

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Mark Stephens called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order in the Boardroom at 6:35 p.m. Following the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken.

Present: Mr. Luke Casson, Ms. Kailee Harper, Mr. Tracy Jennings, Mr. Glover Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, Mr. Rich Regan, Ms. Diane Viverito, Mr. Mark Stephens.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Ms. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Regan to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 18, 2025. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

COMMENTS ON THIS AGENDA

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mary Alexander, student from Oak Park, addressed the Board regarding nursing program issues and communication issues. Ms. Alexander, who is President of the Student Nursing Association, reported that labs are run down, students don't have proper equipment, and a professor was let go, which students find upsetting. Students have sent emails and met with the Dean, but feel they are not taken seriously.

Mia Ruffolo, student from North Riverside, addressed the Board regarding the nursing program. Ms. Ruffolo, vice president of the Student Nursing Association, reported being in lab situations with no sterile gloves and IV tubing, malfunctioning mannequins, and losing a professor who was caring and inspiring.

Evelyn Amigon, student from Melrose Park, addressed the Board regarding ADN program issues. Ms. Amigon reported a disorganized beginning to the program, the loss of several people in the program (administrators, faculty, staff), a communication breakdown, and lack of supplies.

Magdalena Samoly, student from Schiller Park, addressed the Board regarding the nursing program. Ms. Samoly reported that they don't have a schedule for summer yet, and students feel ping-ponged around. Students feel that all of their support has left the college.

Roman Garcia, a student in the audience, was allowed to comment on these same issues with the nursing program.

Kaeleen Edwards, student from River Grove, addressed the Board regarding ADN program issues. Ms. Edwards reminded of the College's mission statement which includes the words valuing the individual, commenting that the nursing students do not feel valued, but disregarded.

Chairman Stephens thanked the students for their time and comments. He stated that while the Board does not get involved in day-to-day issues, the Board does provide oversight, and he will speak with President Moore. The administration has heard the issues and

Mr. Stephens is confident that the president and vice president will address these issues by the next meeting.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Employee Groups

The following Faculty Association report was read by Chairman Stephens. The TCFA negotiation team has been meeting regularly with the negotiation team from the administrative side to negotiate contract changes to the current CBA. The TCFA team has been working efficiently, providing contract proposals, and requested information to the administration team in a timely manner. As this board knows, it is hard to predict the duration of contract negotiations, but the TCFA is striving to reach a fair tentative agreement on a new CBA before the end of the semester. We look forward to another negotiation session this Friday.

Mid-Management Association President Dorota Krzykowska provided an update on Early College programs, noting that enrollment has nearly tripled since Fall 2024. She reported enhanced collaboration with Advising services, the Transfer Center, Continuing Education, and career programs to benefit the students.

Adjunct Faculty Association President Bill Justiz reported that Adjunct Faculty have noticed a lot more high school students in the classroom.

STUDENT SENATE REPORT

TCSA President Mark Kouria reported that the Graduation Fair is being held today and tomorrow, March 25-26. TRIUMPH and SURGE had successful trips during spring break, and students are looking forward to their E-Board elections.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs/Student Affairs

Ms. Viverito reported that the committee met earlier this month and went over items pertaining to academic and student affairs. The committee supports the items and asks for the Board's support as well.

Finance/Maintenance & Operations

Mrs. Potter reported that the committee met on March 5 and reviewed thirteen new business items and one purchasing schedule. All were unanimously approved and sent to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Mary-Rita Moore reported that midterm has passed and the college is gearing up for completing the semester and celebratory events. She thanked the Mid-Management and Classified Associations for inviting her to their In-Services, where employees had the opportunity to dialog about what's on their minds.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Stephens noted that the Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony is coming up on April 11, and Commencement on May 17. Chairman Stephens discussed the news out of Springfield about allowing community colleges to offer 4-year degrees, stating that Triton College can do this at a better price and with the same quality as any institution in the State of Illinois.

