by ICCB Advanced Manufacturing grant;
- purchase Industrial Control Trainer supplies for the Red Bud CTE Building at the Red Bud Campus from Automation Direct, Cumming, CA in the amount of \$33,882.50 funded by ICCB Advanced Manufacturing grant;
- purchase District-wide Blackbaud software renewal for the period May 25, 2026 through May 24, 2027 from Blackbaud, Charleston, SC in the amount of \$67,490.77 funded by approved budgeted departmental funds;
- purchase WorkSpace One annual software licensing renewal for FY27 from Dell, Round Rock, TX in the amount of \$50,115 funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental funds;
- purchase Commvault Simpana annual maintenance software renewal for FY27 from CDW-G, Chicago, IL in the amount of \$45,000.00 funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental funds;
- purchase Tumbleweed Mail Defense annual software licensing renewal for FY27 from Mailgate, Denver, CO in the amount of \$30,873.38 funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental fund;
- purchase Avaya annual software and hardware maintenance agreements for FY27 from Inzo Technologies, Chesterfield, MO in the total amount of \$159,821.56 (software \$116,080.00; hardware \$43,741.56) funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental funds;
- purchase expired hardware annual maintenance agreement for FY27 from Service Express Technologies, Grand Rapids, MI in the amount of \$28,601.64 funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental funds;
- purchase PeopleSoft Oracle Software FY27 Contract renewal (year 3 of 3) from Oracle in the amount of \$360,996.66 funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental funds;
- purchase VMWare Licensing annual renewal for the period August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 (year 2 of 3) from Inzo Technologies, Chesterfield, MO in the amount of \$87,648 funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental funds;
- purchase KACE software annual maintenance agreement for FY27 from DLT, Herndon, VA in the amount of \$48,037.21 funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental funds;
- purchase Adobe licensing for FY27 from Insight Public Sector, Chandler, AZ in the amount of \$24,272.04 funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental funds;

- purchase GT eForms Enterprise subscription for FY27 from Gideon Taylor Consulting, American Fork, UT in the amount of \$19,356 funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental funds;
- purchase D2L Brightspace software annual payment for FY27 to D2L Ltd., Towson, MD in the amount of \$167,882.00 funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental funds;
- purchase CollegeNET Series 25 software licenses for FY27 from CollegeNET, Inc., Portland, OR in the amount of \$34,867.96 funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental funds;
- purchase Core Network Upgrade to HPE Aruba 6400 chassis-based switches from WJR Technologies, Fenton, MO in the amount of \$241,187 funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental funds;
- purchase two Fortinet FortiGate firewalls from WJR Technologies, Fenton, MO in the amount of \$43,000 funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental funds;
- purchase access points for the Southwestern Illinois Justice and Workforce Development Campus from WJR Technologies, Fenton, MO in the amount of \$75,438 funded by approved funds from the Southwestern Illinois Justice and Workforce Development grant;
- purchase Lumi Pro and Lumi Feedback software licenses for Brightspace for the period May 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028 from D2L Ltd., Towson, MD in the amount of \$127,389.87 funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental funds;
- purchase fifty (50) EDU Pro Kahoot software licenses for FY27 from Kahoot, Oslo, Norway in the amount of \$9,750.00 funded by approved budgeted FY27 departmental funds;
- dispose of the following capital assets:
 - Double Deck Convection Oven; and
 - Bobcat 5600 Turbo Toolcat
- accept renewal ICCB FY26 Advanced Manufacturing state grant in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the period April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 to strengthen capacity to design, develop, and implement high-quality Advanced Manufacturing programs that lead to sustainable wage employment;
- approve renewal facility agreement with Marie Schaefer Elementary School to provide practicum opportunities to students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education instructional program at SWIC;
- approve renewal agreement with Chester Memorial to allow students in the Health Sciences programs to participate in clinical experience;
- approve curriculum changes from the April 7th and April 21st, 2026 Curriculum Committee meetings;

- approve the following new and revised course fees:
 - course fee for new course MLT 101: Phlebotomy Certification;
 - revised course fees for Surgical Technology;
 - revised course fees for Health Information Technology; and
 - revised course fees for BIOL 151 Plants and Society;
- approve \$500 new full-time Fire Science Academy fee beginning Fall 2026 and increasing to \$1,500 by Fall 2027 to ensure the Fire Science Academy’s long-term viability, protection of instructional quality and keeping SWIC the most cost-effective and accessible option for departments seeking to train their next generation of firefighters;
- accept resignation of Jeff Tilma, Administrative Asst to Dean of Center for Teaching and Learning, effective COB 04-28-26;
- accept resignation of Jacqueline Owens, Diagnostic Medical Sonography Instructor/Coordinator, effective COB 08-07-26;
- accept retirement notification of Kirsten Webb, Mathematics and Computer Science Instructor, effective COB 08-01-27;
- appoint Lisa Ward to the full-time administrative position of Instructional Technology Manager effective June 1, 2026 at an annual salary of \$67,000, salary grade 4, and subject to the provisions of the Personnel Procedures for Administrators;
- appoint Brianna Holtrop to the full-time administrative position of Academic Advisor and Career Transitions Specialist in the Careers and Workforce Department effective June 1, 2026 at an annual salary of \$51,000, salary grade 2, and subject to the provisions of the Personnel Procedures for Administrators;
- appoint Tammy Sain-Harris to the full-time administrative position of Academic Advisor and Career Transitions Specialist in the Careers and Workforce Department effective June 1, 2026 at an annual salary of \$51,000, salary grade 2, and subject to the provisions of the Personnel Procedures for Administrators;
- appoint Mark Gladney to the full-time SWIC EE position of Shipping & Receiving Coordinator effective May 1, 2026 at an annual pay rate of \$38,178 and subject to the provisions of the SWIC Educational Employee Collective Bargaining Agreement;
- ratify the appointment of Jasma McCorkle to the full-time grant-funded position of ATS Driver effective May 1, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$25.64 and subject to the provisions of the SWIC ATS Local 6600 Collective Bargaining Agreement and the continued receipt of external funding;
- approve the following part-time hires and ratifications:
 - Jeremy Johnson, Psychology Instructor, effective June 1, 2026;
 - Melissa Hild, Psychology Instructor, effective June 1, 2026;

