

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

**Board of Trustees Special Meeting – Separation Agreement**

**May 4, 2021**

**6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

*On April 30, 2021 Governor Pritzker issued the sixteenth 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, 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://zoom.us/j/97368496898?pwd=NGpwQUIPOFJUyIlg1Q05LV0FsR3ZtQT09> or by phone at + 1-312-626-6799 using Meeting ID 973 6849 6898; **Passcode** 354685. The meeting will include an opportunity for public comment. Members of the public who would like to make a public comment may submit their public comment to [RVC-BoardPC@rockvalleycollege.edu](mailto:RVC-BoardPC@rockvalleycollege.edu) by 4:30 p.m. on May 4, 2021. 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, May 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Board Chair Jarid Funderburg called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

The following trustees were present:

Mr. Jarid Funderburg

Ms. Lynn Kearney

Ms. Crystal Soltow

Student Trustee Annika Vincent

Mr. Bob Trojan

Ms. Gloria Cudia

Mr. John Nelson

The following trustee was absent: Mr. Paul Gorski

Also in attendance: Dr. Howard Spearman, President; Mr. Jim Handley, Vice President Human Resources; Ms. Ann Kerwitz; Assistant to the President; Ms. Kris Fuchs, Assistant to the President; Attorney Matt Gardner, Robbins Schwartz.

**Communications and Petitions (Public Comment)**

No communications or petitions were presented.

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

At 6:33 p.m., a motion was made by Board Chair Funderburg, seconded by Trustee Kearney, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees per Section 2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Reconvene Open Session**

At 7:00 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Kearney, seconded by Trustee Nelson, to reconvene to open session. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

**Action as a Result of Closed Session**

At 7:00 p.m., a motion was made by Board Chair Funderburg, seconded by Trustee Kearney, to accept the separation agreement with Mrs. Beth Young as discussed during closed session.

There was no further discussion. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote. Note: Trustee Cudia lost the Zoom connection during the vote and was not able to cast her vote. By the time she was able to re-enter the meeting, the vote was completed and Board Chair Funderburg had declared that because there was still a quorum, the motion was approved.

**Next Meeting**

The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held May 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The remote meeting will be held via teleconference.

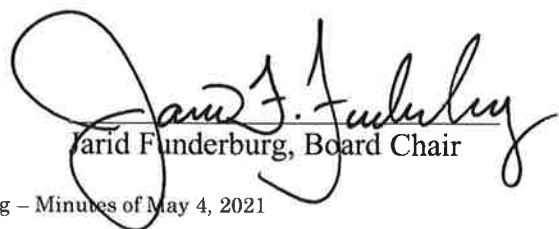
The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held May 25, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. The remote meeting will be held via teleconference.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 7:02 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Kearney, seconded by Trustee Nelson. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by Ann Kerwitz

  
Robert Trojan, Secretary

  
Jarid Funderburg, Board Chair