

**JOHN A. LOGAN COLLEGE**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Carterville, Illinois**

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 530, Counties of Williamson, Jackson, Franklin, Perry, and Randolph, State of Illinois, held at Carterville, Illinois, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, commencing at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was open to the public and streamed on the College's YouTube channel.

Chairman Aaron R. Smith called the meeting to order and directed the recording secretary to call the roll.

Rebecca Borgsmiller	-- present
Brent Clark	-- present
Bill Kilquist	-- present
Mandy Little	-- present
Glenn Poshard	-- present
Jake Rendleman	-- not present
Aaron R. Smith	-- present
Ferris McEvoy	-- present

Also in attendance were President Dr. Kirk Overstreet, Legal Counsel Rhett Barke, Provost Dr. Stephanie Chaney Hartford, Vice President of Business Services and CFO Dr. Susan LaPanne, Recording Secretary Pixie Vaughn, and other College personnel.

**Chairman Smith led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS**

**A. Chairman's Report**

Chair Aaron R. Smith stated that Saturday was a wonderful day, as it was the JALC graduation. He wanted to thank the Administration, Faculty, Staff, and the people who actually did the work to get the students across the stage. It was a wonderful day, and he was very honored to be part of it.

**B. Athletics Advisory Committee**

Trustee Bill Kilquist reported that Logan Baseball finished its season with a record of 46-13, and 25-5 in GRAC/Region 24 Play. They won the GRAC and Region 24 regular season championships for the second straight year. Eighteen Sophomores have signed to continue their academic and athletic career at the next level. This group of sophomores finished their careers with a record of 95-23. The Vols were ranked as high as 11<sup>th</sup> in the NJCAA Division 1 Baseball poll and received a lot

of national attention for the season that sophomore Kameron Yearsley had. Yearsley hit 37 home runs, which is a new school record and the second most in NJCAA history. Logan Baseball was well represented on the Post-Season GRAC Region awards, including Kameron Yearsley – All GRAC, and All-Region, GRAC Player of the Year, Bryce Nevils – All GRAC and All-region, Justin Lang – All GRAC and All-region, Logan Bingham – All GRAC, Kyle Surprenant – GRAC Coach of the Year. Logan Softball finished its season with a record of 52-11. The most wins in school history and 39-7 in GRAC/Region 24 play. Coach Taylor Siefert was Coach of the Year in the GRAC. Softball was well represented on the Post-Season GRAC and Region Awards. The following players received 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Region and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-GRAC. Katie Futrell. Audrey Upton, Ava Adcock, Lauryn Adamson, Presley Trogolo, Breanna Thurman, Payton Nicholson, Eliana Lutman. Men’s Golf: John A. Logan College Men’s Golf completed its season with Daymian Rij representing JALC in the NJCAA Men’s Golf Nationals in Newton, Kansas. Twenty teams and 20 golfers participated in the four days of competition. Only five golfers qualified as individuals and were not part of a team. Daymian was one of the five, which is a huge accomplishment. Daymian finished 46<sup>th</sup> out of 120 golfers. Logan Fitness: The Tri-festa Triathlon event will take place at Logan Fitness this Saturday, beginning at 8:00 am. Participants will start with a quarter-mile swim, followed by a 14-mile bike ride, and finish with a 3-mile run. This will be the 19<sup>th</sup> year of the event, which was initially organized by the late Dr. Charles Rubright.

#### **C. Building, Grounds, and Safety Committee**

Trustee Bill Kilquist reported that the **CTC RENOVATION/CONSTRUCTION (EDA Grant) H Building (HVAC program)**: The ceiling and walls will be painted in the coming weeks. The front and rear doors will also be installed in the coming weeks. **Welding/CNC Manufacturing Building**: Concrete block installation is complete. Steel framing is progressing on schedule. Roof decking will be installed within the next 1-2 weeks. **Vocational Building (Automotive Programs)**: Exterior siding will begin installation soon. **West Lobby Expansion (Logan Hall) (CDB)**: Structural repair design work is moving forward. A meeting to discuss the design of the permanent repairs will take place tomorrow. Temporary shoring is being installed now, with the intention of reopening the gymnasium in June. **3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Nursing Renovation (Federal Grant)**: Electrical, HVAC, plumbing, and framing work are progressing as the space begins to take shape. **Facility Master Plan (FMP)**: The Board Building Committee will meet with BHDG to discuss a draft of the FMP in early June. BHDG will present the final draft of the FMP at the June Board meeting for presentation and approval.

