IVCCD Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Iowa Valley Community College District
Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 4:00 PM
District Services Building Board Room,
3702 South Center Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158

Attendance:

Members Present: Chris Brodin, Amber Danielson, Joanna Hofer, Clark Lawler, Taylor Nederhoff, Jackie Pippin, Paul Pohlson

Also in attendance were President Dr. Anne Howsare Boyens, Board Secretary Abigail Casey, Board Treasurer Amanda Bloomquist, and other college personnel.

Call to Order:

Board President Hofer called the Board Meeting for the Iowa Valley Community College District Board of Directors to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, in the District Services Building Board Room, 3702 South Center Street, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

None.

Approval of the Agenda:
Director Lawler moved approval of the agenda. Motion seconded by Director Pohlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence and/or Visitors:

None.

Comments from Representatives to the Board:

ECC Representative Joerg Rochlitzer, IVG Representative Barb Hall, MCC Representative Danielle Kness, and BCS Representative Neysa Hartlzer shared updates with the Board.

Public Comment:

None.

Recognition:

None.

Introduction of New Employees:

Dr. Matt Schmit introduced new employees: Sheila Winburn, MCC Welding Faculty; Amit Deb Nath, MCC Robotics and Automation Faculty; Jessica Goforth, MCC English Faculty; Gena Wolgamott, MCC English Faculty; John Gallien, MCC Psychology Faculty; Saif Habib, IVCCD Director of Institutional Research and Assessment; David Neille, IVCCD Instructional Designer and LMS Administrator; and Trudi Foval-Johnson, MCC Learning Services Specialist.

Strategic Presentation: Growing Together: The story behind enrollment increase

Dr. Barb Klein and Angie Redmond presented an overview of the collaborative strategies, partnerships, and student-focused efforts contributing to enrollment growth across the District. IVCCD's fall 2026 enrollment showed total student headcount increased 17.61%, from 2,708 to 3,185, while credit hours rose 7.98% and new student enrollment grew 6.20%. High school enrollment increased 30.22%, accounting for 51.3% of total headcount. Both campuses contributed to this progress, with MCC reporting 22.4% headcount growth and ECC reporting 4.19% growth. To sustain enrollment amid a shrinking traditional college-age population and changing student expectations, IVCCD plans to expand out-of-district recruitment, strengthen concurrent enrollment conversion and high school course offerings, highlight programs through campus visits, and reach more adult and online learners.

President's Comments Regarding the Consent Agenda:

Dr. Howsare Boyens highlighted the upcoming Board Retreat in November, the ECC Trades Storage Building quotes, and snow removal quotes from each campus.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:
Director Danielson moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Consent Agenda Items: 5.1 Approval of Minutes; 5.2 Personnel Report; 5.3 Approval of Bills as Audited by the Finance Committee; 5.4 Review and Approval of Board Policies; 6.2 ECC Trades Building Quotes; and 6.3 ECC, MCC, and IVG Snow Removal Quotes. Director Brodin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda Action Items

Approval of Taylor Nederhoff to IVCCD Director District 1

Board President Joanna Hofer recommended the appointment of Taylor Nederhoff, of Iowa Falls, to IVCCD Director District 1 to fill the term until November 2027 following the resignation of Director Larry Johnson.

Motion:
Director Hofer moved approval and Director Pippin seconded. On roll call: Ayes – Directors Brodin, Danielson, Pippin, Brodin, Pohlson, and Hofer. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Secretary Casey administered the oath of office to Director Nederhoff.

Appointment of Board Members to Board Subcommittees

Director Pohlson moved approval of the appointment of Director Lawler to the Property, Finance, & Development Committee and Director Nederhoff to the Personnel Committee. Director Pippin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval to set the Date for a Public Hearing on the Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimated Cost for the IVCCD-ECC Trades Building Project

Dr. Barb Klein requested approval to set a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the IVCCD Ellsworth Community College Trades & Industries Building renovation project for 4:00 p.m. on November 11, 2026, at Ellsworth Community College, Reg Johnson Room 100, 1100 College Avenue, Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Motion:
Director Brodin moved approval to set the public hearing as presented. Director Lawler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 206F Iowa Jobs Training Agreement with Ritchie Industries

Neysa Hartzler requested approval of a 260F Iowa Jobs Training Agreement with Ritchie Industries Inc. in Conrad, Iowa. They intend to invest these training funds in Production Management and Certification, Warehouse Technology and Supply Chain Training, Refresher Welding, SHRM Conferences and AI Training among others.

Motion:
Director Lawler moved approval of the 260F Jobs Training Agreement with Ritchie Industries in the amount of $25,881. Director Danielson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 206F Iowa Jobs Training Agreement with Lennox Industries

Val Ruff requested approval of a 260F Iowa Jobs Training Agreement with Lennox Industries in Marshalltown, Iowa. The project will provide customized workforce training designed to enhance employee skills, strengthen workplace effectiveness, and support the company's continued operational success and growth.

Motion:
Director Brodin moved approval of the 260F Iowa Jobs Training Agreement with Lennox Industries in the amount of $20, 125. Director Pippin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 206F Iowa Jobs Training Agreement with Mechdyne Corporation

Val Ruff requested approval of a 260F Iowa Jobs Training Agreement with Mechdyne Corporation in Marshalltown, Iowa. The project will provide professional and technical skills training to enhance employee performance, support continued innovation, and strengthen workforce capabilities.

Motion:
Director Danielson moved approval of the 260F Jobs Training Agreement with Mechdyne Corporation in the amount of $20,125. Director Brodin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agreement Between Achieve Mental Health Inc. and Ellsworth Community College

Dr. Barb Klein requested approval of an agreement with Achieve Mental Health Inc. to provide mental health services for Ellsworth Community College students. Services include a minimum of four hours per week of on-campus availability in the Hub and telehealth options.

Motion:
Director Pippin moved approval of the agreement with Achieve Mental Health Inc. Director Lawler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Information Items:

Monthly Financial Statements:

Amanda Bloomquist reviewed the August 2026 narrative summary, statement of revenue over expenses, and investment report are attached. She also noted the audit report will be presented in December.

Board President's Report:

Board President Hofer shared information about the upcoming Board Retreat and ACCT Leadership Conference. She also encouraged board members to vote.

Board Director's Reports:

None

President's Report:

Dr. Howsare Boyens shared District updates, including a positive audit outlook, the anticipated start date for a new CFO, and grant-supported workforce initiatives. She also shared information

regarding the constitutional amendment appearing on the November ballot and planning for the upcoming legislative session.

Board Secretary's Report:

Secretary Casey thanked board members for their patience as they transition to institutional email addresses. She also shared about an upcoming Open Meeting and Open Records training course in November for board members. Directors Nederhoff, Lawler, and Pohlson agreed to participate.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Signed by:



Joanna Hofer, Board President

Signed by:



Abigail Casey, Board Secretary