Chelsey Ryterski, Nurse Assistant Instructor, effective June 1, 2026;
 Tom Bileyu, Business Administration Instructor, effective August 10, 2026;
 Jay Mehta, Education Instructor, effective August 10, 2026;
 Kendra Keefer, Art Instructor, effective August 10, 2026
 Shawn Hennon, Physics Instructor, effective May 1, 2026;
 Michelle Evans, PTNU position of Nursing and Health Sciences Tutor, effective June 1, 2026
 at an hourly rate of \$18.90 for up to nine hours per week;
 Isabel Margarida, SWIC EE position of Communications Specialist effective June 1, 2026 at an
 hourly rate of \$23.56 for up to 28 hours per week and subject to the SWIC EE
 Collective Bargaining Agreement;
 Christopher Karban, Custodian at the Red Bud Campus, effective June 1, 2026 at an hourly rate
 of \$17.00 for up to 28 hours per week and subject to the provisions of the Collective
 Bargaining Agreement between District 522 and Local 148;
 Tammy Call, grant-funded SWIC EE position of Group Travel Specialist at PSOP, effective
 June 1, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$15.30 for up to 28 hours per week and subject to the
 SWIC EE Collective Bargaining Agreement and the continued receipt of external
 funding;
 Alexander Chamness, Shipping & Receiving Clerk, effective May 1, 2026 at an hourly rate of
 \$15.30 for up to 28 hours per week and subject to the SWIC EE Collective Bargaining
 Agreement; and
 Melvin Dixon, Gwen Hicks, Juandalyn Reese and Latisha Johnson, grant-funded position of
 ATS Driver, at an hourly rate of \$22.54 and subject to the SWIC ATS Local 6600
 Collective Bargaining Agreement and the continued receipt of external funding.

- approve Extended Unpaid (non-FMLA) Leave for Alyanna Morrow beginning June 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 per the Personnel Procedures for Administrators;
- amend employment start date for Frank Simmons, part-time Administration of Justice Instructor, from, April 1, 2026 to May 1, 2026 2026; and
- create and advertise full-time Dental Hygiene Coordinator/Instructor position.

MOTION 052026:09

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Mr. Raftopoulos, to approve the items on the consent agenda. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none.
PASSED

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION 052026:10

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Mr. McPeak, to approve the bills as presented including travel-related expenses of members of the Board of Trustees and of employees:

Education Fund	\$2,824,997.33
Operations & Maintenance Fund	592,781.09
Operations & Maint Fund-Restricted	1,448,058.67
Bond & Interest Fund	1,790,229.25
Auxiliary Enterprise Fund	447,807.51
Restricted Purposes Fund	495,851.59
Trust & Agency Fund	17,481.68
Liability, Protection & Settlement Fund	142,902.62
 Grand Total All Funds:	 \$7,760,109.74

Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. **PASSED**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Mr. McPeak moved, seconded by Ms. Vallett, to move into Executive Session for personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)); property acquisition (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)); and litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)) Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. **PASSED***

There was consensus to return to regular session at 6:18 p.m.

ACTIONS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION 052026:11

Mr. Raftopoulos moved, seconded by Ms. Vallett, to approve settlement agreement with Vistra Corp. establishing the equalized assessed value (EAV) for Assessment Years 2025 through 2028. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. **PASSED**

MOTION 052026:12

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Mr. Raftopoulos, to approve Memorandum of Intent with Perandoe Special Education Joint Agreement Cooperative and Career Center of Southern Illinois. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. **PASSED**

MOTION 052026:13

Mr. McPeak moved, seconded by Mr. Edgar, to terminate the employment of Pamela Gaston, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Math and Sciences, for just cause effective immediately per Article 12 of the SWIC Educational Employees Collective Bargaining Agreement. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Tippet, Ms. Vallett, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. **PASSED**

REPORTS

President’s Report

President Mance reported graduation was held last week in the Varsity Gym. Approximately 400 graduates took part in the ceremony; and 1,100 degrees were conferred. He congratulated and thanked Chief Student Services Officer Danielle Chambers for her exceptional job in coordinating the celebration.

ICCTA Report

Trustee Tippett stated he had no report this month.

Attorney’s Report

Mr. Hoerner had nothing further.

MISCELLANEOUS

Board Chair Campo also extended his appreciation to CSSO Chambers and commended her on the attention to detail in the Café, the yard ornaments, and the hallway balloons and streamers. He also thanked CIO Andres; VP of Enrollment, MarCom and Strategy Tebbe; CAO Walter; CFO Wheeler; and Chief Administrative Services Officer Ysursa on the great jobs they are doing and added that they and their teams make SWIC a better place.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Ms. Vallett, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Upon a voice vote the motion carried.

Approved: **06-24-26**

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Campo
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Beverly J. Fiss
Secretary to the Board of Trustees