#### **D. Board Policy Committee**

Trustee Becky Borgsmiller reported that she and Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs, Jennifer Fuller, have submitted a proposal to present at the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress in October in Chicago. They should learn whether or not their proposal was accepted by the end of June. The presentation, “Strengthening Governance through AI: A Trustee Campus Partnership to Modernize Board Policy,” outlines how they have worked over the last year to review and revise the JALC Board Policy Manual.

#### **E. Budget and Finance Committee**

Trustee Brent Clark stated that they had a Finance Committee meeting prior to the Board meeting to discuss the FY2027 Budget. The final vote will take place at the June Board of Trustees meeting. Dr. LaPanne will be giving a presentation on it during her report.

#### **F. Enrollment Committee**

Chair Aaron R. Smith reported that they have not yet met but will hold a meeting sometime in July.

#### **G. Integrated Technology Committee**

No Report

#### **H. Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA)**

Trustee Mandy Little reported that ICCTA held Lobby Day on May 6 & 7 in Springfield. The Trustees had Lobby Day, and on the second day, they had a board meeting. The board meeting was to discuss the slate of officers, which they will vote on at the June meeting. The Annual Convention is June 5-6, at the Westin Chicago Lombard. It is Mandy's understanding that the seminar is AI-focused. The ACCT Leadership Congress is at the Hyatt Regency Chicago in October.

#### **I. John A. Logan College Foundation**

No Report

#### **J. Student Trustee**

Student Trustee Ferris McEvoy reported that STEM Club membership is on the rise. A new leadership team was elected, including a new position being created for a student to oversee the inventory and maintenance club's equipment and materials. Keenan Fahrenbacher is the STEM Club's first quartermaster. The award-winning Upsilon Pi chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa national 2-year college honor society is traveling next weekend to take both its departing and incoming officer teams to the regional PTK conference in Bloomington. The Electronics Department Hackventors Club hosted yet another successful conference in March for area high schools. This club's membership is mostly from the ELT department, but it is open to all programs. Membership overlaps a lot with the Black Jack Disc Golf Club. Between the STEM club, Hackventors, and Disc Golf, there's a lot to offer in the lower G Wing for personal and professional development. Another recent accomplishment was the creation, programming, and assembly of a large arcade cabinet gaming machine. You may recall that the small student lounge outside of the facility scheduling office near the main entrance had video gaming cabinets from Hackventors – this new emulator cabinet will be the largest and most versatile contribution to student recreation by the Hackventors club. She is working to identify objectives in her role as student trustee. One project she is starting is creating a resource for future trustees. She hopes to reduce the time it takes future trustees to understand their role. She thanked everyone for their guidance during her onboarding.

#### **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

No Report

#### **EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP REPORT**

President Kirk Overstreet reported it had been a busy month for everyone at the college. He attended the Governor's Higher Education Futures Round Table in Springfield. They discussed the direction of Higher Education in Illinois, particularly workforce alignment and long-term sustainability. In May, he was in Springfield for the ICCTA Lobby Day. They met with the local legislators to advocate for community college baccalaureate degrees and restoration of Path Grant

funding, which is very important to them. He thanked Trustee Mandy Little and Chairman Aaron R. Smith for attending with them as well. He also connected with community college leaders statewide and with SIU leadership to continue strengthening partnerships. They attended the community college caucus. It was a really great event. On Budget Development, he thanked Dr. LaPanne and her team for their work, as well as all of the staff. This is the third year of a balanced budget. Facilities and operations are continuing to make progress on the facilities planning. The Facilities Master Plan is coming to fruition. They will present that at the next Board of Trustees meeting. They are staying closely engaged with CDB, the engineers, and project partners about the West End and Logan Hall. They will meet with them to finalize funding for the necessary repair work. Operationally, they have completed the closure of SICCM. He had his last board meeting last week. They are continuing conversations around revitalizing Shared Governance, and are working with Cathrine Hoekstra and Dr. Rachel Sveda-Webb. Earlier in May, they celebrated the employees at the Employee Appreciation Event. It was a great day. They recognized the retirees and those whom they had lost this last year. Dr. Overstreet participated in the Banterra Banks Helping to Thrive podcast. It will be out in the next couple of weeks if anyone wants to listen to it. Graduation was held at Mt Dew Park through a great partnership with Oasis and Marion High School. They had nearly 300 students graduate, and more than 80 Nursing students participated in the pinning ceremony. He thanked the faculty, staff, and the Graduation committee. It was a great day! In closing, he wanted to celebrate the success of the students and employees. He appreciates the team effort that makes it all possible. He recognized and thanked the Custodial staff who were out and about at the graduation ceremony.

