ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 521
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 14, 2025

Rend Lake College – Event Center
468 N Ken Gray Parkway
Ina, IL 62846

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Larry Manning, called the regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:29 PM in the Rend Lake College Event Center.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Tony Wielt, Secretary, called the roll.

Those present were:
Mr. John D. Aiken
Mr. Ron Daniels
Mr. Brian Dorris
Mr. Larry Manning
Mr. Tony Wielt
Mr. Henry Meinert (Student Trustee)

Those absent were:
Dr. David Asbery
Mr. Joe Coy

Others present were:
Mrs. Lori Ragland, Dr. Chad Copple, Mr. Henry "Buster" Leeck, Mr. John Gulley, Mrs. Kim Wilkerson, Mrs. Cathy DeJarnette, Mr. Donnie Millenbine, Mrs. Andrea Banach, Mr. Greg Hollmann, Mrs. Amy Epplin, Mrs. Jena Jensik, Mr. Kent McKown, Mr. Brett Crocker, Mrs. Mary Huggins, Mr. Joe Ervin, Mr. Corey Phillips

DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Mr. Corey Phillips presented on Auxillary Services which include the Café, Children's Center, Blended, the Bookstore, and the new RL Confections chocolate lab at SIMA. He highlighted specifics of each facility and attributed the success of each area to the phenomenal staff and their hard work. Mr. Phillips also gave an overview of those leasing space at the RLC MarketPlace.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Monday -Tuesday, October 20-21; 9am-1pm
   Career Day 2025
   Event Center

2. Thursday, October 23, 2025; 12pm
   RLC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
   PDA – Student Center

3. Friday, October 24, 2025; 8am-4:30pm
   CNA Conference
   Event Center

4. Thurs-Saturday, November 6-8, 2025; 7pm
   Sunday, November 9, 2025; Matinee at 2pm
   RLC Fall Play: *Anne of Green Gables*
   RLC Theater

5. Friday-Saturday, November 7-8, 2025
   Board of Trustees Annual Retreat
   Four Seasons, St. Louis

6. Tuesday, November 18, 2025; 6:30pm
   RLC Board of Trustees Meeting
   Event Center

7. Wednesday, November 19, 2025; 11am-1pm
   Thanksgiving Meal for Students, Staff, and Faculty
   PDA – Student Center

8. Monday, December 1, 2025; 6:30pm-9pm
   Winter Concert
   Theater

9. Thursday, December 4, 2025; 6pm-9pm
   RLC Foundation 46th Annual Dinner
   Event Center

10. Tuesday, December 9, 2025; 6:30pm
RLC Board of Trustees Meeting
Event Center

11. Saturday-Thursday, December 6-11, 2025
Fall 2025 Semester Exams
All Campuses

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Manning asked for a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1)(9)(11)(21). Mr. Aiken made a motion; seconded by Mr. Meinert. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes. The Board went into executive session at 6:51PM.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

Chairman Manning asked for a motion to reopen the public meeting; Mr. Wielt motioned; seconded by Mr. Daniels. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes. At 7:20 PM, Chairman Manning reconvened the open session of tonight's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Ragland recommended approving the Consent Agenda, which included the following items:

1. September 09, 2025 Executive Session*;
2. September 09, 2025 Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes*;
3. Approval of Revisions to Job Descriptions*;
4. Approval of Revisions to Rend Lake College *Policy* & Procedure 3.1715 – Tuition Waivers (Second Reading)*;

Mr. Meinert made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as recommend; seconded by Mr. Aiken. On a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes. Those items marked with an asterisk (*) are a part of these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO LEVY SPECIAL TAX FOR EDUCATIONAL AND OPERATIONS

AND MAINTENANCE PURPOSES PURSUANT TO 110 ILCS 805, SECTION 3-14.3 OF THE ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACT

Mrs. Ragland recommended to approve a resolution of intent to levy a special tax for educational and operations and maintenance purposes pursuant to 110 ILCS 805, Section 3-14.3 of the Illinois Public Community College Act, as presented, effective October 14, 2025.

As recommended, Mr. Meinert made a motion to approve a resolution of intent to levy a special tax for educational and operations and maintenance purposes pursuant to 110 ILCS 805, Section 3-14.3 of the Illinois Public Community College Act, as presented, effective October 14, 2025. This motion was seconded by Mr. Aiken. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

RESOULTION REGARDING ESTIMATED AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO BE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2025 PAYABLE 2026

Mrs. Ragland recommended to accept/determine the 2025 Tax Levy (Payable 2026). The proposed tax levy will be filed in accord with the Truth in Taxation compliance laws.

