MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SPOON RIVER COLLEGE

Wednesday, July 23, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
Spoon River College, Macomb Outreach Center, Rooms A and B
2500 East Jackson, Macomb, Illinois

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Spoon River College was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., at the Macomb Outreach Center, Rooms A and B, 2500 East Jackson, Macomb, Illinois.

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to Order

Kevin Meade, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Members Present:	John Biernbaum
	Linda Butler
	Jerry Cremer
	Dave Maguire
	Kevin Meade
	Phillip Murphy
	Kent Schleich
	Logan Booth

Present: Dr. Curt Oldfield, President; Holly Norton, Vice President of Educational and Student Services; Missy Wilkinson, Dean, Student Services; Melissa Miller, Dean, Career and Workforce Education; Mike Strauman, Chief Operations and Safety Officer; Hannah Neuendorf, Director, Human Resources; Sarah Gray, Chief Fiscal Officer; Dusty Berg, Director, Foundation; Raj Siddaraju, Chief Information Officer; and Julie Hampton, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees/Recorder.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Kevin Meade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 Welcome of Guests

Kevin Meade welcomed those in attendance.

1.5 Public Comment

Kevin Meade asked if any members of the audience wished to address the Board. There were no requests or public comments.

1.6 Approval of Minutes

1.6.1 February 26, 2025 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Following a motion by Linda Butler, seconded by Dave Maguire, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the February 26, 2025 Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

1.6.2 May 28, 2025 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Following a motion by Linda Butler, seconded by Dave Maguire, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the May 28, 2025 Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

1.6.3 June 25, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Following a motion by Dave Maguire, seconded by Kent Schleich, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the June 25, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

1.7 Report – ICCTA Representative

Dave Maguire provided the following report:

During the summer there is not much on the ICCTA agenda. Like the community colleges, ICCTA starts its new year on July 1st. Trustee Patricia Joan Murphy from Moraine Valley Community College began her term as President of ICCTA. As I mentioned before, I will again be serving on the ICCTA Executive Committee. Our annual planning session is scheduled for August 8-9 in Chicago. The meeting will set the direction for ICCTA for the next year. Pending legislation will continue to be one of our major concerns. There were over 400 bills that passed both chambers and are being sent to the Governor for action. Traditionally he uses bill signings as an opportunity to travel the state and put forward his agenda. There are still several hundred pieced on the ICCTA Bill Watch List. Many of these could have direct effect on community colleges. They can still be called for consideration during the Veto Session of during next Spring's session.

ICCTA is working with ACCT on Federal legislation and Federal department actions affecting our ability to provide education programs. There continues to be a concern for the colleges and Federal interaction will be part of the strategic plan for ICCTA in the coming year. Federal actions will impact many of the State financial actions. This year's funding level is an example of what the immediate future might hold.

The Fall Veto Session is scheduled for October 14-16 and October 28-30. While there has been some comment about a special session, there does not appear to be an overselling desire for the General Assembly have a special session.

A couple of items of note: The Governor recently announced the appointment of Dr. Sylvia Jenkins as the 13th Chair of the Illinois Community College Board. She served as President of Moraine Valley Community College for eleven years retiring in 2023. ICCTA believes this will be a good thing for the Illinois Community College System.

At the National level, Dr. DeRionne Pollard will become the next president and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) this fall. She currently leads Nevada State University, where she has served as president since 2021. Dr. Pollard was at the College of Lake

County (Illinois) for more than 12 years in various posts. Another good thing for Illinois Community Colleges.

The next meeting of the Board of Representative will be September 12-13, 2025 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. Included with my report are a list of dates and meetings of interest.

1.8 Report – Student Government Representative

Logan Booth, Student Government Representative, provided the following report:

Students are wrapping up the summer session this week.

Plans are well underway to welcome returning and new students for the fall semester:

- Nursing students will begin their orientation on August 11th and
- New Student Orientation is August 19th in Macomb and 20th in Canton.

The volleyball team begins practice August 1st and will have their first scrimmage on August 16th with official competition starting August 22nd.

Fall cross country also begins on August 1st. Their first meet is August 30th at Sauk Valley.

The Athletic Department will host a cookout and orientation for student-athletes and their families on August 23rd.

1.9 Report – Spoon River College Foundation

Dusty Berg presented the following report:

- $31,924.59 in deposits since June 16th.
- Golf Outing is scheduled for August 8th. Michelle and I have been making calls to potential sponsors. We are over $20,000 in sponsorships and team registrations at this point. We've had two radio interviews to promote the event as well.
- Our Investment/Finance Committee met with representatives from MidAmerica National Bank on June 30th for a risk assessment and goal recommendations for the full board.
- Penny Hunt, the part time Office Assistant for the Foundation, had her last day on June 18th. We had a little lunch to send her off and say "thank you." 38 people applied for the position, and we conducted 3 interviews on June 23rd and made an offer to a candidate. That person declined. We interviewed four more candidates on July 7th, selected one, and he accepted. Carl Goudy is his name. He will start on Monday.
- We have all the info and proofs taken care of for Rescigno's to send out the impact report. They dropped that in the mailbox Friday. We also provided content for the Fall Appeal letter with Rescigno's. I have a face to face meeting schedule with Rescino's on July 29th.
- We a list of 5,000 addresses to determine correct names and addresses. Sent dozens of errors to Brandy Chasteen to fix. This is helpful for making sure we have correct addresses to send out appeal letters.
- Michelle attended a couple of Canton bicentennial events, also set up a table at the SRC tour to promote alumni association.
- We conducted a phone-a-thon with four SRC students to call first-time donors. This included a script, training, and purchased pizza
- We went over all the materials from the Strategic Planning Retreat and incorporated them into the plan I sent out with the board packet.