## **PROVOST**

Dr. Stephanie Hartford reported:

### **Commencement**

- Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, was an exciting day for the college
- Commencement ceremony
  - 275 participated

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

### **Health Sciences & Nursing**

- Nursing Pinning on May 16th
  - 31 ADN graduates
  - 56 Practical Nursing graduates
- 17 Medical Assistant pinned on May 12, 2026
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography held a Case Study Presentation and Pinning on April 9<sup>th</sup> 9 graduates.
- Surgical Technology Pinning Ceremony for 11 graduates on May 4, 2026
- John A. Logan College received confirmation that the Surgical Technology Program has been awarded initial accreditation for five years by CAAHEP, based on the ARC/STSA's recommendation following the initial site visit in October 2025.
  - The next evaluation will be in five years (2031).
  - Congratulations to Jennifer Jordan on her hard work and perseverance in securing the program's accreditation!

- Renee Lacy was a speaker at the Illinois Society of Medical Assistants on April 24, 2025. She spoke on *Building a Culture of Professionalism in the Medical Office Setting*.

#### **Arts & Sciences:**

- Life & Physical Science faculty participated in the STEM crunch study session hosted by Student Development on April 28.
- Biology Instructor and Life & Physical Sciences Department Chair, Rebecca Corbit, along with Biology Faculty, David Ing, and Jacee Wooward hosted a SynDaver demonstration on the evening of April 28 for a group of about 10 homeschooled students, ranging in age from 8-13 years old. It was their end-of-year field trip to deepen their understanding of the human body.
- Rebecca Corbit participated in Lincoln Elementary's (Marion) STEAM night on April 30, making edible DNA models.
- Rebecca Corbit was also named ICCTA Faculty of the Year at our graduation ceremony this weekend.

#### **CTE & Workforce Training**

##### CTE

- Applied Technology faculty attended the 2026 Crab Orchard High School Career Day.
- Ten of our welding students earned their American Welding Society (AWS) certifications. They completed either 3G vertical or 4G overhead welds. Four of the ten students earned qualifications in both 3G and 4G, which will qualify them to weld in all positions. Our welding program is led by Assistant Professor Grover Mays. Since JALC is a member of the American Welding Society (AWS) and Grover is a Certified Welding Inspector (CWI), he was able to offer these add-on certifications.

##### Workforce

- Collette Tours held an informal meeting on campus on May 6th. Collette discussed the plans for the trip to Spain in February 2027.
- The Dean of CTE and Workforce Training attended an advisory board meeting with the Bureau of Prisons.
  - JALC will provide construction training courses at Marion Bureau of Prisons this summer.
- CEJA (Clean Energy Jobs Act) will begin its first cohort on campus on May 20th. A grant through CEJA and Man-Tra-Con will support expenses for this project.

##### Community Education

- Community Education courses are being offered for SM26 (see attached flyer).

##### Adult & Alternative Learning Programs

- Mary Logan High School will be hosting its commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 21st, at 6:00 pm in the conference center.
- Logan Academy (GED) will be hosting their commencement ceremony on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in O'Neil Auditorium.

