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

February 10, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER   Vice Chairman, Brian Dorris, called the regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:31 pm in the Rend Lake College Event Center.

ROLL CALL   Mr. Ron Daniels, Acting Secretary, called the roll.

Those present were:
Mr. John D. Aiken
Dr. David Asbery
Mr. Joe Coy
Mr. Ron Daniels
Mr. Brian Dorris
Mr. Henry Meinert (Student Trustee)

Those absent were:
Mr. Larry Manning
Mr. Tony Wielt

Others present were:
Mrs. Lori Ragland, Dr. Chad Copple, Mr. John Gulley, Mrs. Cathy DeJarnette, Mrs. Kim Wilkerson, Mr. Henry "Buster" Leeck, Mrs. Andrea Banach, Mrs. Jena Jensik, Mr. Kent McKown, Mr. Brett Crocker, Mrs. Mary Huggins, Mr. Joe Ervin, Mrs. Amy Epplin, Mr. Nathan Wheeler, Ms. Kendra Gregory, Mrs. Shari Carpenter, Mrs. Vickie Schulte, Mrs. Bria Robinson, Mr. Corey Phillips, Mr. Greg Hollmann, Mrs. Mallory Howell, Mr. Donnie Millenbine

GENERAL INFORMATION
      ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.   Wednesday, February 11, 2026; 3:30pm
     RLC Banterra Sports Complex Ribbon Cutting and Open House of Complex
     Banterra Sports Complex

2. Wednesday, February 11, 2026; 4:30pm-7:30pm
RLC Open House
Event Center

3. Wednesday, February 11, 2026; 5:00pm / 7:00pm
Women's Basketball game & Men's Basketball game – Complimentary Entrance
James "Hummer" Waugh Gymnasium

4. Friday, February 13, 2026; 8:00am-2:00pm
High School Counselor Conference
SIMA

5. Tuesday, February 17, 2026; 8:00am-4:00pm
RLC In-Service
Event Center

6. Thursday, February 19, 2026; 12:00pm
RLC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Student Center – PDA

7. Tuesday, February 24, 2026; 10:00am-2:00pm
RLC Job Search Party
Event Center

8. Thursday, February 26, 2026; 5:30pm
Annual RLC Foundation Scholarship Dinner
Event Center

9. Wednesday, March 4, 2026; 9:00am-1:00pm
Transition Summit
Event Center

10. Tuesday & Wednesday, March 10 & 11, 2026; 8:00am-2:00pm
Kickstart Your Journey
Event Center

11. Tuesday, March 10, 2026; 6:30pm
RLC Board of Trustees Meeting
Event Center

12. Tuesday, March 17, 2026; Doors open at 5:00pm
    CTE Advisory Committee Meetings
    Event Center & Breakout Rooms

13. Thursday - Saturday, April 9-11, 2026; 7:00pm
    & Matinee Sunday, April 12; 2:00pm
    Spring Musical "*CABARET*"
    Theater

14. Tuesday, April 14, 2026; 6:30pm
    RLC Board of Trustees Meeting
    Event Center

15. Thursday, April 23, 2026; 8am-1pm
    Children's Health Fair
    Recreation Center

16. Friday, April 24, 2025; 9am-1pm
    Kindergarten Day
    Event Center and Various Breakout Rooms

17. Thursday, April 30, 2026; 12:00pm
    RLC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
    Student's Center

18. Thursday, May 14, 2026; 11:30am
    Radiology Pinning
    RLC Theater

19. Thursday, May 14, 2026; 1:30pm
    ADN Pinning
    RLC Theater

20. Thursday, May 14, 2026; 3:00pm
    Medical Assistant Pinning
    RLC Theater

21. Thursday, May 14, 2026; 4:00pm
    CNA Pinning
    RLC Theater

22. Saturday, May 16, 2026
    Rend Lake College Graduation
    8:30am – AA/AS/AES/AFA
    10:30am – AAS/Certificate
    Banterra Sports Complex – Waugh Gymnasium

MOTION FOR
EXECUTIVE SESSION Vice Chairman Dorris asked for a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1)(6)(9)(11)(21). Mr. Meinert made a motion; seconded by Dr. Asbery. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes. The Board went into executive session at 6:30 pm.

RESUME OPEN MEETING Vice Chairman Dorris asked for a motion to reopen the public meeting; Mr. Aiken motioned; seconded by Mr. Coy. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes. At 6:49 pm, Vice Chairman Dorris reconvened the open session of tonight's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA Mrs. Ragland recommended approving the Consent Agenda, which included the following items:
1. January 13, 2025 Executive Session*;
2. January 13, 2025 Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes*;
3. Approval of Revisions to Rend Lake College Policy & *Procedure* 4.1115-Fees*;
4. Approval of Revisions to Rend Lake College Policy & *Procedure* 3.1205-Performance Evaluation and Tenure of Faculty Members *;
5. Approval of Revisions to Job Descriptions *;

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
APPROVAL OF
REVISIONS TO REND
LAKE COLLEGE *POLICY
& PROCEDURE* 3.10101 –
SELECTION OF
PERSONNEL
(FIRST READING) Mrs. Ragland recommended to approve revisions to Rend Lake College *Policy and Procedure* 3.1010 – Selection of Personnel (First Reading) as presented, effective March 10, 2026.

