



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

February 9, 2026

The regular Board of Trustees meeting for Indian Hills Community College was held on February 9, 2026, in the Perkins Conference Room on the Main Campus, Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa, Iowa. Board Vice President Ms. Katie Nichols called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Members present:** Ms. Christine Estle, Ms. Katie Nichols, Mr. Riley Sheetz, and Mr. Mike Matthes.

**Zoom/Phone:** Ms. Beth Danowsky, and Mr. Alan Wilson.

**Members absent:** Mr. Kevin Crall, Mr. Richard J. Gaumer, and Ms. Lori Yates.

**Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Sheetz and seconded by Ms. Estle to approve the board agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 12, 2026, Regular Board meeting were reviewed.

**Motion**

It was moved by Mr. Matthes and seconded by Mr. Sheetz to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2026, Regular Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Establish Public Hearing**

Establish a public hearing on March 9, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, in the Perkins Conference Room, Indian Hills Community College, 525 Grandview Avenue, Ottumwa, Iowa as the date, time and location for a public hearing on the proposed contract documents, (plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost) for the Ottumwa Main Campus ATC and Upper Hellyer Parking Lot Project.

**Motion**

It was moved by Ms. Estle and seconded by Mr. Sheetz to establish a public hearing on March 9, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, in the Perkins Conference Room, Indian Hills Community College, 525 Grandview Avenue, Ottumwa, Iowa as the date, time and location for a public hearing on the proposed contract documents, (plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost) for the Ottumwa Main Campus ATC and Upper Hellyer Parking Lot Project. The motion carried unanimously.

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### Approval of Monthly Claims

Board member Ms. Christine Estle reviewed bills for the month of January on behalf of the board and reported that all questions were answered by appropriate staff members.

### Motion

It was moved by Ms. Estle and seconded by Mr. Matthes to approve the monthly claims for January. The motion carried unanimously.

### FY26 Financial Report

Ms. Taren Ferguson, Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, presented the Financial Report. **Revenue** was higher by \$1,963,944. **Tuition & Fees** were higher than the previous year due to winter registration opening eight days earlier in addition to increased course fees (\$126,000). **State Support** was higher by \$153,356 due to SGA. **Other Income** was down \$853,189 due to last year having the \$825,000 GAP pay transfer in the first quarter, and lower interest income (\$100,000).

**Expenses** were higher by \$1,132,609. **Salaries & Fringe** were up by \$677,821, which is higher than the projected 3% increase. **Services** increased by \$268,76. This was mainly due to fees associated with a third party filing the ERC credit. In addition, utility services increased (\$70,000), and an increase for Information Technology subscription renewals (\$120,000). **Supplies** increased \$203,750 due to testing supplies for nursing (\$70,000) and software/licensure increases for DualEnroll, Touchnet, and other subscriptions.

Fund 2 – Levy accounts are performing as anticipated. IHCC has a plan to spend down the equipment replacement levy in the next quarter.

### Motion

It was moved by Mr. Sheetz and seconded by Ms. Estle to approve the FY26 Financial Report. The motion carried unanimously.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Directors of Indian Hills Community College hereby authorizes the college administration to enter into an agreement with the Mid-Iowa Council of the Boy Scouts of America to purchase sixty acres of land adjacent to the Main Campus of Indian Hills Community College.

- \$280,000 to purchase sixty acres of property.

Dr. Thompson reported that when the property was discussed at the Board Retreat, Mid-Iowa Council of the Boy Scouts of America was asking a purchase price of \$300,000. An offer of \$240,000 was made and rejected. It was settled at a price of \$280,000. Dr. Thompson stated that there is a potential for out of state hunters to purchase the property and that could be a safety issue for our students and children at the Day Care Center.