## **Teaching & Learning Center**

- We are seeking the Board's approval tonight to enter into a 5-year agreement with Canvas, which will be the college's next Learning Management System. It will replace D2L that has been used for several years. If approved tonight, this will put us on track to go live with Canvas in Summer 2027.
- The selection of Canvas was made through a faculty-led process that included faculty from each academic department and leaders of our Learning Resource Center team. The LMS Evaluation Team completed a thorough review of potential learning management systems. This process included vendor demonstrations, hands-on testing environments, rubric-based evaluations, and feedback from both faculty and staff. After carefully considering the results, the faculty voted to select Canvas. The decision was unanimous, with 100% agreement among the voting faculty members.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

- A total of 264 students from 15 high schools attended New Student Orientation Days in spring 2026.
- Future Orientation and Enrollment Events
  - Wednesday, June 17th 9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. New Student Orientation
  - Wednesday, July 22nd 12:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. New Student Orientation
  - Saturday, August 8th 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. [Saturday Sign-up Event](#)
  - Saturday, August 8th 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. Coffee & College Event

## **VICE-PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES AND CFO**

Dr. Susan LaPanne asked if the Chairman and the President wanted her to present her budget during her report or to wait since it was listed under New Business. Since it was listed under New Business, they decided to wait.

## **PRESIDENT'S CABINET**

Dr. Overstreet stated that there was no report, but Dr. Poshard would have a presentation to present at the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None

## **A. RETIREMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

President Overstreet accepted the retirement of Connie Robinson, Assistant Professor, effective August 2, 2027, with 18 years of service, and the resignation of Brennen Stover, Assistant Professor, effective August 3, 2026, and Allison Threet, Social Services Coordinator, effective May 14, 2026.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Smith asked if there were any Consent Agenda items the Board would like to pull for further discussion or a separate vote. Hearing none, Chairman Smith presented Consent Agenda Items A-H for approval.

**A. Approve the Hoffard Pond and Mirror Pool Dredging**

Approved the Hoffard Pond and Mirror Pool Dredging as presented.

**B. Approve the F-Wing Roof Replacement**

Approved the F-Wing Roof Replacement as presented.

**C. Approve the Personnel Action Items (Appendix A)**

Approved the employment and ratification of personnel as recommended by President Overstreet.

**D. Approve the Additional Funding for the West Lobby Expansion**

Approved the Additional Funding for the West Lobby Expansion as presented.

**E. Approve the Expenditure Report for the period ending April 30, 2026**

Approved the monthly Expenditure Report for the period ending April 30, 2026.

**F. Approve the Treasurer's and Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2026.**

Approved the Treasurer's and Financial Report for the period ending March 31, 2026.

**G. Approve the Minutes of April 28, 2026, Regular Meeting**

Approved the Minutes of April 28, 2026.

**H. Approve the Purchase of Canvas**

Approved the Purchase of Canvas as presented.

Mandy Little and Dr. Glenn Poshard moved and seconded that the Board of Trustees approve Consent Agenda Items A–H, as presented.

Upon roll call, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

(Resolution #16-4448)

## **9. NEW BUSINESS (No Action)**

Budget for FY 2027 – Dr. LaPanne stated that the Legal Budget was distributed to each board member. After the discussion and the board's approval, it will be posted on the website and followed by a Public Hearing at the beginning of our next meeting in June, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It will also be posted in the Southern Illinoisan newspaper. She did discuss the Fund Budgets and how each one is very important. Funds one and two are the education and operating funds. She offered to answer any questions about how they did the budgeting, what the assumptions were, and how they intend to administer the budget. The mandate for the college was for the operating budgets to be in balance, and they were. This balanced budget represents, and continues to represent, a philosophical change in how they do the budget. It is a commitment to sustainability. We owe it to the community and to the future generations of students and community members. She thanked her colleagues, the cabinet,

her executive management colleagues, and the budget manager colleagues. They are a team, and they will support their mission.

Mandy Little and Becky Borgsmiller moved and seconded that the Board of Trustees approve the display of the 2027 Budget.

Upon roll call, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.  
(Resolution #16-4449)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Aaron R. Smith stated that the Board Retreat/Presidential Evaluation will be on Wednesday, June 10, at 3:00 p.m. at the Mees Centre. Please turn in the Evaluation Forms to Director Jim Reed. If you plan on attending the ICCTA, please turn that in as well.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mandy Little and Ferris McEvoy moved and seconded that the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees be adjourned.

Upon roll call, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.  
(Resolution #16-4450)

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pixie Vaughn, Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees.



Aaron R. Smith, Chairman



Rebecca Borgsmiller, Secretary