



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
DISTRICT NO. 522
History Room
Sam Wolf Granite City Campus
August 19, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Illinois College, District No. 522, was held Wednesday, August 19, 2026 in the History Room at the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road, Granite City, Illinois. Chairman Steve Campo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present:

Steve Campo
Eric Edgar
Nick Raftopoulos
Zoyalyn Stoll, Student Trustee
Dane Tippet

Trustees absent:

Sean McPeak
Mark Morton
Tracy Vallett

PUBLIC COMMENTS

DeAaron Williams, Custodian at the Belleville Campus, spoke to the Board of Trustees concerning his employment at the college.

OMNIBUS VOTE FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Item E)1. was pulled from the consent agenda.

MOTION 08-19-26:01

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

- approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting of July 15, 2026;

- approve first reading of proposed amendments to Board Policy 3011: Faculty Research and/or Consulting;
- adopt proposed amendments to Board Policy 6008: Disposal of College Property;
- adopt proposed new Board Policy 7012: Housing;
- award the lowest responsible bid for FY27 athletic team travel to Vandalia Bus Lines, Caseyville, IL in the amount of \$223,196.00 funded from approved departmental budget;
- approve renewal contract with Barnes & Noble for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031, subject to review and approval by the Board Attorney;
- purchase visitor locker room renovation at the Southwestern Illinois Justice and Workforce Development Campus (SIJWDC) from Von Alst Operating, LLC, Swansea, IL in the amount of \$23,913.00 procured with approved funding from the SIJWDC grant;
- purchase painting home locker rooms and the visitor locker room at the SIJWDC from Leach Painting, Fenton, MO in the amount of \$33,850.00 procured with approved funding from the SIJWDC grant;
- purchase LED lighting in the locker rooms at the SIJWDC from Guarantee Electrical Company, Granite City, IL in the amount of \$87,834.00 procured with approved funding from the SIJWDC grant;
- purchase flooring in the end zone locker room and arena lower level at the SIJWDC from CI Flooring, St. Louis, MO in the amount of \$156,380.00 procured with approved funding from the SIJWDC grant;
- purchase theatre fire curtain at the Belleville Campus from Safeware, Inc., Lanham, MD in the amount of \$254,885.00 procured with approved budgeted departmental funds;
- purchase commissioning services for the Southwestern Illinois College Tactical Village from McClure Engineering, St. Louis, MO in the amount of \$28,900.00 procured with approved funding from the 2025 Bond Issuance;
- purchase renewal of one-year contract from July 7, 2026 through June 30, 2027 with Bi-State Development Agency, St. Louis, MO in the amount of \$261,800.00 for student Metro passes procured with approved budgeted departmental funds and subject to the review and approval by the Board Attorney;
- purchase baseball equipment for FY27 from BSN Sports, Dallas, TX in the amount of \$42,577.50 procured with approved budgeted departmental funds;

- purchase renewal of Genetec Advantage license for one year with Utilitra, Edwardsville, IL in the amount of \$30,273.80 for the district-wide cameras and electronic door access procured with approved budgeted departmental funds;
- ratify purchase of fume hood installation for the Red Bud Campus from Baer Heating and Cooling, Trenton, IL in the amount of \$29,910.00 procured with approved funding from the 2023 Bond Issuance;
- ratify purchase of one-year contract from January 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027 with TruGreen Commercial, Collinsville, IL in the amount of \$33,131.75 for lawn care services at the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus procured with approved budgeted departmental funds;
- approve housing fee of \$150 per semester per student residing in dormitories at the Southwestern Illinois Justice and Workforce Development Campus;
- dispose of the following capital assets:
 - Building Renovations (4)
 - Servers (3)
 - Tennis Court Renovation
 - Software Tracer
 - Passenger Van;
- accept renewal ICCB Workforce Empowerment Initiative WIE 522-27 grant in the amount of \$1,030,000.00 for the period July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 to create, support, or expand short-term (one year or less) workforce (credit and/or non-credit) training opportunities in high-need communities focused on specific sectors with identified workforce gaps;
- accept renewal ICCB Mental Health Early Action MHEA 52201-27 grant in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 to facilitate the implementation and continuation of services to support the Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act while expanding additional student support as resources allow;
- accept renewal ICCB Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education IELCE 522-27 grant in the amount of \$111,204.19 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 to assist eligible English language learners to develop English language proficiency while acquiring the literacy, civics knowledge, workforce preparation skills, and occupational training necessary to successfully participate in postsecondary education, employment and civic life within the US;
- accept new Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN) thru Joliet Junior College as Fiscal Agent grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the period July 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 to provide \$5,000 for an IGEN membership project and a \$10,000 salary offset or the option to combine into one \$15,000 membership project;
- approve agreement with Prompt Health Learning Services to allow Physical Therapy Assistant program to use Prompt electronic medical record software; software has been approved by CIO Linda Andres;

