

THE BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 515

**Budget Hearing
September 27, 2016**

MINUTES

Dr. Ronald White, Secretary, convened the Budget Hearing of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 515 at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 27, 2016, in the Board Room of the College.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present

Dr. Ronald White, Secretary
Mr. Christopher Baikauskas
Ms. Brunetta Hill-Corley (*arrived at 5:05 p.m.*)
Mr. Wendell Mosby
Ms. Joelle Mulhearn
Mr. Octavio Origel, Student Trustee (*arrived at 5:05 p.m.*)

Board Members Absent

Ms. Jacqueline Agee, Chair
Mr. Marc Wiley, Vice Chair

Table Participants Present

Dr. Terri L. Winfree, President
Ms. Patricia Gallagher Trost, Board Recorder
Dr. Marie Hansel, Vice President, Academic Affairs
Dr. Thomas Saban, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Mr. Craig Schmidt, Vice President, Community and Economic Development
Dr. Gregory Thomas, Vice President, Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Ms. Emily Witt, Del Galdo Law Group
Mr. Andy Schott, Faculty Representative
Ms. Peggy Jones, Support Staff Representative
Mr. Jesus DeFranco, Student Representative

Administrators Present

Dr. Stefanie Coleman; Mr. David Cronan; Ms. Deborah Havighorst; Mr. Greg Kain; Dr. Adane Kassa; Ms. Marina Kibardina; Mr. Tim Kosiek; Mr. George Pfothenhauer; Dr. Debra Prendergast; Mr. Felix Simpkins

Faculty Members Present

Dr. Craig Mulling; Ms. Valerie Nicholson; Mr. Ed Schwarz; Ms. Vivian Zimmerman

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Staff Members Present

Ms. Crystal Alston; Ms. Elizabeth Logan; Ms. Cheron Ricks; Ms. Andrea Small

SECRETARY PRO TEM

Dr. White moved and Mr. Mosby seconded to appoint Ms. Joelle Mulhearn as Secretary Pro Tem.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Baikauskas	Aye
Mr. Mosby	Aye
Ms. Mulhearn	Aye
Dr. White	Aye

The vote being four (4) Ayes, and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.

ORAL/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

FY2017 BUDGET HEARING

Presentation of FY2017 Budget

Dr. Saban gave an overview of the FY2017 Tentative Budget that was approved at the June 28 Board meeting. Since that time, the college has come to realize that it may not get the level of state funding that was planned at that time which was 90% of what the college got in FY2015. The college now wants to budget 75% of what it received in FY2016, because it does not feel confident due to the budget impasse.

Dr. Saban noted the reconciliation sheet entitled "Changes from Tentative Budget" which details the revisions made from the tentative budget to the final budget. There was savings from health insurance costs and an increase in surplus in the Community and Economic Development programs.

(Mr. Octavio Origel and Ms. Brunetta Hill Corley arrived at this time).

Mr. Mosby is concerned that in order for the college to work with decreased funding from the state, but there has been talk across the state that if colleges are able to demonstrate that they are able to operate without that state support, that support may not come back. He knows that other colleges have planned for deficits. His only concern is the fact that the college has been able to find areas to reduce and other areas for increased revenues. He is concerned the college will not see that state money again.

Dr. Saban stated it is hard to say and the college wants to be accurate, but there is always that chance.

Mr. Mosby said he would still budget for a deficit. Ms. Hill-Corley asked if the current numbers still show the college will receive that money. Dr. Saban stated it does not include receiving \$472,000 of state money. The college originally budgeted 90% of what the college received in FY2015 because that is the last time the college received full funding.

Mr. Mosby suggested that the budget be 85% rather than 75% in order to give the college a little more breathing room. Even if it's not 10%, but say 8% to give the college a little more breathing room. He knows that enrollment is down and tuition has been increased, but he does not want to see the college in a pickle even if it means the college being tight on its reserves and becomes very lean.

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Dr. Winfree said that if the college went to the 90%, it would not have anything to go into reserves. Mr. Mosby asked about 8%. Dr. Saban said that would be \$62,000 approximately. Mr. Mosby added that FY2018 could be when Springfield is going to try to appease as many people as possible. He thinks more money will be coming at the level of FY2015. Dr. Saban said he could make it 85%. If the college wants, it could add \$62,000 to this bottom line in reserve and instead of \$119,474, it can be \$181,000.

Mr. Mosby added that if the college is seeing an increase in some of its auxiliary programs, maybe with a little more aggressiveness, it can see some more come in. He asked if the Conference Center is seeing increased revenue by allowing alcohol to be served because that had been a constraint. Dr. Winfree said that it has and the clients have their own insurance, and hire their own bartenders.

Dr. Saban said that he could make it the 85% and make the surplus to be \$181,474 rather than \$119,474. The college could use that money if things turn worse.

Mr. Mosby added that his relationship with the governor's office has changed so he may be able to have some conversations with them. He added that Dr. Saban has done a great job keeping things afloat, but he does not want the college to be in that tight of a pickle. Ms. Hill-Corley agreed.

Mr. Mosby asked Mr. Schmidt if his area will be able to bring in more money. Mr. Schmidt said they had a very good year last year which is why they will be getting the two additional positions.

Dr. Saban asked for approval of the budget by adding \$62,000 into reserves. The motion for budget approval will be made in the regular meeting. Ms. Hill-Corley asked if the changes would be made for the regular meeting to reflect what was discussed in the hearing. Dr. Saban said he could not get it all on paper right now. Dr. Winfree said the motion will reflect the change.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mosby moved and Ms. Hill-Corley seconded that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. All members present voted Aye, and the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Jacqueline J. Agee, Chair

Dr. Ronald White, Secretary

Patricia Gallagher Trost, Board Recorder
