

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

September 9, 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 6:28 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. Mallory Howell, Mrs. Jena Jensik, Mrs. Bria Robinson, Mr. Kent McKown, Mrs. Shari Carpenter, Mr. Brett Crocker, Mrs. Mary Huggins

GENERAL INFORMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tuesday, September 9, 2025; 9am-12pm
IACAC College Fair
Event Center
2. Wednesday, September 17, 2025; 12pm – 3pm
(During Activities: No Classes, Offices Closed)
Fun Fest
Warrior Way
3. Sunday, September 21, 2025; 2pm-9pm
Archery Awards
Event Center
4. Wed-Friday, September 24-26, 2025; 9am-1:30pm
Amazing Career Race
Event Center
5. Monday, September 29, 2025; 4pm – 7pm
Rend Lake College Open House
All Campuses
6. Tuesday, September 30, 2025; 5:30pm
Southeast Region Trustees Meeting
SIMA – Rend Lake College Marketplace
7. Thursday, October 2, 2025; 12:00pm
Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Student Center – PDA
8. Tuesday, October 14, 2025; 8am – 4pm
In-Service (No Classes)
Event Center
9. Tuesday-Wednesday, October 21-22; 9am-1pm
Career Day 2025
Event Center
10. Friday, November 7, 2025; 9am-3pm
Saturday, November 8, 2025; 9am-Noon
Board of Trustees Retreat
Four Seasons, St. Louis

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

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. Wielt 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 6:32 PM.

RESUME OPEN MEETING

Chairman Manning asked for a motion to reopen the public meeting; Mr. Daniels motioned; seconded by Mr. Aiken. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes. At 7:06 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. August 12, 2025 Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes*;
2. Approval of Revisions to Rend Lake College Policy & *Procedure* 4.1115 - Fees
3. Approval of Revisions to Rend Lake College Policy & *Procedure* 3.1205*; Performance Evaluation and Tenure of Faculty Members.

Mr. Aiken made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as recommend; seconded by Mr. Dorris. 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

REVISIONS TO *POLICY*
& PROCEDURE 3.1715
TUITION WAIVERS
(FIRST READING)

Mrs. Ragland recommended to approve revisions to Rend Lake College Board Policy & Procedure 3.1715 – Tuition Waivers, as presented, first reading, effective October 14, 2025.

As recommended, Mr. Dorris made a motion to approve revisions to Rend Lake College Board Policy & Procedure 3.1715 – Tuition Waivers, as presented, first reading, effective October 14, 2025. This motion was seconded by Mr. Aiken. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

PERMISSION TO BID
AND AWARD STUDENT
CENTER EFFICIENCY
PROJECT

Mrs. Ragland recommended to grant permission to bid and award the Student Center Efficiency Project as outlined in the attached sub-award from the Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN).

As recommended, Mr. Meinert made a motion to grant permission to bid and award the Student Center Efficiency Project as outlined in the attached sub-award from the Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN). This motion was seconded by Mr. Dorris. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

PERSONNEL
APPOINTMENT OF MAINTENANCE
TECHNICIAN (TO BE PROVIDED)

Mrs. Ragland recommended to appoint Mr. James Bailey as Maintenance Technician on a full-time, 50 week, non-tenure track contract an an annual salary of \$45,000 prorated for the remainder of the fiscal year, pending a successful background check, pre-work physical and drug screening, effective September 22, 2025.

As recommended, Mr. Wielt made a motion to appoint Mr. James Bailey as Maintenance Technician on a full-time, 50 week, non- tenure track contract an an annual salary of \$45,000 prorated for the remainder of the fiscal year, pending a successful background check, pre-work physical and drug screening, effective September 22, 2025. This motion was seconded by Mr. Meinert. 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 to ratify the payment of college expenses including travel expense reimbursements as presented:

ICCTA Meeting: August 7-9, 2025

- Mr. Ron Daniels, ICCTA Regional Representative
 - \$228.40 (mileage reimbursement and per diem)

As recommended Mr. Aiken made a motion to ratify the payment of college expenses including travel expense reimbursements as presented:

ICCTA Meeting: August 7-9, 2025

- Mr. Ron Daniels, ICCTA Regional Representative
 - \$228.40 (mileage reimbursement and per diem)

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

REPORTS

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

No Report

ICCTA REPRESENTATIVE

ICCTA Representative, Mr. Ron Daniels, reported on the upcoming ICCTA Meeting September 11th and September 12th in Springfield. Mr. Daninels also reported on the upcoming Southeast Region Trustees Meeting that will take place on September 30th here at our SIMA facility in Mt. Vernon.

RLC FOUNDATION

Executive Director of Administrative Services, Mrs. Cathy DeJarnette thanked everyone who came out to the Foundation's golf outing last Thursday and helped make it a success. She reported that the audit is still ongoing. Also, the first volleyball game in the remodeled gymnasium took place last night. Everything went well and the gym looked great.

ACCREDITATION

Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. Chad

Copple provided a handout entitled “Revised Criteria for Accreditation”. The handout explained revisions to HLC Accreditation which became effective September 1, 2025.

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

Dean of Facilities and Campus Operations, Mr. Donnie Millenbine reported of several items sold on gov.deals.com including a batting cage, office chairs, an old scoreboard, a Yamaha golf cart and a flat bed pickup.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

President Lori Ragland thanked our Marketing Department for providing the BOT Highlights handout each month. She also reported approximately sixty area business people would be touring SIMA this Thursday. On Friday she will be attending a Illinois Community College President’s meeting in Springfield. The pre-bid date for the Allied Health Building is scheduled for October 8th 2025. She concluded on a positive note by reporting attendance and head count are increasing and enrollment is trending up comparable to Pre-COVID.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, at 7:18 PM all Trustees present voted aye in favor of adjourning.

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

Chairman

Secretary