

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**November 19, 2019**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District No. 529 met Tuesday night, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Frontier Community College, Fairfield, Illinois and following a public hearing on the tax levy, Trustees certified the district's levies for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

Dates, times and meeting location were set for regular monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees for the 2020 calendar year. The Board will meet on the third Tuesday of each month, except December, when it will meet on the second Tuesday of the month. The dates were approved as follows:

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College  
Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College  
Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College  
Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 7 p.m., Olney Central College  
Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College  
Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College  
Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College  
Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 7 p.m., Olney Central College  
Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 7 p.m., Wabash Valley College  
Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 7 p.m., Frontier Community College  
Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 7 p.m., Lincoln Trail College  
Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 7 p.m., Olney Central College

The holiday calendar for administrative, technical, professional non-faculty, clerical and maintenance personnel was approved for calendar year 2020. The schedule is the same as in previous years.

Updates were authorized for two current Board policies. Revisions were approved to the student military policy that address treatment of students who are veterans and revisions to update the credit by examination policy to include awarding credit to students who achieve high GED scores.

In support of a statewide effort to address the shortage of educators, the Board approved three articulation agreements for IECC students with Eastern Illinois University. These agreements assist with the smooth transfer from IECC's Associate in Science and Arts Degree with an Education focus into Eastern's bachelor degrees in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education and Middle Level Education. The Board also approved an articulation agreement with Franklin University to facilitate the transfer of IECC graduates into Franklin University programs. These agreements continue a cooperative relationship that the colleges have enjoyed for many years.

An agreement was approved between the District and Carle Foundation Hospital for Frontier's Paramedicine Program. An affiliation agreement was approved for the Emergency Medical Technician Program with Sparta Hospital.

Employment was approved for Carol Dreith, as Title III Project Director at FCC, effective November 25, 2019; for Jennifer England as Health Sciences Specialist for Title III at FCC, effective December 5, 2019; for Sharmila Kakac as Program Director of Adult Education at FCC, effective November 21, 2019; for Mark Smith as Building Manager at West Richland Center, effective November

20, 2019; for Chad Groves as TRIO Upward Bound Counselor at WVC, effective November 20, 2019; and for Michael Wagaman, as Maintenance and Groundskeeper at LTC, effective November 20, 2019.

Change in Status was approved for a current employee, Olivia McVicker from Career Advisor at OCC to Program Director for Grants and Compliance, District Office, and effective November 25, 2019.

Resignation ratifications were approved for Scott Meserole as O & M Team Leader and Coordinator of Fire Science at FCC, effective November 30, 2019; Evan Semple, Coordinator of Industry Training at LTC, effective December 29, 2019; and Dylan Myers, as Maintenance and Custodian at OCC, effective October 28, 2019.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 7 p.m. at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.