

MINUTES
WAUBONSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency

November 13, 2024

I. Convene Open Session

A Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Waubonsee Community College, Community College District 516, Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, LaSalle, and Will Counties, IL, convened at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, in the Community Board Room of Dickson Center, Route 47 at Waubonsee Drive, Sugar Grove, IL.

Roll call found the following committee members present: Dr. Brian Knetl; John Bryant, Rick Guzman; Ashley Hatcher, Daniel Jaquez, Patrick Kelsey; Rebecca D. Oliver; Mike Rennels, and Tina Willson; committee members absent: Jim Ratos, Stacey Ries, and Greg Thomas; and staff members present: Mary Baccheschi, Dan Larsen, and J. C. Paez.

II. Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act

A. Committee Membership Update

Dr. Brian Knetl, Decennial Committee Chair, and President of Waubonsee Community College, announced that since the formation of Waubonsee's Decennial Committee on May 17, 2023, there have been some minor changes to the committee membership. The committee includes the members of the Board of Trustees, John Bryant (who is replacing Douglas Minter), and two residents of the district will continue to serve: Jim Ratos and Mike Rennels. A third resident was appointed at the May 17, 2023 Decennial Committee meeting, Daniel Jaquez, however, Mr. Jaquez is now a current member of the Board of Trustees, due to the resignation of Jimmie Delgado, and will serve in that role instead.

B. Approval of the May 17, 2023 Decennial Committee Meeting Minutes

The committee, on a motion by Mr. Guzman and seconded by Ms. Willson, unanimously approved the May 17, 2023 Decennial Committee meeting minutes.

C. Topic of Study Discussion: Board Policies and Procedures Related to the Use of College Facilities and Services

Board policies related to the use of college facilities and services, and proposed topics/questions regarding the college's current processes and procedures, were shared with the committee. Dr. Knetl facilitated a discussion in an effort to guide the committee towards completion of a final report that will include recommendations for increased accountability and efficiency.

The committee identified several recommendations for consideration that included: connecting and aligning all policies to applicable standards and procedures for decision-making and implementation; developing categories of groups and events that will provide transparency and assist with decision-making on how the College will approach requests for the use of college facilities and services; adopting a more inviting approach to making facilities and services available to groups and events with existing or pending strategic partnerships; developing a fee structure that is clear and may differentiate costs based on strategic partnerships between the College and requesting parties; developing a process that will provide guidance for determining how facility and service requests are prioritized; developing criteria for what types of behaviors and activities may be prohibited based on codes, laws, and potential harm to the College; and crafting a statement (a “preamble” or “purpose statement”) for the policy which expresses the College’s desire to serve the community but also balances respect for expression with the business and mission of the College.

D. Next Decennial Committee Meeting: November 20, 2024

Following the committee’s discussion, college staff will prepare a draft version of the final report for review, and possible approval, at the next Decennial Committee meeting, scheduled for November 20, 2024.

III. Public Comment

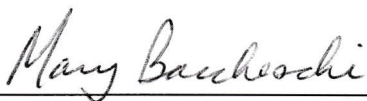
A. General Public Comment

No public comments were submitted.

Dr. Knetl commented that a survey will be sent in an email, as required by the Act, to all residents in attendance and who provide a valid email address to the college, asking for their input on matters discussed at the meeting.

IV. Adjournment

The committee, on a motion by Mr. Rennels and seconded by Mr. Bryant, unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m.



Mary Baccheschi, Clerk of the Board