

Illinois Community College District #511
Rock Valley College
3301 North Mulford Road
Rockford, IL 61114

**Board of Trustees Special Meeting – Swearing in of New Trustee
February 14, 2023, 5:15 p.m.**

MINUTES

On February 3, 2023, Illinois Governor Pritzker issued the thirty-ninth Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation for all counties in the State of Illinois. Due to the COVID-19 health pandemic, Howard J. Spearman, Ph.D., president of Rock Valley College, has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical, prudent or feasible based on the Disaster Proclamation. Pursuant to Section 7 (e) (4) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS120/7(e) (4), this meeting will be held without the physical presence of a quorum at the meeting location.

Meeting Location: Building E, Rock Valley College, 3301 N. Mulford Road, Rockford, IL 61114. Howard J. Spearman, Ph.D., president of Rock Valley College, or designated administrative officer will be physically present at the meeting location. ***Trustees/members, citizens, faculty and staff may attend the meeting via teleconference or videoconference.***

Access to the Regular Board of Trustees meeting is provided via teleconference online via <https://rockvalleycollege-edu.zoom.us/j/94528900226?pwd=RWRPS2lWTN6R3E4cFlWTUIYdWdmQT09> or by phone at 312-626-6799 using Meeting ID: 945 2890 0226; Passcode: 161755. The meeting will include an opportunity for public comment. Members of the public may submit their public comment to RVC-BoardPC@rockvalleycollege.edu by 3:15 p.m. on February 14, 2023. Public comments will be announced during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Call to Order

The Special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 511, Winnebago, Boone, DeKalb, McHenry, Ogle, and Stephenson Counties, Illinois, convened via remote video conference on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 5:17 p.m. Board Chair Gloria Cudia called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

The following trustees were present:

Ms. Gloria Cardenas Cudia
Mr. Paul Gorski
Mr. John Nelson

Mr. Bob Trojan
Ms. Lynn Kearney
Student Trustee Ryan Russell

The following trustee was absent: Ms. Crystal Soltow

Also in attendance: Mr. Rick Jenks, Vice President Operations/Chief Operations Officer; Mr. Jim Handley, Vice President Human Resources; Ms. Ellen Olson, Vice President Finance/Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Heather Snider, Vice President Institutional Effectiveness and Communications; Dr. Patrick Peyer, Vice President Student Affairs; Mr. Keith Barnes, Vice President Equity and Inclusion; Dr. Hansen Stewart, Vice President Industry Partnerships and Community Engagement; Ms. Jennifer Thompson, Executive Director College Communications; Ms. Ann Kerwitz, Assistant to the President; Ms. Betsy Saucedo, Interim Assistant to the President; Attorney Joseph Perkoski, Robbins Schwartz.

Communications and Petitions (Public Comment)

No public comments were received.

Swearing in of New Trustee

Board Chair Gloria Cudia welcomed Mr. Richard Kennedy and invited College Attorney Joseph Perkoski to swear in Mr. Kennedy as the newly appointed trustee. Attorney Perkoski then administered the oath of office to Mr. Richard Kennedy as the newest member of the Board of Trustees of Rock Valley College. Mr. Kennedy will serve until the April 2025 election.

Trustee Remarks

- Trustee Nelson welcomed Mr. Kennedy to the Board, noting that he will find it interesting, and although it requires some work, there is value to serving as a trustee. He added that the Board may disagree, but they respect each other's viewpoints.
- Trustee Trojan invited Mr. Kennedy to meet with him for information on finance and budgeting of the College. He added that there is a whole cycle of information that takes about a year to learn.
- Trustee Kearney welcomed Mr. Kennedy and noted that although she will be leaving the Board in April, she will be attending some meetings. She added that she was impressed with his answers to the interview questions.
- Board Chair Cudia welcomed Mr. Kennedy, adding that the goal is to help RVC's students, and keeping that in mind puts everything else in place.

At 5:20 p.m. Trustee Soltow joined the meeting.

Mr. Kennedy thanked trustees for the opportunity to join the Board of Trustees and is looking forward to meeting everyone. He is open to meeting over coffee.

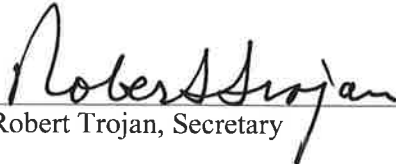
Date of Next Committee of the Whole Meeting: February 14, 2023, 5:45 p.m. Meeting to be held remotely via teleconference as permitted by Illinois statute.

Date of Next Regular Meeting: February 28, 2023, 5:15 p.m. Meeting to be held remotely via teleconference or in person in Room 0214, Performing Arts Room (PAR), Educational Resource Center (ERC) on the main campus as permitted by Illinois statute.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 5:29 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Trojan seconded by Trustee Nelson. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Submitted by Ann Kerwitz


Robert Trojan, Secretary


Gloria Cardenas Cudia, Board Chair