As recommended, Mr. Daniels made a motion to accept/determine the 2025 Tax Levy (Payable 2026). The proposed tax levy will be filed in accord with the Truth in Taxation compliance laws.This motion was seconded by Mr. Meinert. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO REND LAKE COLLEGE POLICY 3.110 – COMPUTATION OF HOURLY RATE OF

PAY FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES (FIRST READING)

Mrs. Ragland recommended to approve revisions to Rend Lake College Board *Policy* 3.1110 – Computation of Hourly Rate of Pay for Part-Time Employees, as presented, first reading, effective November 18, 2025.

As recommended, Mr. Daniels made a motion to approve revisions to Rend Lake College Board *Policy* 3.1110 – Computation of Hourly Rate of Pay for Part-Time Employees, as presented, first reading, effective November 18, 2025. This motion was seconded by Mr. Aiken. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO REND LAKE COLLEGE POLICY 5.1215 – TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT (FIRST READING)

Mrs. Ragland recommended to approve revisions to Rend Lake College Board *Policy* 5.1215 – Travel Reimbursement, as presented, first reading, effective November 18, 2025.

As recommended, Mr. Dorris made a motion to approve revisions to Rend Lake College Board *Policy* 5.1215 – Travel Reimbursement, as presented, first reading, effective November 18, 2025. This motion was seconded by Mr. Wielt. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATION OF TRIO PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ragland recommended to accept with regret the resignation of Mrs. Mallory Moddelmog, TRIO Program Director, effective October 03, 2025.

As recommended, Mr. Wielt made a motion to accept with regret the resignation of Mrs. Mallory Moddelmog, TRIO Program Director, effective October 03, 2025. This motion was seconded by Mr.

Dorris. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF RECREATIONAL CENTER AND ASSISTANT SOFTBALL COACH

Mrs. Ragland recommended to ratify with regret the acceptance of the retirement resignation of Mrs. Laura Johnston, Recreational Center Director and Assistant Softball Coach, effective November 04, 2025.

As recommended, Mr. Dorris made a motion to ratify with regret the acceptance of the retirement resignation of Mrs. Laura Johnston, Recreational Center Director and Assistant Softball Coach, effective November 04, 2025. This motion was seconded by Mr. Daniels. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

APPOINTMENT OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MANUFACTURING ACADEMY COORDINATOR

Mrs. Ragland recommended to appoint Ms. Karli Campise as Coordinator – Southern Illinois Manufacturing Academy (SIMA) on a full-time, 50-week, non-tenure track contract at an annual salary of $70,000, prorated for the remainder of the fiscal year, pending a successful background check and transcript audit, effective October 27, 2025.

As recommended, Mr. Meinert made a motion to appoint Ms. Karli Campise as Coordinator – Southern Illinois Manufacturing Academy (SIMA) on a full-time, 50-week, non-tenure track contract at an annual salary of $70,000, prorated for the remainder of the fiscal year, pending a successful background check and transcript audit, effective October 27, 2025. This motion was seconded by Mr. Aiken. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

RATIFICATION OF THE PAYMENT OF COLLEGE EXPENSES INCLUDING

TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS

Mrs. Ragland recommended to ratify the payment of college expenses including travel expense reimbursements as presented.

ICCTA Meetings:
August 7-9, 2025
-Mr. Ron Daniels, ICCTA Regional Representative
$221.22 (mileage reimbursement underpayment)

September 12-13, 2025
-Mr. Ron Daniels, ICCTA Regional Representative
$290.00 (mileage reimbursement & per diem)

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This motion was seconded by Mr. Meinert. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

<u>REPORTS</u>

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Newly elected Academic Council President, Mr. Joe Ervin reported the Academic Council hopes to look forward toward more student focused areas and support through essential non-academic resources that enhance student success and campus life along with course/curriculum items, and reinvigorate subcomittees.

ICCTA REPRESENTATIVE

ICCTA Representative, Mr. Ron Daniels thanked the RLC staff and President Lori Ragland for hosting a very successful event for the Southeast Regional Trustees Meeting in September.

RLC FOUNDATION

Executive Director of Administrative Services, Mrs.

Cathy DeJarnette announced that the RLC Foundation Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2025.

ACCREDITATION

Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. Chad Copple reported on our Quality Initiative project for HLC, the At My Pace (AMP) program. He reported we have a student taking the Welding Tech program in AMP format. We also have the Industial Maintenance Multi-Tech certificate and just received HLC approval for our Computer-Aided Drafting certificate in AMP format as well.

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

Dean of Facilities and Campus Operations, Mr. Donnie Millenbine reported a pitching machine and organ has been sold.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Lori Ragland reported the prebid meeting for the Allied Health Building will be October 29, 2025. She pointed out the BOT Highlights and congratulated the nursing staff on the nursing program's reaccreditation through 2033. President Ragland also announced a 5% increase in head count attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, at 7:36 PM all Trustees present voted aye in favor of adjourning.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wielt and seconded by Mr. Aiken.

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Chairman

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Secretary