NEW BUSINESS

**BOARD POLICY – Second Reading (waive first reading)
Student Affairs 5117 Tuition and Fees Senior Citizens**

Mrs. Potter made a motion to enact the revised Board Policy, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

ACTION EXHIBITS

The Action Exhibits were taken as a group, except for 17177, which will be taken separately as requested.

- 17175 Budget Transfers**
- 17176 Amendment to AT&T Broadcast Services Agreement**
- 17178 Facility Fee Waiver: Cook County Clerk's Office (Date Adjustment)**
- 17179 Costco Purchasing Cards**
- 17180 Cerniglia Underground Contractors Vendor Limit Increase**
- 17181 Trust Agreement with BMO Bank for CDB Project – R Building Roof Replacement**
- 17182 State of Illinois Rock Salt Joint Purchasing Program**
- 17183 Commerce Bank Expense Card Program**
- 17184 Sound Incorporated – Access Control Hardware**
- 17185 Agreement with Heartland Business Systems – Purchase of Milestone Server Refresh**
- 17186 Adult Education Agreement with Rhodes School District 84.5**
- 17187 Addition and Change of Course Fees for Inclusive Access Program Effective Fall 2025**
- 17188 Titles for Library Removal-Weeding**
- 17189 AwardSpring Scholarship Management Software Agreement**
- 17190 Technology Fee Update**
- 17191 Online Course Fee Update**
- 17192 Curriculum Recommendations**

Ms. Viverito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jennings, to approve Action Exhibits 17175 – 17176, 17178 - 17192. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

17177 Proposed Increase to Franczek Professional Legal Services Rates

Ms. Viverito made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Potter, to approve Action Exhibit 17177.

Roll Call Vote:

Affirmative: Ms. Harper, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Potter,

Abstain: Mr. Regan, Ms. Viverito, Mr. Stephens.
Mr. Casson.

Motion carried 6-0 with the Student Trustee voting yes and Mr. Casson abstaining.

PURCHASING SCHEDULES

B47.13 Continuing Education Guide Summer 2025

B47.14 Residential HVAC Lab – Building T

B47.15 Cosmetology Furniture Purchase

Mrs. Potter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jennings, to approve the Purchasing Schedules. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

BILLS AND INVOICES

Ms. Viverito made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Potter, to pay the Bills and Invoices in the amount of \$1,715,063.17.

Roll Call Vote:

Affirmative: Mr. Casson, Ms. Harper, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Potter,
Mr. Regan, Ms. Viverito, Mr. Stephens.

Motion carried 7–0 with the Student Trustee voting yes.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

1.0 Faculty

Ms. Viverito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jennings, to approve page 1 of the Human Resources Report, items 1.1.01 through 1.3.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

2.0 Adjunct Faculty

Mr. Casson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve pages 2 - 3 of the Human Resources Report, items 2.1.01 through 2.7.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

3.0 Administration

Mr. Jennings made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve pages 4 - 7 of the Human Resources Report, items 3.1.01 through 3.4.01. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

4.0 Classified, Police & Engineers

Ms. Viverito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Casson, to approve pages 8 - 11 of the Human Resources Report, items 4.1.01 through 4.6.07. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

5.0 Mid-Management

Ms. Viverito made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Potter, to approve pages 12 - 14 of the Human Resources Report, items 5.1.01 through 5.5.04. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

6.0 Hourly Employees

Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harper, to approve pages 15 - 18 of the Human Resources Report, items 6.1.01 through 6.4.07. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

7.0 Other

Mr. Regan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Viverito, to approve page 19 of the Human Resources Report, items 7.1.01 through 7.4.02. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Jennings to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Voice vote carried the motion unanimously. Chairman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Submitted by: Mark R. Stephens
Board Chairman

Tracy Jennings
Board Secretary

Susan Page
Susan Page, Recording Secretary