- approve facility agreement with St. Clair County Jail to allow SWIC Adult Education to offer IL high school diploma classes at the SCC jail from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027;
- approve agreement with Webster University to build a pathway for SWIC students with an AA Exercise Science Pre-Major to transfer to Webster to complete their Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science;
- approve agreement with SWIC Athletic Department to allow students in the Physical Therapist Assistant program to participate in clinical experience;
- approve affiliation agreement with LaBella, Freeburg, IL to allow students in the Health Sciences programs to participate in clinical experience;
- approve affiliation agreement with Benedictine Living Community to allow students in the Health Sciences programs to participate in clinical experience;
- approve affiliation agreement with Chestnut Health Systems to allow students in the Health Sciences programs to participate in clinical experience;
- approve agreement with East Side Fire Protection District to allow the Fire Science program to exchange ten (10) practical training sessions at three (3) hours each for a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN 1GNEK13T45R241520;
- approve agreement with BJC HealthCare to allow the Pharmacy Technician program to provide technical training services to BJC HealthCare;
- approve revised course fee for BUS 205: Economic and Business Statistics;
- accept resignation of Tabatha Lewis, Student Services Coordinator, effective COB August 6, 2026;
- accept resignation of Marla Brown, Senior Services Specialist at PSOP, effective COB July 30, 2026;
- accept resignation of Kinesha Mosby, SWIC ATS Safety and Training Coordinator, effective COB July 27, 2026;
- accept retirement notification of Carolyn Myers, Political Science Instructor, effective COB August 1, 2028;
- appoint Taylor Angle to the full-time grant-funded administrative position of Early Childhood Education Success Coordinator effective September 1, 2026 at an annual salary of \$52,000, salary grade 2, and subject to the Personnel Procedures for Administrators and the continued receipt of external funding;
- appoint Tasha McFarlane to the full-time SWIC EE position of Student Services Specialist effective September 1, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$19.53 for 37.5 hours per week and subject to the provisions of the SWIC EE Collective Bargaining Agreement;

- appoint Arianna Stanforth to the full-time SWIC EE position of Financial Aid Specialist effective September 1, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$19.53 for 37.5 hours per week and subject to the provisions of the SWIC EE Collective Bargaining Agreement;
- ratify the appointment of Robin Pruitt to the full-time grant-funded administrative position of Director, Retired & Senior Volunteer Program at PSOP effective August 16, 2026 at an annual salary of \$48,000, salary grade 1, and subject to the provisions of the Personnel Procedures for Administrators and the continued receipt of external funding;
- ratify the appointment of Bria Caldwell to the full-time grant-funded administrative position of Director, Foster Grandparent Program at PSOP effective August 16, 2026 at an annual salary of \$48,000, salary grade 1, and subject to the provisions of the Personnel Procedures for Administrators and the continued receipt of external funding;
- ratify the appointment of James Usery to the full-time grant-funded administrative position of Career Transition Coordinator and Adult Education and Literacy Site Manager at the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus effective August 1, 2026 at an annual salary of \$63,000, salary grade 3, and subject to the provisions of the Personnel Procedures for Administrators and the continued receipt of external funding;
- ratify the appointment of Dawn Brokaw to the full-time SWIC EE position of Outcomes Assessment Specialist effective August 16, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$20.34 for 37.5 hours per week and subject to the provisions of the SWIC EE Collective Bargaining Agreement;
- ratify the appointment of Duncan Quinn to the full-time Welding Technology Instructor effective August 1, 2026 at a salary of \$51,939 (below Master's/Step 2) under the 2025-2026 Salary Schedule, calculated at up to two (2) equated hours; beginning August 16, 2026 the base salary will increase to \$51,959 (below Master's/Step 2) under the 2026-2027 Salary Schedule.
- approve the following part-time hires and ratifications:

Timothy Rainey, Fire Suppression Practicum and Fire Science Instructor effective September 2026;

Edward Lemay, Fire Suppression Practicum Instructor effective September 1, 2026;

Nolan Black, Physical Therapist Assistant Instructor effective September 1, 2026;

Shane Stephens, Nursing Clinical Instructor effective October 1, 2026;

Joshua Cobb, PTNU Community Education Instructor effective September 1, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$23.10 for up to 9 hours per week;

Ratification of Angela Louis, Paralegal Studies Instructor effective August 3, 2026;

Ratification of Gregory Pitchford, Art Instructor effective August 3, 2026;

Ratification of Christy Hibbard, Medical Assistant Instructor effective August 10, 2026;

Ratification of Stacy Candler, Phlebotomy Instructor effective August 10, 2026;

Ratification of Jeffery Allen, Electrical/Electronic Technology Instructor effective August 17, 2026;

Ratification of Merinda Allen, Electrical/Electronic Technology Instructor effective August 17, 2026;

