



IVCCD Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Iowa Valley Community College District
Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 4:00 PM
Ellsworth Community College, Reg Johnson Room 100, 1100
College Avenue, Iowa Falls, IA 50126

A Board tour of Hamilton Auditorium in Kruse Main Hall was held at 3:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Members Present: Chris Brodin (Remote), Amber Danielson, Joanna Hofer, Larry Johnson, Clark Lawler, Jackie Pippin, Paul Pohlson (Remote)

Also in attendance: President Dr. Anne Howsare Boyens, Board Secretary Abigail Casey, Board Treasurer Amanda Bloomquist, and other college personnel.

Call to Order:

Board President Hofer called the regular session of the Iowa Valley Community College District Board of Directors to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at Ellsworth Community College, Reg Johnson Room 100, Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

Board President Hofer noted that Items 7.9, 7.10, and 7.11 would be moved to the end of the meeting. It was further noted that action would be taken on Item 7.10, and that the Board would return to closed session for Item 7.1, and that no further action would be taken following that closed session.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Director Lawler moved approval of the agenda as presented. Director Pippin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence and/or Visitors:

None.

Introduction of and Comments from Representatives to the Board:

ECC Faculty Representative Joerg Rochlitzer, MCC Faculty Representative Danielle Kness, and IVG Faculty Representative Barb Hall shared updates from their respective areas. Student Representative Justin Scholtz shared remarks about his experience at Ellsworth Community College.

Public Comment:

Marnie Brown spoke regarding a complaint.

Recognitions:

Dr. Barb Klein recognized the Ellsworth Community College men’s basketball team for an outstanding season, advancing to the NJCAA Championship game and finishing as national runner-up. Under the leadership of Coach Bryan Bender, the team also demonstrated strong academic performance, producing fourteen First Team Academic All-Americans (GPA above 3.50) and one Second Team Academic All-American (GPA between 3.00 and 3.49) following the Fall 2025 term.

Introduction of New Employees:

Dr. Barb Klein introduced the following new employees: Brandy Bingman, Financial Aid Advisor; Chris Bonta, Enrollment/Recruiting Specialist & Assistant Football Coach; and Shawn Stackhouse, Dale & Marilyn Howard Family Activity Center Coordinator

Strategic Presentation:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

President’s Comments Regarding the Consent Agenda:

Dr. Howsare Boyens provided comments related to consent agenda items, thanking the CEC for its work on Procedure 411C and noting the spring and summer graduation list.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion:

Director Johnson moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items: 5.1 Approval of Minutes; 5.2 Personnel Report; 5.3 Approval of Bills as Audited by the Finance Committee; 5.4; 5.6 Approval of ECC and MCC 2025–2026 Spring and Summer Graduation Application Lists; and 5.7 IVCCD Digital Accessibility and ADA Title II Compliance Plan. Director Danielson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Action Items:

Public Hearing and Approval of FY2027 Certified Budget:

The Board reviewed the publication certificates. After stating that the budget has been reviewed and was adopted at the March 11, 2026 Board meeting, Board President Hofer declared it was an open and public hearing held pursuant to law as published for the purpose of hearing questions or comments on the proposed FY2027 budget. There were no oral or written comments. Board President Hofer declared the public hearing closed.

Motion:

Director Danielson moved approval of the FY2027 Certified Budget and filing the budget with the Marshall County Auditor. Director Lawler seconded. On roll call vote: Ayes – Directors Johson, Lawler, Danielson, Pippin, Brodin, Pohlson, Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Dining Services Agreement between Great Western Dining Service, Inc. and Iowa Valley Community College District:

Dr. Barb Klein requested approval of a five-year dining services agreement with Great Western Dining Service, Inc., for Ellsworth Community College and Marshalltown Community College.

Motion:

Director Johnson moved approval of the dining services agreement. Director Pippin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Ferrilli J1 Consulting Proposal

Mike Mosher requested approval of a consulting services agreement with Ferrilli for Jenzabar J1 ERP and SIS process review and optimization services.

