

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
October 5, 2023**

Chair Andrew Wilson called the State Board of Trustees meeting to order at 1:00 pm ET.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Dora called the roll, and the presence of a quorum was announced.

The following State Trustees were present in person:

Mr. Andrew W. Wilson, Chair
Ms. Kim Emmert O'Dell, Vice Chair
Mr. Michael R. Dora, Secretary
Mr. Terry Anker
Ms. Stephanie Bibbs
Ms. Jennie Dekker
Mr. Jeremy Lugbill
Mr. Stewart McMillan
Mr. Kerry Stemler

The following State Trustees were present virtually:

Ms. Marianne Glick
Ms. Paula Hughes-Schuh

The following State Trustees were not present:

Mr. Jesse Brand
Ms. Tanya Foutch
Ms. Gretchen Gutman
Mr. Harold Hunt

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDA

Following notice under IC 5-14-1.5-4, IC 5-14-1.5-5 and IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(d)

The State Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on October 4, 2023, at 1:30 pm at 3501 N. First Avenue, Evansville, Indiana.

Members present were Andrew Wilson, Chair, Kim Emmert O'Dell, Vice Chair, Michael Dora, Secretary, Terry Anker, Stephanie Bibbs, Jennie Dekker, Tanya Foutch, Marianne Glick, Gretchen Gutman, Paula Hughes-Schuh, Jeremy Lugbill, Stewart McMillan, and Kerry Stemler.

The Trustees considered the following items as permitted under IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b). For each subject, a reference to the applicable subdivision of IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) and a description of that subject are included.

- (2) (B) Initiation of litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing.
- (5) To receive information about and interview prospective employees
- (7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.
- (9) To discuss job performance evaluations of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

With the approval of these minutes, the Trustees present at the meeting certify that no subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice issued for this meeting.

B. NOTICES OF MEETING MAILED AND POSTED

Trustee Michael Dora, Secretary, confirmed that the notice of the October 5, 2023, regular meetings was properly mailed and posted. The public was invited to attend the meetings open to the public.

C. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Trustee McMillan moved to approve the August 3, 2023, board meeting minutes. Trustee Anker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item 1 Chair Wilson called upon Trustee Michael Dora for an **Academics & Student Experience Committee** report. Trustee Dora reported that there are no action items for board approval.

Provost Dean McCurdy provided the board with an update about the college's enrollment. Total headcount continues to track ahead of prior years on record and is currently at over 162,000 students served with a goal of serving 180,000 students by the end of June 2024. He reported that the college has already enrolled over 82,000 high school students at Ivy Tech this year, which is more than all last year. Enrollment for Summer and Fall remains up at all 19 campuses, with the Madison Campus exceeding their annual headcount goal for 2023-2024. Retention of students continues to improve, and campuses are currently focused on the second 8-week Fall term, which begins October 23rd, and on Spring 2024 registration.

McCurdy also discussed the enrollment pipeline for students, which includes efforts to support leads, opportunities, and enrolled students. An overview of conversion was provided and opportunities for engagement within the enrollment pipeline were discussed.

The board was provided an update about the Indiana Commission for Higher Education Pre-Admissions program, a partnership involving 327 high schools and 38 Indiana colleges and universities. Through this effort, Ivy Tech is engaging with over 56,000 high school seniors and their parents or guardians to welcome high school seniors from the class of 2024 to Ivy Tech.

Item 2 Chair Wilson called upon Trustee Gutman for a report from the **Audit Committee**. Trustee Gutman reported the committee did not meet therefore there are no action items for consideration and approval.

Item 3 Chair Wilson called upon Trustee Stemler for a **Building, Grounds, and Capital Committee** report. Trustee Stemler reported there are two action items for board approval.

Trustee Stemler moved for approval of **Resolution 2023-35, Approval of Contract for the Architectural and Engineering Services for the Indianapolis Restructure Capital Project, Indianapolis Campus**. Trustee Dora seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Stemler moved for approval of **Resolution 2023-36, Approval of the Contract of the Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) for the Indianapolis Restructure Capital Project, Indianapolis Campus**. Trustee Dekker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Stemler reported the committee also received an update on the status of the land transfer to Family Scholar House and the status of quarterly XBE spend.