As recommended, Dr. Asbery made a motion to approve revisions to Rend Lake College *Policy and Procedure* 3.1010 – Selection of Personnel (First Reading) as presented, effective March 10, 2026. This motion was seconded by Mr. Meinert. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

APPROVAL OF
TUITION RATES
FOR FY 2027

Mrs. Ragland recommended to establish the in-district, out-of-district, and out-of-state tuition rates for Summer 2026, Fall 2026, and Spring 2027 as follows:

In-District Tuition Rates per Credit Hour*

Summer 2026	$110
Fall 2026	$110
Spring 2027	$110

Current Rate - $110 per credit hour

Out-of-District Tuition Rates per Credit Hour*

Summer 2026	$220
Fall 2026	$220
Spring 2027	$220

Current Rate - $220 per credit hour

Out-of-State Tuition Rates per Credit Hour*

Summer 2026	$220
Fall 2026	$220
Spring 2027	$220

Current Rate - $220 per credit hour

As recommended, Mr. Meinert made a motion to establish the in-district, out-of-district, and out-of-state tuition rates for Summer 2026, Fall 2026, and Spring 2027 as follows:

In-District Tuition Rates per Credit Hour*

Summer 2026	$110
Fall 2026	$110
Spring 2027	$110

Current Rate - $110 per credit hour

Out-of-District Tuition Rates per Credit Hour*

Summer 2026	$220
Fall 2026	$220
Spring 2027	$220

Current Rate - $220 per credit hour

Out-of-State Tuition Rates per Credit Hour*
Summer 2026	$220
Fall 2026	$220
Spring 2027	$220

Current Rate - $220 per credit hour

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

PERSONNEL
RESIGNATION OF PROJECT
MANAGER – INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY & INSTITUTIONAL
RESEARCH

Mrs. Ragland recommended to accept with regret the resignation of Mr. Jaron Hubbard, Project Manager of Information Technology and Institutional Research, effective February 13, 2026.

As recommended, Mr. Aiken made a motion to accept with regret the resignation of Mr. Jaron Hubbard, Project Manager of Information Technology and Institutional Research, effective February 13, 2026. This motion was seconded by Mr. Meinert. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

PERMISSION TO REVISE
JOB DESCRIPTION,
ADVERTISE FOR AND
RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT
OF DIRECTOR-INSTITUTIONAL
RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

Mrs. Ragland recommended to grant permission to revise the job description, advertise for and ratify the appointment of Director -Institutional Research & Analysis, effective February 10, 2026.

As recommended, Mr. Daniels made a motion to grant permission to revise the job description, advertise for and ratify the appointment of Director -

Institutional Research & Analysis, effective February 10, 2026.This motion was seconded by Mr. Meinert. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Student Trustee voted yes.

TENURE – AUTOMOTIVE INSTRUCTOR

Mrs. Ragland recommended to grant tenure to Mr. Jay Copple, Automotive Instructor, effective February 10, 2026.

As recommended, Mr. Aiken made a motion to grant tenure to Mr. Jay Copple, Automotive Instructor, effective February 10, 2026. 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 ratify the payment of college expenses including travel expense reimbursements as presented.

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

REPORTS

ACADEMIC COUNCIL   No Report

ICCTA REPRESENTATIVE   No Report

RLC FOUNDATION   Mrs. Cathy DeJarnette, Executive Director of Administrative Services, reported 85 ladies attended the RLCF Wilma Guy High Tea Event on February 10. Mrs. DeJarnette also reported the ribbon cutting for the Banterra Sports Complex would be held at 3:30pm February the 11. The Foundaiton will also hold their Annual Scholarship Dinner on February 26.

ACCREDITATION	No Report
OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT	Mr. Donnie Millenbine, Dean of Facilities Management & Campus Operations, gave notice of some equipment that will be obsoleted to auction including file cabinets, desks, and counter tops.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS	President Lori Ragland recognized Mr. Donnie Millenbine and his entire team for their excellent work clearing the snow for campus to reopen; and for their quick and efficient discovery and clean up of a water leak in the library.

President Ragland explained monies set aside in 2021 and 2022 for the boiler project left a surplus of $842,000 after the lowest bid was awarded. She mentioned these funds could possibly be used toward the Allied Health Building project. If the second-lowest bidder is deemed responsive we will need to commit $2.5mil to a trust to fund the project; this is $500,000 more than would have been required with the initial bid.

President Ragland also provided a handout detailing the SP26 enrollment increase. She also referred to a letter from our auditing provider, Sikich, that states they need more time to complete our audit on their end with no negative reflection to the college. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | There being no other business, at 7:04pm all Trustees present voted aye in favor of adjourning.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Meinert and seconded by Dr. Asbery. |

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Chairman

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Secretary