Motion:

Director Johnson moved approval of the Ferrilli J1 Consulting Proposal in an amount not to exceed \$94,000. Director Danielson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Resolution Directing the Publication of Notice on the Proposition of the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,000,000 Industrial New Jobs Training Certificates (Series 2026-1 Multiple Project):

Jacque Goodman requested approval of a resolution directing the Publication of Notice on the Proposition of Issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,000,000 Industrial New Jobs Training Certificates (Series 2026-1 Multiple Project).

Motion:

Director Lawler moved for approval of the resolution. Director Pippin seconded. On roll call vote: Ayes – Directors Johnson, Lawler, Danielson, Pippin, Brodin, Pohlson, Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Resolution Approving Preliminary Official Statement and Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures:

Jacque Goodman requested approval of the Resolution Approving Preliminary Official Statement and Approving Electronic Bidding Procedures.

Motion:

Director Johnson moved approval of the resolution. Director Danielson seconded. On roll call vote: Ayes – Directors Johnson, Lawler, Danielson, Pippin, Brodin, Pohlson, Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Master Agreements for Concurrent Enrollment:

Ashtyn Beek requested approval of the Master Agreements for the Summer College Credit Program and Concurrent Enrollment for the 2026–2027 academic year.

Motion:

Director Pippin moved approval of the Master Agreements for Concurrent Enrollment. Director Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Tuition Increase for Iowa Valley Community College District for FY27:

Dr. Howsare Boyens requested approval of a \$7.00 per credit hour tuition increase for FY27.

Motion:

Director Lawler moved approval of the tuition increase. Director Danielson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Blackboard Ally Order Form – \$20,338:

Mike Mosher and Abigail Casey requested approval of a three-year agreement with Blackboard for Ally.

Motion:

Director Danielson moved approval of the Blackboard Ally Order Form. Director Pippin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Information Items:

Monthly Financial Statements:

Treasurer Amanda Bloomquist reported on the February 2026 narrative summary, statement of revenue over expenses, and investment report.

Board President’s Report:

None.

Board Directors’ Reports:

Director Johnson shared comments about meeting a former ECC student who said an instructor provided lifechanging guidance on his career path.

President’s Report:

Dr. Howsare Boyens reported on the Hamilton Auditorium open house, self-evaluation distribution, and 260E and Tax Reform advocacy efforts.

Board Secretary’s Report:

Secretary Casey reported the distribution of the Annual Board Self-Assessment and President’s Evaluation is forthcoming, registration for the Summer Trustees Conference is open, and the ACCT Leadership Congress scheduled for October 21–24 in Chicago.

The Board took a brief recess.

Closed Sessions:

Closed Session for Confidential Record Discussion:

Motion:

Director Lawler motioned to enter closed session at 5:22 p.m. under the provisions of Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a). Director Pippin seconded. On roll call: Ayes – Directors Johnson, Lawler, Danielson, Pippin, Brodin, Pohlson, Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Johnson motioned to exit the Closed Session at 5:36 p.m. Director Lawler seconded. The Board returned to Open Session at 5:36 p.m.

Approval of Board President’s Recommendation on Internal Complaint:

The Board President recommended the President’s decision on an employee complaint be affirmed.

Motion:

Director Pippin moved to affirm the President’s decision regarding an employee complaint. Director Danielson seconded. Motion carried. On roll call: Ayes – Directors Johnson, Lawler, Danielson, Pippin, Brodin, Pohlson, Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session for Collective Bargaining Strategy:

Motion: Director Lawler moved to enter closed session at 5:40 p.m. under Iowa Code 20.17. Director Johnson seconded. On roll call: Ayes - Directors Johnson, Lawler, Danielson, Pippin, Brodin, Pohlson, Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Johnson motioned to exit the Closed Session at 5:41 p.m. Director Lawler seconded. The Board returned to Open Session at 5:42.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.



Joanna Hofer, Board President



Abigail Casey, Board Secretary



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