

Minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges - Frontier Community College, Lincoln Trail College, Olney Central College, Wabash Valley College - Community College District No. 529, Counties of Richland, Clark, Clay, Crawford, Cumberland, Edwards, Hamilton, Jasper, Lawrence, Wabash, Wayne and White, and State of Illinois, held in the Conference Room at the District Office building, 233 East Chestnut Street, Olney, Illinois, on Monday, March 2, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

**Notice of Special Meeting:** G. Andrew Fischer, Chairman of the Board of Trustees called this special meeting. Notice of the meeting was given at least 48 hours before the meeting, in writing, to each member of the Board and to news media. A copy of the notice was also posted at the main office of this community college district. The notice specified the date, time and place of the meeting, and the purpose thereof.

**Purpose:** To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the IECC District.

**AGENDA #1 – “Call to Order & Roll Call”** – The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the Chairman directed the Secretary to call the roll.

**Roll Call:** The Secretary called the roll of members present and the following trustees answered to their names as called and were found to be present:

John D. Brooks, Gary Carter , Brenda K. Culver, G. Andrew Fischer, Jan Ridgely, Barbara Shimer. Trustees absent: Al Henager. Student Trustee Absent: Sutton Dunn. There being a quorum present, the Chair declared the Board of Trustees to be in open, public session for the transaction of business.

(Note: In accordance with Board of Trustees Policy No. 100.4, the student trustee shall have an advisory vote, to be recorded in the Board Minutes. The advisory vote may not be counted in declaring a motion to have passed or failed.)

Also present at this meeting, in addition to trustees:

Dr. Ryan Gower, Chancellor.

Alex Cline, Director of Information & Communications Technology.

Ryan Hawkins, Chief Finance Officer/Board Treasurer.

Andrea McDowell, Director of Human Resources.

Renee Smith, Board Secretary.

**AGENDA #2 – “Recognition of Visitors & Guests”** – None.

**AGENDA #3 – “Public Comment”** – None.

**AGENDA #4 – “Interview of Presidential Candidate”** – Board members heard an opening statement presentation given by Zahi Atallah, who is a candidate for President of Lincoln Trail College. Trustees conducted an interview of the candidate and Dr. Atallah concluded the interview with a closing statement. Dr. Atallah left the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

After a brief break, the Board welcomed the next LTC Presidential candidate, Tona Ambrose at 7:00 p.m.

Board members heard an opening statement presentation given by Ms. Ambrose, who is a candidate for President of Lincoln Trail College. Trustees conducted an interview of the candidate and Ms. Ambrose concluded the interview with a closing statement. Ms. Ambrose left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**Further Discussion:** Following Ms. Ambrose’s departure from the meeting and building, the trustees held further discussion relative to candidates Dr. Zahi Atallah and Ms. Tona Ambrose qualifications for the position of President of Lincoln Trail College. No formal actions were taken during the meeting.

**AGENDA #5 – “Executive Session”** – There was no executive session held at this meeting.

**AGENDA #6 – “Other Items”** – None.

**AGENDA #7 – “Adjournment”** – Trustee John Brooks made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Gary Carter seconded the motion. The Chair asked trustees in favor of the motion to say “Aye” and those opposed to say “No.” The voice vote was taken. The Chair declared the “Ayes” have it, the motion is adopted, and the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Approved:                      Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_