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CONFERENCE ROOM

4:00 P.M.

The Iowa Lakes Community College Board of Trustees met in the Conference Room at the Iowa Lakes Community College, Administration Building, 19 South 7th Street, Estherville, IA, at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, prior to the regular monthly board meeting. This public meeting and work session reviewed the agenda for the regular monthly meeting and briefly discussed related topics.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Arden Kinnander	President	(Phone)
Bob Jennings	Vice President	
Janice Lund	(Phone)	
Pat Kibbie		
Jane Nolan Goeken	(Phone)	
Kari Batman		

MEMBERS ABSENT

Curt Petersen

GUESTS

Scott Stokes	College President
Mischelle Dahna	Board Secretary

DISCUSSION

College President Stokes reviewed the regular monthly board meeting agenda and briefly discussed those items. No decisions were made, and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 4:31 P.M.

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The Board of Trustees of Iowa Lakes Community College met in regular session in the Board Room at the Administration Building, 19 South 7th Street, Estherville, IA, on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, beginning at 4:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Arden Kinnander	President (Phone)
Bob Jennings	Vice President
Janice Lund	(Phone)
Pat Kibbie	
Jane Nolan Goeken	(Phone)
Kari Batman	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Curt Petersen

GUESTS

Scott Stokes, Mischelle Dahna, Trudy Ahrens, Robert Leifeld, Kyle Norris, Jeff Soper, Beth Elman, Troy Larson, Tim Busch, Sheila Drenkow, Tia Bernholtz, Marilyn Duncan (virtually), Laci Dulas (virtually), Tony Condon,

MEDIA PRESENT

Mike Tidemann

CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice President Bob Jennings called the meeting to order at 4:34 P.M.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Pat Kibbie, with a second from Jane Nolan Goeken, to accept and approve the agenda as written.

The vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously.

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REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Arden Kinnander, with a second from Janice Lund, to accept and approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025, regular board meeting and the February 10, 2025, special board meeting as written.

The vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously.

DELEGATIONS, PUBLIC COMMENT, AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PERSONNEL / CONSENT AGENDA

A) Resignations / New Hires / Contract

Following the information provided by Trudy Ahrens, Executive Director of Human Resources, a motion was made by Janice Lund, with a second by Kari Batman, to approve the consent agenda and supplemental contracts as presented.

Resignation:

Sheryl Christiansen, PT Cook/Server, effective 1/30/2025.

Position Change:

Melissa Riggert from PT Talent Search Project Assistant to PT Career and Transition Coordinator

New Hires:

Patricia Donovan, Success Center Instructional Assistant, Spencer, PT, \$22.65/Hour
Taylor Menzies, Head Volleyball/Success Center Inst Asst, EV, FT, \$48,800
Lonnie Woock, Custodian, Spencer, PT, \$15.85/Hour

Supplemental Contracts, Adjuncts, Clinical, Temporary, On-Call

Garrett Barnes Men's and Women's Soccer GA	\$6,000
Adam Thiner Online Adjunct Humanities Instructor	\$675/credit hour

The vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously.

IOWA LAKES REPORT

A) Accounting

Kyle Norris, Executive Dean, introduced Sheila Drenkow, Accounting Professor/Coordinator, who presented information on the Accounting Program. Sheila demonstrated to the board how she teaches her accounting program virtually. Students Marilyn Duncan and Laci Dulas attended virtually. They shared why they chose Iowa Lakes Community College, their experiences, the flexibility of online teaching with Sheila, and their plans after graduation.

FOUNDATION

A) Donation

Tony Condon, Institutional Advancement Coordinator, provided an update on a recent donation from Precision, Inc. for the Iowa Lakes Welding Technology Program. The value of the materials is Aluminum Pipe, \$4,570.00 / Square Bar, \$11,493.00. A motion was made by Jane Nolan Goeken, with a second from Pat Kibbie, to accept the donation as presented.

The vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously

TREASURER'S REPORT / MONTHLY BILLS

A) Financial Reports

B) Monthly Bills

Jeff Soper, Chief Financial Officer, presented the financial report and the monthly bills for approval. A motion was made by Kari Batman, with a second by Janice Lund, to accept the financial report and to approve the payment of the monthly bills as listed and presented.

The vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously.

C) Public Hearing, FY 2026 Published Budget

Jeff Soper, Chief Financial Officer, held a public hearing on the FY 2026 Published Budget. There were no verbal or written comments, and the public hearing was closed. Following the presentation, a motion was made by Arden Kinnander, with a second from Bob Jennings, to approve the FY 2026 Published Budget as presented.

The vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously.

ORAL REPORTS

A) Community Colleges for Iowa Presidents

College President Scott Stokes reported that the Presidents met and discussed several key initiatives impacting faculty, students, and institutional data. Highlights from his report include:

- ACUE (Association of College and University Educators): A statewide professional development initiative focused on effective teaching practices, training certifications, and faculty cohorts. A demo has been scheduled with academic leaders.
- Financial Aid Update: Dave Ford, Bureau Chief of Iowa College Aid, is analyzing the impact of recent financial aid changes. A significant concern is that 215 students who previously received Pell Grants lost eligibility this year, primarily due to changes affecting family farms.
- Department of Education Update: Presented the new condition of the community colleges report layout, which is now enhanced with Tableau for online data visualization and filtering.

B) Community Colleges of Iowa Trustees

Board Vice President Bob Jennings reported that attended the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., from February 9-12, 2025, where nearly 1,400 community college representatives advocated for legislative priorities, including:

- SNAP Employment & Training Program
- Kids on Campus Childcare Partnership
- ACCT Registered Apprenticeship (RA) Project (nursing, IT, advanced manufacturing)

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Iowa trustees met with congressional members, including Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks, whom Jennings introduced at the Community College Congressional Forum. She shared her support for community colleges and her experience as a former student.

As a member of the ACCT Committee on Communications and Education, Jennings participated in discussions on:

- Community College Month revival and promotional toolkit
- ACCT Excell Program for trustee training
- AI & Cybersecurity concerns, including financial aid fraud and risks of uploading proprietary data into AI platforms.

Trustee Comments

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Following no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:19 P.M.

Mischelle Dahna, Board Secretary