

THE BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 515

**Organizational Meeting  
April 6, 2006**

**MINUTES**

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Ms. Mary Lee Johnson, Chair, convened the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 515 at 5:02 p.m., Thursday, April 6, 2006 in the Board Room of the College.

**ROLL CALL:**

Board Members Present

Mr. Michael Camilli  
Ms. Peg Donohue  
Ms. Kathleen Doyle  
Mr. Mark Fazzini  
Ms. Mary Lee Johnson  
Mr. John Marks  
Ms. Janice Pearson

Board Members Absent

Ms. Yolanda Beamon, Student Trustee

Table Participants Present

Dr. Paul J. McCarthy, President  
Ms. Patricia Trost, Board Recorder  
Ms. Sue Braasch, Staff Representative  
Mr. Richard Ray, Student Representative

Table Participants Absent

Dr. Linda Uzureau, Vice President, Academic Affairs  
Mr. Robert Tenuta, Vice President, Business & Information Services  
Dr. Stephen Nunes, Vice President, Community & Economic Development  
Ms. Mary Reaves, Vice President, Student Affairs  
Mr. John Flannigan, Faculty Representative

Administrative Staff Members

None.

Support Staff Members

Mr. Julius Neveles

Faculty Members

None.

News Media

Ms. Clare Walters, *The Star*

Others

None.

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**ORAL/WITTEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

There were none.

**CHAIR PRO TEM**

*Ms. Doyle moved and Ms. Pearson seconded to appoint Ms. Mary Lee Johnson as Chair Pro Tem. All members present voted Aye, and the motion carried.*

**APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Chair

*Ms. Doyle moved and Ms. Donohue seconded that the Board of Trustees nominate Ms. Mary Lee Johnson as Chair of the Board of Trustees.*

*Mr. Fazzini moved and Mr. Camilli seconded that the Board of Trustees nominate Ms. Janice Pearson as Chair of the Board of Trustees*

Ms. Doyle commented the Chair position is a learning process and takes at least a year to understand what it is to be Board Chair. She commended Ms. Johnson for the job she has done noting she was always available when Ms. Doyle needed information. In spite of some difficult times, Ms. Johnson maintained a professional and positive attitude and a strong commitment to the College. Ms. Doyle thanked Ms. Johnson for doing a great job and would like her to continue as Chair.

Ms. Donohue agrees that the Chair position is a learning process. Ms. Johnson has grown and come along way with Roberts Rules of Order. She would like to see Ms. Johnson continue as Chair for a second year.

Mr. Fazzini stated at last year's organizational meeting, the Board discussed the fact Ms. Pearson was interested in becoming Chair. This is Ms. Pearson's last year of her first term and if she decides not to run again, she will not have an opportunity to be Chair. Ms. Pearson has shown her commitment to the Board by coming up with new ideas as to how the trustees can be better trustees.

Mr. Camilli stated he will support Ms. Pearson based on similar reasons as stated by Mr. Fazzini. When the Board discussed this last year, it was agreed last year was Ms. Johnson's year and this year would be Ms. Pearson's year. There should not be a monopoly on the Chair position. Everyone should be given an opportunity. Ms. Johnson did a decent job as Chair.

Ms. Doyle pointed out there was a discussion last year about Ms. Pearson becoming Chair. However, she believes that a person should not be Chair just because it is their turn. There needs to be commitment to the College. Ms. Pearson was appointed as the representative to the Foundation and was unable to attend many of the Foundation meetings because of other commitments.

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Dr. McCarthy stated Ms. Pearson has attended meetings as part of the College's long range planning and health insurance committees. In addition, she was involved ACCT and ICCTA. He noted since he has been President, the trustee representative to the Foundation has not worked out very well. The Foundation has an expectation that the Board wants to connect with them in a meaningful way. If the representative is unable to attend Foundation meetings and events, it might be best to discontinue the position.

Ms. Donohue stated she sympathizes with everyone's busy schedule. She believes both Ms. Johnson and Ms. Pearson are equally qualified. However, Ms. Johnson has just got her feet wet and is beginning to hit her stride.

Ms. Pearson stated she is committed to making the Board more proactive which she believes is part of the responsibility of the Board Chair. She has chaired a number of boards and would be willing to listen to everyone and be fair.

Ms. Johnson stated being Chair has not been easy and she did not feel tremendously supported. She would very much like the Board to work together in this non-partisan situation.

*Mr. Fazzini moved and Mr. Camilli seconded that the Board of Trustees close the nominations for the appointment of Chair of the Board of Trustees. All members present voted Aye, and the motion carried.*

*Mr. Fazzini moved and Mr. Camilli seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Janice Pearson as Chair of the Board of Trustees*

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

Mr. Camilli voted for	Ms. Pearson
Ms. Donohue voted for	Ms. Johnson
Mr. Fazzini voted for	Ms. Pearson
Ms. Pearson voted for	Ms. Pearson
Ms. Doyle voted for	Ms. Johnson
Ms. Johnson voted for	Ms. Johnson
Mr. Marks voted for	Ms. Pearson

***The vote being four (4) votes for Ms. Pearson and three (3) votes for Ms. Johnson, Ms. Pearson is appointed Chair of the Board of Trustees.***

Vice Chair

*Ms. Pearson moved and Mr. Camilli seconded that the Board of Trustees nominate Mr. Mark Fazzini as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. All members present voted Aye, and the motion carried.*

*Mr. Camilli moved and Mr. Marks seconded to close the nomination for Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. All members present voted Aye, and the motion carried.*

*Mr. Camilli moved and Mr. Marks seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Mr. Mark Fazzini as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees*

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Nay
Ms. Doyle	Nay
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Nay
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye

***The vote being four (4) Ayes and three (3) Nays, the motion carried.***

Secretary

*Ms. Johnson moved and Ms. Doyle seconded that the Board of Trustees nominate Mr. John Marks as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.*

Mr. Marks respectfully declined the nomination.

