



DATE: March 11, 2026
TO: Spoon River College
FROM: Kevin Meade, Chair, Board of Trustees, Spoon River College
RE: Presidential Search Announcement & Invitation to Attend Public Forums

On behalf of the Spoon River College Board of Trustees, I am pleased to announce that we have begun the search to identify the next President of Spoon River College. We are fully committed to conducting an equitable, inclusive, and transparent national search that will attract a strong and diverse pool of candidates from throughout Illinois and the nation.

The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) has been selected to assist us with the Presidential search process. ACCT's assistance will include providing support with the development of the Presidential Profile, recruiting highly competitive candidates, and working extensively with the College and the Board of Trustees. ACCT has conducted over 750 community college searches and brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our process. ACCT's mission is to strengthen community college governance through education and advocacy. Keith Miller, Ph.D., will serve as our ACCT Search Consultant and will assist the College throughout this important process.

Presidential Profile Development: Public Forums & Survey

An important step in the Presidential search process is the development of a Presidential Profile. On **Wednesday, March 25, 2026**, we will host three (3) Public Forums to listen to your input, which will assist with the development of the Presidential Profile. The entire College community is invited and encouraged to participate in a discussion about the qualities, characteristics, and qualifications we are seeking in the next President of Spoon River College, and the opportunities and challenges facing the College in the years to come. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to ask questions about the Presidential search process. The discussions will be facilitated by Keith Miller, Ph.D., ACCT Search Consultant.

We invite everyone to attend the one-hour Public Forums on March 25, 2026:

Forum 1:

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: Macomb Outreach, Conference Room A

Address: 2500 East Jackson Street, Macomb, IL 61455

Forum 2:**Time: 11:00 a.m.****Location: Canton Campus, Conference Center****Address: 23235 North County Highway 22, Canton, IL 61520****Forum 3:****Time: 2:00 p.m.****Location: Canton Campus, Conference Center****Address: 23235 North County Highway 22, Canton, IL 61520**

Please share the forum information with those who have an interest in Spoon River College and wish to attend. No RSVP is needed.

In addition to the Public Forum, we have developed a brief electronic survey that we hope you will complete if you are unable to attend one of the forums. The anonymous responses to the survey will also be used to inform the development of the draft Presidential Profile. The survey is available here:

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VRS3H9D>

Please submit your survey feedback no later than 6:00 PM (CT) on March 25, 2026.

The Presidential Search Committee

The Presidential Search Committee will review the confidential applications, interview semifinalist candidates, and identify the final candidates to be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for consideration. The Search Committee will be approved at the March Board meeting and then distributed to the College community.

Final Candidates

All final candidates will participate in open forums at Spoon River College, and the finalists will interview with the Board of Trustees. We anticipate the open forums taking place in June and we will provide the dates, times, and location once they are confirmed. All employees, students, and community members will be invited to attend the open forums and complete feedback forums which will be reviewed as part of the deliberation process.

Recruitment

Our recruitment efforts will involve an open and thorough national search, seeking qualified candidates from all regions of the country. ACCT specializes in one-to-one recruitment of community college leaders. Additionally, to assist with this process, advertisements will be placed in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and other major publications and websites.

Presidential Search Webpage

The Spoon River College website will include information on all aspects of the search. The Presidential search webpage will be developed in the coming weeks and will include key information including the timeline, Presidential Profile, and information on how to apply.

We will continue to keep you updated on this important process. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to our ACCT Search Consultant:

- Keith Miller, Ph.D., ACCT Search Consultant, at kmiller102561@gmail.com or 864-380-0744 (mobile).