- We set up a dual credit scholarship with Julie Morissette for Havana students.
- Emailed the summer newsletter in June on Constant Contact.
- Michelle also attended the Red Dog Auction this month to help them raise money. Some of these funds go towards SRC scholarships.
- I attended the initial meeting to start the college transition to J1 software. This should have some newer functions that will help the Foundation function more smoothly. We are looking at other services that might fill in some gaps if need, but it's all information gathering at this point. The goal is to identify what J1 can help us with since the college is already paying for it then see if the other service can fill in any gaps. I want to increase efficiency and avoid redundancy. I expect this process to take a couple years.
- Michelle and I are both involved in the planning for the grand opening of the Macomb Campus. That will be September 3rd at 3 p.m.
- We met with Vickie Parry and Mitch Williams to begin planning for Giving Spoon Day. "Our Community, Our Future."
- We've been attending meetings with Vickie Parry and Central States Marketing to develop the new branding. I've been reaching out to our PR committee to get their input at each stage of logo development.
- We awarded one Hardship Grant in June to a student who lost their job and then another in July for a student who needed money to get them through their internship.
- I met with Holly Crotty, the new Foundation Director for Graham, as an introductory meeting.

1.10 Report – Board Member Comments

There were no additional comments from the Trustees.

2.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2.1 Communications

President Oldfield thanked the Trustees and staff for a great planning Retreat today. As Dusty mentioned, we are meeting with some Graham leadership to further discussions on partnerships, and he will have more information for the Trustees. President Oldfield highlighted the work Andrea Barbknecht did with the Bicentennial Committee, and she also coordinated the historical bus tours for that part of the events. They used the SRC Snapper busses. Andrea will recreate the bus tour later this fall for individuals who were not able to attend during the Bicentennial events. Kudos to Andrea for her hard work on the event as well as her work with the history presentation that he provided. We had about 20 individuals attend that SRC history portion of the events. President Oldfield reported that the Macomb opening event is scheduled for September 3, and invitations will be mailed by the first of the week. We have about 120 individuals and friends as well as former Board members on the invitation list. We hope for a nice turnout for that event. The agenda for the event is coming together, and we are waiting to hear from Governor Pritzker and Senator Durbin regarding their attendance. He also thanked Mike Strauman and his team for the finishing touches and move into the new space.

2.2 Business and Finance Report

2.2.1 Authorize the following payments for the month of July, 2025:

Item	Amount
Payroll	$607,857.41
Accounts Payable (excluding travel)	575,069.66
Accounts Payable Travel Expenses	9,449.91
Accounts Payable BOT Travel Expenses	962.50
Electronic Payments (Health/Life Insurance)	-0-

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Student Refunds – Accounts Payable	-0-
Student Refunds – Nelnet (electronic)	140,245.21
TOTAL:	**$1,333,584.69**

Following a motion by John Biernbaum, seconded by Jerry Cremer, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees authorized the following payments for the month of July, 2025:

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2.2.2 OPENING OF THE 2025-2026 BUDGET HEARING

Following a motion by Dave Maguire, seconded by Phillip Murphy, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,
RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees opened the 2025-2026 Budget Hearing.

President Oldfield said the budget has been posted for more than the required 30 day period for public review.

2.2.3 CLOSING OF THE 2025-2026 BUDGET HEARING

Following a motion by John Biernbaum, seconded by Linda Butler, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees closed the 2025-2026 Budget Hearing.

2.2.4 Approve of the Resolution for the Approval of the 2025-2026 Budget

Following a motion by Kent Schleich, seconded by Linda Butler, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the Resolution for the Approval of the 2025-2026 Budget.

2.2.5 Appointment of Employment Law Consultant: Engage the firm of Robbins Schwartz, Chicago, Illinois, through June 30, 2026 to provide services and advice concerning matters pertaining to employment law.

President Oldfield presented this item for the Trustees consideration.

Following a motion by Linda Butler, seconded by Dave Maguire, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was, RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the Appointment of Employment Law Consultant: engage the firm of Robbins Schwartz, Chicago, Illinois, through June 30, 2026 to provide services and advice concerning matters pertaining to employment law.

2.3 Institutional Planning

President Oldfield said there were no additional reporting items under Institutional Planning.

3.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

President Oldfield reported that there were no additional items for the Board to consider.

4.0 CLOSED SESSION. In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Section 2 (c), the Board of Trustees will adjourn to Closed Session for the purposes of paragraph 1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; 2) collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 5) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; 6) the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

Kevin Meade said there was not a call for Closed Session.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by John Biernbaum, seconded by Linda Butler, and unanimous approval, the Regular Meeting of the Spoon River College Board of Trustees, July 23, 2025, adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Kevin Meade, Chair

Date

Linda Butler, Secretary