Item 4 Chair Wilson called upon Trustee Anker for the **Finance and Business Affairs Committee** report. Trustee Anker reported there are two action items for board approval.

Trustee Anker moved for approval of **Resolution 2023-37, Approval of Security Services Contract, Indianapolis Campus**. Trustee Bibbs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Anker moved for approval of **Resolution 2023-38, Approval of Network Equipment Hardware Purchase, Systems Office**. Trustee Emmert O'Dell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Anker reported the committee received information on the Fiscal year 2023 year-end Financial Position, Campus Financial Metric Update fiscal year 2023, S&P Rating, Economic Update and Fiscal year 2024 Budget update.

Item 6 Chair Wilson called upon Trustee Hughes-Schuh for a **Marketing & Public Affairs Committee** report. Trustee Hughes-Schuh reported were no action items

for consideration and approval. Chief of Staff Matt Hawkins outlined progress made in marketing efforts.

Item 7 Chair Wilson called upon Trustee Emmert O'Dell to give the report from the **Workforce Alignment Committee**. Trustee Emmert O'Dell stated there were no action items for consideration and approval.

Senior Vice President Dodge described how Ivy Tech Career Link departments are serving Indiana's employers. Career Link's Employer Consultants across the State use a consultative process with employers. These relationships are strategically designed to allow employers to keep up with labor market needs and ensure return on investment. Another key Career Link role for sourcing talent is the Talent Connection Manager who focuses on connecting employers to our Ivy Tech students for work and learn opportunities and job placement.

Career Link leaders can leverage a suite of tools to meet employer needs, including Achieve Your Degree, Apprenticeship, career exploration and coaching, and Skills Training. Academic Affairs is a key partner for Career Link in designing solutions for employers. Faculty serve as subject matter experts and engage employers in their classrooms, and Student Affairs professionals provide wrap-around support.

When the College aligns with the employer, students entering these pathways are successful. They are employed and can continually upskill into higher level roles and earn higher wages. These relationships ensure our students will graduate and have a better every day after.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT

Chair Wilson called upon Dom Chase, CFO and Treasurer, to provide the Treasurer's Report.

The College's strong financial position has enabled us to navigate economic uncertainties and laid the foundation for future success. Our liquidity position remains strong, with adequate reserves at both the system and campus levels, ensuring stability and flexibility in pursuing educational innovations. We continue investing in vital areas such as technology enhancement, new enrollment initiatives, and campus infrastructure, aligning with our mission to provide accessible, high-quality education.

In conclusion, Ivy Tech Community College's financial strength is essential to our continued success. Our sound financial management is a testament to our commitment to excellence and positions us well for sustainable growth and a positive impact on our community.

Trustee Dora moved for approval of the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Anker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. STATE OF THE COLLEGE

Chair Wilson called upon President Ellspermann to provide her State of the College report.

President Ellspermann spotlighted the Terre Haute Campus on the ENTEK Groundbreaking, Bloomington Campus for being awarded the DoD Semiconductors Funding Award to develop a smart manufacturing and microelectronics lab, Sellersburg Campus being named the recipient of the Healthcare Workforce Leadership Award at the Optimize Conference and Ivy Tech Valparaiso Student Dustin Price for receiving 1st place in the US Cyber Challenge 2023 Cyber Security Competition.

President Ellspermann also provided an update on Ivy+ Textbooks and the 2023-25 Strategic Plan – Higher Education at the Speed of Life.

President Ellspermann spotlighted the Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering, and Applied Science School and the Public Affairs and Social Sciences School.

President Ellspermann invited guest speakers Dr. Tara Bishop, Superintendent of Perry Central Community Schools, and Kate King, Site Director, Tell City, to provide a community update.

President Ellspermann thanked Michelle Simmons for her 30 years of service.

Trustee Anker moved to approve **Resolution 2023-40, Resolution Honoring the Leadership of Michelle Simmons**. Trustee Dora seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Wilson called for old business, but there was none.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Wilson called for new business.

Trustee Dekker moved to approve **Resolution 2023-39, Approval of Campus Board of Trustees**. Trustee Emmert O'Dell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

G. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting.

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Dated October 6, 2023, prepared by Gretchen L. Keller, Recording Secretary