Ratification of Dominik Fleming, HVAR Instructor effective August 10, 2026;
 Ratification of Khalil Vaughn and Carlos Darough to the grant-funded positions of ATS Driver effective August 3, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$22.54 for up to 28 hours per week and subject to the SWIC ATS Local 6600 Collective Bargaining Agreement and the continued receipt of external funding;

- approve the following FY27 part-time coaching contracts-Tier III:

Tier III Positions – Assistant Coach		
Position	Name	FY27 Recommendation
Men’s Tennis	Patricia Skaer	\$3,500
Women’s Tennis	Patricia Skaer	\$3,500
Women’s Basketball	B’Aunce Carter	\$3,500
Volleyball	Brooke Miller	\$3,500

- increase the part-time faculty hourly rate effective August 16, 2026 to align with Appendix C: 2026-2027 Pay Scale, Adjunct - Tier 1 in the 2024-2029 Memorandum of Understanding between the Faculty Union and Southwestern Illinois College;
- amend approval of Extended Unpaid (non-FMLA) Leave for Alyanna Morrow to June 19, 2026 through July 15, 2026; and
- create and advertise the following positions:

Full-time administrative position of Coach - Men's Football Offensive Coordinator;
 Full-time administrative position of Coach - Men's Football Defensive Coordinator;
 Part-time non-union position of Coach - Men's Football Defensive Line;
 Full-time administrative position of Head Coach - Esports; and
 Full-time grant-funded position of Custodian (6) at the Southwestern Illinois Justice and Workforce Development Campus.

MOTION 08-19-26:02

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION 08-16-26:03

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

Education Fund	\$3,812,840.58
Operations & Maintenance Fund	904,670.27
Operations & Maint Fund-Restricted	1,443,070.92
Auxiliary Interest Fund	2,736,192.41

Restricted Purposes Fund	695,528.17
Trust & Agency Fund	35,552.91
Audit Fund	21,250.00
Liability, Protection & Settlement Fund	285,312.57

Grand Total All Funds: \$9,934,417.83

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT OPERATING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS

MOTION 08-16-26:04

Mr. Tippet moved, seconded by Mr. Raftopoulos, to adopt by title only Resolution Authorizing Permanent Operating Transfers of Funds. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Tippet, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton and Ms. Vallett. **PASSED**

MOTION 08-16-26:05

Mr. Tippet moved, seconded by Mr. Edgar, to adopt Resolution Authorizing Permanent Operating Transfers of Funds. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Tippet, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton and Ms. Vallett. **PASSED**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Mr. Raftopoulos moved, seconded by Mr. Edgar, to move into Executive Session at 5:47 p.m. for personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) and collective bargaining (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)). Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Tippet, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton, and Ms. Vallett.. **PASSED***

There was consensus to return to regular session at 6:04 p.m.

ACTIONS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION 08-16-26:06

Mr. Edgar moved, seconded by Mr. Raftopoulos, to approve the employment termination of Noah King as Student Engagement Specialist pursuant to Section IV of the Employment Agreement and Section II.A. of the Personnel Procedures for Administrators. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Tippet, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton and Ms. Vallett. **PASSED**

MOTION 08-16-26:07

Mr. Edgar moved, seconded by Mr. Raftopoulos, to approve the 2025-28 Collective Bargaining Agreement between SWIC and Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee - SWIC Public Safety Employees Union. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Tippet, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton and Ms. Vallett. **PASSED**

REPORTS

President's Report

President Mance commended Dr. Mya Lawrence, Executive Director of the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus, and Lalonhi Kaonohi, Physical Plant Supervisor on the condition and appearance of the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus.

President Mance also thanked the students for “picking SWIC” for their educational journey.

ICCTA Report

Trustee Tippet reported trustees should be kept up-to-date with the email communications from ICCTA. He also reminded trustees of the mandatory trustee leadership training requirement.

Attorney's Report

Mr. Hoerner requested the Board approve the amended and restated academic affiliation agreement between SSM and Southwestern Illinois College effective August 1, 2026.

MOTION 08-19-26:08

Mr. Raftopoulos moved, seconded by Mr. Tippet, to approve agreement between SSM Health Care Corporation and Southwestern Illinois College effective August 1, 2026. Upon a roll call vote, those trustees voting aye were Ms. Stoll (opinion), Mr. Edgar, Mr. Raftopoulos, Mr. Tippet, and Mr. Campo. Nays: none. Absent: Mr. McPeak, Mr. Morton and Ms. Vallett. **PASSED**

MISCELLANEOUS

Board Chair Campo commended staff on their great job on move-in day at the SWIC West Campus dorms. Everything went smoothly; and the teams did a really good job.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Raftopoulos moved, seconded by Mr. Edgar, to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. Upon a voice vote the motion carried.

Approved: **09-15-26**

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Campo
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Beverly J. Fiss
Secretary to the Board of Trustees