*Mr. Donohue moved and Mr. Fazzini seconded that the Board of Trustees nominate Mr. Michael Camilli as Secretary of the Board of Trustees. All members present voted Aye, and the motion carried.*

Mr. Camilli agreed to take the position if no one else was interested.

*Mr. Fazzini moved and Mr. Camilli seconded that the Board of Trustees close the nominations for Secretary of the Board of Trustees. All members present voted Aye, and the motion carried.*

*Mr. Fazzini moved and Ms. Pearson seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Mr. Michael Camilli as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.*

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye

***The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.***

Recorder

*Ms. Johnson moved and Ms. Doyle seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Patricia Trost as Recorder of the Board of Trustees.*

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye

*The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.*

Treasurer

*Mr. Camilli moved and Ms. Donohue seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Robert Tenuta as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.*

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye

*The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF 2006-2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING DAY, TIME AND PLACE**

Approval of 2006-2007 Regular Board Meeting Day, Time and Place

*Mr. Fazzini moved and Mr. Camilli seconded that the Board of Trustees hold the 2006-2007 Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 515 on the last Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room (Room 2274) of the College.*

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye

*The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.*

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**2006-2007 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Prairie State College Foundation Representative(s)

*Mr. Camilli moved and Mr. Marks seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Peg Donohue as Representative to the Prairie State College Foundation and Ms. Kathleen Doyle as Alternate Representative.*

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye

*The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.*

ICCTA Representative(s)

*Mr. Fazzini moved and Ms. Doyle seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Peg Donohue as Representative to the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) and Ms. Kathleen Doyle as Alternate Representative.*

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye

*The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.*

ACCT Representative(s)

*Ms. Pearson moved and Ms. Doyle seconded that the Board of Trustees appoint Ms. Mary Johnson as Representative to the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT).*

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye

*The vote being seven (7) Ayes, no (0) Nays, and one (1) Advisory, the motion carried.*

Other Board Committees

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*Ms. Donohue moved and Mr. Marks seconded that the Board of Trustees establish a Services Committee, as a committee of the full Board.*

Ms. Donohue asked the Board to consider establishing a services committee. It was noted there are a number of contracts coming up and the President has suggested such a committee of the Board be established to review the contracts.

The Board agreed a committee of the whole would be established to review and discuss services such as banking, architects, auditors, insurance brokers, attorneys, etc. The committee would meet on a day other than the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

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

Mr. Camilli	Aye
Ms. Donohue	Aye
Ms. Doyle	Aye
Mr. Fazzini	Aye
Ms. Johnson	Aye
Mr. Marks	Aye
Ms. Pearson	Aye

*The vote being seven (7) Ayes and no (0) Nays, the motion carried.*

Board Liaisons

The Board discussed at length the pros and cons of establishing board liaisons. Ms. Pearson noted Mr. Fazzini put together the document based on the comments from the other trustees and College Counsel. The document is not ironclad.

Ms. Donohue stated she likes the way everything works now, i.e., the President is the liaison to the Board and staff. She cannot think of any time the departments were not prepared. Ms. Johnson noted each of the Cabinet members are highly educated in their fields.

Mr. Fazzini pointed out there have been a number of times board policy has not been adhered to and questions from the Board were not anticipated. Mr. Camilli noted if the Board planned to discuss specific instances, it would be important to move into Executive Session..

Ms. Johnson pointed out if board liaisons are created, it could have a significant impact on board policy. Mr. Fazzini pointed out at this time board policies would not need to be revised. He suggested if the board liaisons structure becomes of value to the board, then policies could be revised, as needed. However, if it does not work, then policies will not have to be revised again.

Dr. McCarthy suggested that Campus & Public Safety and satellite centers be removed from the board liaisons. Those two departments are part of larger divisions. Ms. Pearson noted she created seven areas in order to get each trustee involved. Dr. McCarthy noted it was more appropriate that the board liaison work at the vice president level.

Mr. Camilli stated anything that improves communication is good. This is a document to be used to

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facilitate discussion and is not policy and procedure.

Ms. Doyle agreed the intent of increasing communication is good; however, she noted she does not see board liaisons as a way of increasing communication. She would not feel comfortable telling vice presidents that all the i's are not dotted and t's are not crossed. Mr. Camilli stated he would not tell the vice president, but would talk to the President about his concerns. Whether a recommendation ends up on the agenda is up to the President and the Board Chair. There is no board member who can stop that.

Ms. Pearson suggested that although there are concerns about communication, she believes it will improve. Things will be done differently. As the Board becomes more proactive, things will take care of themselves. She suggested the board liaisons discussion be tabled for six months to a year.

Mr. Camilli stated he would feel comfortable tabling this discussion for six months. He suggested it could be discussed at a future workshop.

Ms. Johnson thanked Mr. Fazzini for putting together the document. In the future, however, such documents should have the author's name on it.

It was the consensus of the Board to table the discussion of board liaisons until the Board Chair places it on a future agenda.

Mr. Fazzini distributed a document regarding board self-evaluation in order for Board members to review and digest and look to doing in the future. Ms. Donohue suggested one piece of the evaluation should be feedback from constituencies and feedback from faculty, administrative council and president.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Ms. Donohue moved and Ms. Johnson seconded that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. All members present voted Aye, and the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.*

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Janice P. Pearson, Chair

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Michael Camilli, Secretary

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Patricia G. Trost, Board Recorder

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