### Motion

It was moved by Mr. Matthes and seconded by Mr. Sheetz to approve the \$280,00 purchase of sixty acres from the Mid-Iowa Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

A roll call vote was taken:

Ms. Beth Danowsky	Yes
Mr. Alan Wilson	Yes
Mr. Mike Matthes	Yes
Ms. Christine Estle	Yes
Ms. Katie Nichols	Yes

  
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Mr. Riley Sheetz                      Yes

Members absent: Mr. Richard J. Gaumer, Ms. Lori Yates, and Mr. Kevin Crall.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Community Colleges for Iowa Report**

Dr. Matt Thompson presented the Community Colleges for Iowa report. He stated that it has been an active couple of weeks at the state capitol. There is an IEDA Department Bill that will kill the 260E program by taking away Iowa code and the authority to be able to capture withholding credits. Dr. Thompson visited with the governor, two of her staff members, and the president of Iowa Central Community College. They want the 260E program gone and the bill is in a subcommittee and Adrian Dickey sits on this committee. Dr. Thompson plans to talk with Mr. Dickey. Dr. Thompson asked Ms. Danowsky if she would feel comfortable talking to Mr. Dickey and she stated, "she would." We need a clear message for Mr. Dickey going into the meeting and there seems to be a lot of support from the legislature for this program to continue. It's a department bill, so it is funnel proof.

Dr. Thompson talked to Ms. Cherielynn Westrich on Thursday, February 5, 2026, and stated that IHCC has approximately 62% of investments in ISJIT. There is a provision in a bill that's in the subcommittee stating that a maximum of 25% of investments could be with ISJIT and the rest must be with local banks. The Bankers Association Bill is to keep more money in banks; our concern is sometimes banks aren't as competitive and we want the most out of the money that we have. Ms. Westrich is supportive of our position, and it should be competitive. She recommended that Dr. Thompson talk to Mr. Ken Rozenboom. Ms. Westrich will share Dr. Thompson's concerns.

Monday, March 2, 2026, is the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Awards banquet and on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, is Community Colleges Day on the Hill.

### **Personnel Report**

Mr. Zeke Flick, Director, Human Resources, presented the Personnel Report. He reported that IHCC has 366 full-time employees and the turnover rate is at 18.8%. He asked if there were any questions.

### **Motion**

It was moved by Mr. Sheetz and seconded by Ms. Estle to approve the Personnel Report. The motion carried unanimously.


### **President of the College**

#### **A. Facilities Report**

Mr. Cory Lamb, Chief Operating Officer, presented the facilities report. The CNA lab is being moved from the basement of the Rosenmann Building into the Advanced Technology Center in the space that was vacated by Industrial Maintenance.

There is a project in the works for electrical to be installed for the Laser lab. The Laser Department has new equipment that can't be currently utilized due to lack of power. This update is underway.

In Centerville concrete is being formed to finish the baseball parking lot and patio. Concrete will be poured on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, and this project will be complete.

  
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The Radiology lab will be getting two updated rooms as well as new equipment. One room will be used for different modalities, and the second space will house the new equipment.

IHCC will get possession of the Student Wellness Center in May and board members will go on a tour of this building after today's meeting.

### **College Calendar 2031-2032**

Dr. Matt Thompson, President, presented the 2031-2032 college calendar. He reported that there are 7 Holidays and 184 class days for a total of 191 class days, which is standard for faculty and students.

When the Benefits Modernization was implemented, most employees had twelve additional days added to their calendars for a total of 203 working days. We are asking for board approval for the 2031-2032 college calendar.

### **Motion**

It was moved by Ms. Estle and seconded by Mr. Sheetz to approve the 2031-2032 college calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2026-2027 Last Dollar Scholarship Regional Selection Change**

Dr. Matt Thompson, President, presented the 2026-2027 Last Dollar Scholarship Regional selection change.

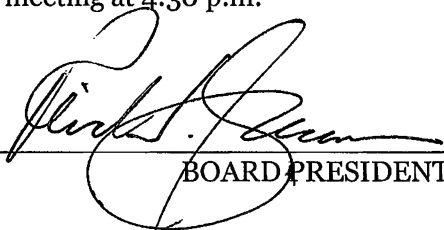
Dr. Thompson stated that there was a change on the regional selection list. Dr. Budde was notified by Workforce Development that Robotics & Smart Technology would not qualify for the Last Dollar Scholarship list because it contained the wrong CIP Code. The CIP Code has been changed, and the program has been readded as an approved program. Medical Laboratory Technician was removed from the list in 2026-2027, but this program will be added because IHCC now has an open slot. Dr. Thompson asked for board approved for the updated 2026-2027 Last Dollar Scholarship selection change.

### **Motion**

It was moved by Mr. Sheetz and seconded by Mr. Matthes to approve the updated Last Dollar Scholarship list for 2026-2027. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Board member Ms. Estle moved that the meeting be adjourned. Hearing no objections, Ms. Nichols adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

  
BOARD PRESIDENT

  
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