

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

**July 8, 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 6:26 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. Joe Coy
Mr. Ron Daniels
Mr. Brian Dorris
Mr. Larry Manning
Mr. Tony Wielt
Mr. Henry Meinert (Student Trustee)

Those absent were:

Dr. David Asbery

Others present were:

Mrs. Lori Ragland, Mr. Chad Copple, Mr. Henry “Buster” Leeck, Mr. John Gulley, Mr. Donnie Millenbine, Mrs. Cathy DeJarnette, Mrs. Andrea Banach, Mr. Nathan Wheeler, Mr. Mark Jornd, Mr. Greg Hollmannn, Mrs. Amy Epplin, Mrs. Mallory Howell, Mr. Corey Phillips, Mrs. Vicke Schulte, Mrs. Jena Jensik, Mrs. Bria Robinson, Mr. Chris Edwards, Mr. Kent McKown

GENERAL INFORMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Friday, July 25, 2025
Last Day of Summer Classes
All Campuses

2. Monday-Thursday, July 28-31, 2025
Outdoor Life Kids Camp
Agronomy Innovation Center 107A
3. Wednesday, July 30, 2025; 9am-12pm and
Wednesday, August 6, 2025; 9am-12pm
Warrior Days
Event Center
4. Thursday, August 7, 2025; 12:00pm
RLC Foundation Board of Director's Meeting
Student Center 110
5. Tuesday, August 12, 2025; 6:30pm
RLC Board of Trustees Meeting
Event Center
6. Friday, August 15, 2025; 8am-3pm
Student Success Day
LRC 206 & 207
7. Saturday, August 16, 2025
Super Saturday - Warrior Days
Event Center 9:00am – 12:00pm
Admin, ACA 12:00 – 2:00pm
8. Monday, August 18, 2025
First Day of Fall Classes
All Campuses
9. Thursday, September 4, 2025; 12pm Start
RLCF 45th Annual Golf Outing
Rend Lake Golf Course

**MOTION FOR
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Manning asked for a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1)(9)(21). Mr. Coy 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 6:28 PM.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

Chairman Manning asked for a motion to reopen the public meeting; Mr. Daniels motioned; seconded by Mr. Coy. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes. At 6:39 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. June 10, 2025 Executive Session*;
2. June 10, 2025 Board of Trustee Meeting *;
3. Approval of Revisions to Rend Lake College Board *Policy & Procedure* 5.1215 – Travel Reimbursement
(SECOND READING)
4. Approval of Revisions to Rend Lake College Board *Policy & Procedure* 2.1720 – Community Use of College Facilities **(SECOND READING)**
5. Approval of Revisions to Rend Lake College Board *Policy & Procedure* 3.1115 – Stipends*;
6. Approval of Revisions to Job Descriptions (with noted adjustment to Director of Financial Aid)
7. Approval to Destroy Closed Session Tapes
8. Approval to Release Closed Session Minutes

Mr. Daniles made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as recommend; seconded by Mr. Coy. 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

APPROVAL OF 2025-2026 HANDBOOKS (TO BE PROVIDED)

Mrs. Ragland recommended to approve the following 2025-2026 Handbooks as provided:

Coaches Handbook
Club Athletic Handbook
Instructor Reference Guide
Student Athlete Handbook
Student Handbook

As recommended, Mr. Coy made a motion to approve the following 2025-2026 Handbooks as provided:

Coaches Handbook
Club Athletic Handbook
Instructor Reference Guide
Student Athlete Handbook
Student Handbook

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

ANNUAL REVIEW
AND ACCEPTANCE OF
COLLEGE MISSION
STATEMENT AND
MISSION DOCUMENT

Mrs. Ragland recommended to review and accept the College Mission Statement presented below, as well as the mission document, as provided.

Rend Lake College provides educational opportunities across cultural and economic boundaries to the diverse student population we serve. We are committed to our students' success in achieving their educational goals and to meeting our community-focused program objectives. With Rend Lake College, student journeys start here.

As recommended, Mr. Aiken made a motion to review and accept the College Mission Statement presented below, as well as the mission document, as provided.

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

PERMISSION TO NAME THE
REND LAKE COLLEGE
AGRONOMY INNOVATION
CENTER (AIC)

Mrs. Ragland recommended to grant permission to name the Rend Lake College Agronomy Innovation Center as the Terry Wilkerson Agronomy Innovation Center in honor of Mr. Wilkerson's long-time service and dedication to Rend Lake College, effective July 08, 2025.

As recommended, Mr. Meinert made a motion to grant permission to name the Rend Lake College

Agronomy Innovation Center as the Terry Wilkerson Agronomy Innovation Center in honor of Mr. Wilkerson's long-time service and dedication to Rend Lake College, effective July 08, 2025. This motion was seconded by Mr. Coy. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

RATIFY THE AWARD FOR THE
ROOF REPLACEMENT AT
REND LAKE COLLEGE
MURPHY WALL
PINCKNEYVILLE CAMPUS
(TO BE PROVIDED)

TABLED

APPROVAL OF
RESOURCE ALLOCATION
MANAGEMENT PLAN
(RAMP) FY 2027
(TO BE PROVIDED)

Mrs. Ragland recommended to approve the Resource Allocation Management Plan (RAMP) FY27, provided as a separate document, for transmittal to the Illinois Community College Board effective July 8, 2025. Under Illinois Community College Board guidelines, each of these projects requires Board approval.

