



KANKAKEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
District 520

December 5, 2025

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A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees of Kankakee Community College, District 520, was called to order by Chair Orr at 9am in the Governors Room (D300) of the Riverfront campus. Those physically in attendance were:

Mr. William Orr, Chair  
Mr. Michael Proctor, Vice Chair  
Mr. Brad Hove, Secretary  
Mrs. Catherine Boicken  
Mr. Michael Kick  
Mr. Eric Peterson  
Mr. Todd Widholm

Also attending in person were:  
Dr. Michael Boyd, President  
Ms. Claire Chaplinski, Attorney  
Administrative Staff

There was no public comment. There were no amendments or changes to the published agenda.

### **REAFFIRMATION OF KCC'S MISSION, VISION, CORE VALUES AND PHILOSOPHY**

The administration recommended the Board reaffirm the college's mission, vision, core values and philosophy. Motion was made by Mr. Hove and seconded by Mr. Widholm to reaffirm the above-mentioned as presented. On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Boicken, Hove, Kick, Peterson, Widholm, Orr  
Motion Carried

### **INFORMATION**

- 1) The Board reviewed the final debt service on bonds and financial projections for FY27-29.
- 2) Strategic Plan 2020-2025 Progress Report – The Board reviewed the college's strategic planning scorecard. Dr. Cooper gave a report on KCC's overall performance in retention, completion, and equitable outcomes.
  - a) Goal 1 – Dr. Cooper reported on Fall Census Day increases. VP Purcell shared information on Early Alert, success coaching, and Auto-Award 1.0 and 2.0. Dr. Sewell gave an update on curriculum improvements and development. Dr. Boyd noted that Workforce Pell is on the horizon and will provide financial aid for short-term non-credit certificate programs.
  - b) Goal 2 – The Board reviewed the college's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Assessment Plan. VP Nugent reported on the federal ADA Title II rule requiring institution-wide ADA web accessibility and its impact on the college. VP Nunley shared the BEP purchasing pilot project results and the Human Resources' new hiring timeline. Dr. Sewell noted additional

- academic support for English language learners, and VP Purcell announced the successful completion of the success mentoring program's first semester.
- c) Goal 3 – VP Nunley gave an update on the Fitness Center and the MTA project timeline, as well as proposed short-term and long-term deferred maintenance, renovation, and wayfinding projects. The Board Chair may consider appointing an ad hoc facilities committee to discuss shared BOT and administration goals.
  - d) Goal 4 – The Board reviewed a roster of the current Foundation Board of Directions and a timeline of Foundation appeals, events, and stewardship, as well as examples of targeted Marketing efforts. Dr. Sewell updated the Board on the pending Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEDJA) Hub award.
  - e) Goal 5 – The Board was advised of development opportunities, i.e. supervisor training and AI integration, for college employees.
- 3) The Board will have the opportunity to learn about the college's strategic planning methods and timeline for 2027 and beyond during a presentation at an upcoming Board meeting.
- 4) The Board reviewed suggested revisions to the Board of Trustees Policy Manual. Proposed revisions will go to the Board for a first reading at the December 16, 2025 meeting.

The Board was scheduled to go into closed session for the purposes of discussing matters of personnel, probable or pending litigation, and self-evaluation pursuant to Sections 2-c-1, 2-c-11, and 2-c-16 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Motion was made by Mrs. Boicken and seconded by Mr. Widholm to convene to closed session. On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Boicken, Hove, Kick, Peterson, Proctor, Widholm, Orr  
Motion Carried

The Board went into closed session at 12:50pm. The Board returned at 1:40pm. Motion was made by Mr. Hove and seconded by Mrs. Boicken to reconvene the Board meeting. On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Boicken, Hove, Kick, Peterson, Orr  
Motion Carried

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 1:45 was made by Mr. Hove and seconded by Mr. Peterson. On roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Boicken, Hove, Kick, Peterson, Orr  
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Slager, Recording Secretary

Approved:

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Chair

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Secretary