

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Minutes

April 21, 2025

Chairman Cynthia Sherwood called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Sherwood requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Susan Porter motioned; Mark Lasater seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Sherwood welcomed all guests in attendance. Taylor Crawshaw, David Adams, Kris Ferguson, Kensey Williams, Tyler Allen, Andy Taylor, Stacey Wright, Matt Simpson, Makenttis Adams, Lori Boots, Logan Null, Cynthia Sherwood, Susan Porter, Jeri Hammerschmidt, Mark Lasater, Bruce Peterson, Cody Oates, Bridget Carson, Ben Seel, Sally Kittrell, Bre Sanford, Sherry Garrison, and Dr. Jonathan Sadhoo. Patti Snyder was absent.

Logan Null led the Pledge of Allegiance

Cynthia Sherwood read the Mission Statement

Jeri Hammerschmidt read the Vision Statement

Sherwood requested a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Logan Null motioned to approve; Mark Lasater seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Kris Ferguson, Director of Marketing, introduced Kensey Williams, ICC Web Master. Williams presented the updated website mentioning the updated website will provide information to assist students, how to apply, while providing better accessibility for ICC students. Williams mentioned the projected launch date is expected for June 30, 2025.

David Adams presented the April Student of the Month; Makenttis Adams.

In new business, Dr. Jonathan Sadhoo gave a brief update on the Welding Facility. Mentioning that the Department of Commerce DRAW grant of (740K) was due to expire in June of 2025. However, after reaching out to the firm regarding the grant award, ICC is eligible for a no-cost extension until October 2025, utilizing this extension while attempting to locate additional revenue to bridge the funding gap for the welding project. It was also mentioned that if an additional extension as needed the college can ask for another extension into December without receiving a penalty.

Taylor Crawshaw presented the overnight travel request for Upward Bound Summerfest. The Upward Bound overnight trip for \$12,000 would cover food/lodging for approximately 40 students traveling to Oklahoma City; the trip would include sites such as the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum; the total expense is 100% grant funded. Susan Porter motioned to approve; Mark Lasater seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Lori Boots presented the Recommendation for Early Retirement for Dr. Isaias McCaffery, (the longest tenured professor at ICC) with a final date of June 30, 2025. Sherwood requested a motion to approve. Mark Lasater motioned to approve McCaffery's retirement. Logan Null seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Boots presented the Early Retirement Benefit for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. Logan Null motioned to approve; Susan Porter seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

David Adams presented the New Telehealth Contract with TimelyCare for approval; Adams gave a brief update on the services currently offered with a cost of \$42,978.60 for a total of three years, with year one cost of \$13,500 with a 6% rise in years two and three. Adams mentioned there is a one-year option with an implementation fee of \$21,000. After some discussion, Sherwood requested a motion to approve. Logan Null motioned to approve; Susan Porter seconded. Mark Lasater opposed the contract. Motion carried 4 – 0. Mark Lasater abstained from the vote.

Dr. Jonathan Sadhoo presented the memo for Procurement of Rural Outreach Grant Fleet Vehicle for \$67,401 which is fully grant funded. This memo was originally approved in September of 2024. However, the new memo reflected a more affordable model/d vendor for the vehicle purchase. Sherwood requested a motion to approve. Susan Porter motioned to approve, Logan Null seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Sadhoo presented the request to move the May 19th Board Meeting to May 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. With no discussion regarding the date change, Sherwood requested a motion to approve. Logan Null motioned; Mark Lasater seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

The payables were presented. With no changes and/or discussion, a motion to approve was requested by Sherwood. Logan Null motioned to approve; Susan Porter seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Dr. Jonathan Sadhoo presented the Presidents Report. In Sadhoo's update, he mentioned the HLC accreditation process regarding consolidation between ICC and CCC which could take 12 to 18 months to complete the public vote in addition, there is a process with the department of education that would be completed; HLC's legal counsel has advised that this can take 12-24 months. It was also mentioned that while we are still working on establishing accurate timelines, a rough estimate when considering the statutory process, HLC process, and Department of Education process would mean that the earliest date for the new entity to potentially form would be July 1, 2027 but could possibly be as long as July 1, 2028 depending on the formation of a new entity to align with the start of the fiscal year.

Sherwood requested a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Susan Porter motioned to approve; Logan Null seconded. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Cherie Stockton
Board Clerk