As recommended, Mr. Meinert made a motion to approve the Resource Allocation Management Plan (RAMP) FY27, provided as a separate document, for transmittal to the Illinois Community College Board effective July 8, 2025. Under Illinois Community College Board guidelines, each of these projects requires Board approval. This motion was seconded by Mr. Dorris. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

APPROVAL OF
FY 2026 TENTATIVE
BUDGET **(TO BE PROVIDED)**

Mrs. Ragland recommended to approve the tentative FY 2026 budget as presented. Mr. John Gulley stated RLC has a balanced budget.

As recommended, Mr. Daniels made a motion to approve the tentative FY 2026 budget as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Aiken. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

PERSONNEL

RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE SPECIALIST

Mrs. Ragland recommended to accept with regret the resignation of Ms. Jamie Morehead, Accounts Receivable Specialist, effective June 23, 2025.

As recommended, Mr. Aiken made a motion to accept with regret the resignation of Ms. Jamie Morehead, Accounts Receivable Specialist, effective June 23, 2025. This motion was seconded by Mr. Meinert. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION – SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MANUFACTURING ACADEMY COORDINATOR

Mrs. Ragland recommended to accept the resignation of Mr. Tyler Staats, Southern Illinois Manufacturing Academy (SIMA) Coordinator, effective June 30, 2025.

As recommended, Mr. Wielt made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Tyler Staats, Southern Illinois Manufacturing Academy (SIMA) Coordinator, effective June 30, 2025. This motion was seconded by Mr. Coy. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE SPECIALIST (TO BE PROVIDED)

TABLED

APPOINTMENT
OF FINANCIAL AID
DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ragland recommended to appoint Ms. ReAnne May as Financial Aid Director on a full-time, 50-week, non-tenure track contract at an annual salary of \$63,500 prorated for the remainder of the fiscal year, pending a successful background check and transcript audit, effective August 4, 2025.

As recommended, Mr. Meinert made a motion to appoint Ms. ReAnne May as Financial Aid Director on a full-time, 50-week, non-tenure track contract at an annual salary of \$63,500 prorated for the remainder of the fiscal year, pending a successful background check and transcript audit, effective August 4, 2025. This motion was seconded by Mr. Wielt. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

PERMISSION TO CREATE
THE POSITION, JOB DESCRIPTION,
AND ADVERTISE FOR A
COMPETENCY-BASED
EDUCATION (CBE) DIRECTOR

Mrs. Ragland recommended to grant permission to create the position, job description, and advertise for a Competency-Based Education (CBE) Director, effective July 08, 2025.

As recommended, Mr. Coy made a motion to grant permission to create the position, job description, and advertise for a Competency-Based Education (CBE) Director, effective July 08, 2025. This motion was seconded by Mr. Meinert. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

PERMISSION TO CREATE
THE POSITION, JOB
DESCRIPTION, AND ADVERTISE
FOR AND RATIFY FOR THE
APPOINTMENT OF ALLIED

HEALTH COORDINATOR

Mrs. Ragland recommended to grant permission to create the position, job description, advertise for, and ratify the appointment of an Allied Health Coordinator at the August 12, 2025 meeting, effective July 08, 2025.

As recommended, Mr. Aiken made a motion to grant permission to create the position, job description, advertise for, and ratify the appointment of an Allied Health Coordinator at the August 12, 2025 meeting, effective July 08, 2025. This motion was seconded by Mr. Coy. 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, effective July 8, 2025.

As recommended Mr. Dorris made a motion to ratify the payment of college expenses including travel expense reimbursements as presented, effective July 8, 2025. This motion was seconded by Mr. Meinert. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

REPORTS

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

None

ICCTA REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Ron Daniels, RLC ICCTA Representative has agreed to also serve as the ICCTA Southeast Regional Representative and plans to attend the next meeting on August 8th & 9th. He also informed the group Rend Lake College will be hosting the next Regional ICCTA Conference this fall.

RLC FOUNDATION

Mrs. Cathy DeJarnette brought attention to the Foundation Golf Outing save the date and registration papers that were handed out tonight, and encouraged

everyone to get the information out and support the RLC Foundation.

ACCREDITATION

None

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Lori Ragland commented on her first week as president having been a good experience and all is going well. She invited the group to the SI NOW conference July 24th that RLC is hosting at SIMA in Mt. Vernon. She reiterated Mr. Daniels stating the Southeastern Illinois Regional ICCTA Meeting will be held at the end of September or early October at our SIMA facility in Mt. Vernon.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, at 6:56 PM all Trustees present voted aye in favor of adjourning.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Coy and seconded by Mr. Dorris.

Chairman

Secretary