Board of Trustees of John Wood Community College
Counties of Adams, Pike, Hancock, Calhoun,
Schuyler, Brown, Morgan, Scott, Cass
and State of Illinois

The meeting will begin at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Requests for public comment may be submitted in accordance with board policy or by calling Leah Benz at (217) 641-4102 or by email at lbenz@jwcc.edu and arrangements will be made to allow public comment through teleconferencing.

Date: **10.21.26 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING**

Location: Student Administrative Center, Board Room, 1301 South 48th Street, Quincy IL 62305

Time: **6:00 P.M.**

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8. President and Committee Reports

8.1 **ICCTA/West Central Region Report** – *Ms. Angela Greger, Ms. Paula Hawley-Sargent, first alternate*

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Core Values: Excellence Accountability Integrity Servant Leadership Lifelong Learning

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9.10 Request adoption of a resolution and certificate abating the tax levied for the year 2026 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021C 27-30

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16. Closed Session

16.1 A closed session will be necessary to consider the appointment, employment, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body matters and release of closed session minutes and the destruction of closed session recordings and for the purpose of discussing "the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired." 50

17. Resume Open Session

18. Open Session Matters

Approve any matter discussed in closed session as necessary and limited to those matters authorized for discussion in closed session by motion of the Boards specifically including but not limited to, the hiring, including non-contractual, contract approval, and contract amendment, release, discharge, discipline, transfer, resignation, and retirement of staff.

19. Adjournment

"The agenda may refer to addenda, reports, presentations, or other documents. These are available in the board Packet and are incorporated by reference. The packet is available from the President's office and may be posted on the website with the agenda."

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Date: 09.16.26 Board of Trustees Meeting

RE: **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Location: Student Administrative Center, Board room, 1301 South 48th Street, Quincy, IL 62305

1. **Call to Order/Appointment of Assistant Secretary**

The **09.16.26** Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at the John Wood Community College Student Administrative Center, Board room, 1301 South 48th Street, Quincy, IL 62305 at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Andy Sprague, chair. Mr. Sprague appointed Ms. Benz assistant secretary.

2. **Roll Call**

Ms. Benz called roll:

NAME	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ms. McDowell			x	
Mr. Snider			x	
Mr. Hess				x
Ms. Hawley-Sargent			x	
Mr. Rhea			x	
Ms. Greger			x	
Mr. Fischer			x	
Mr. Sprague			x	
Voice Vote				

Attendees: Dr. Aron Potter, Ms. Leah Benz, Mr. David Penn (legal counsel), Mr. Chris Koetters, Mr. Paul Miller, Mr. Matt Carey, Ms. Laura Matthews, Dr. Chris Kaelke, Ms. Jennifer Maple, Rev. Carl Terry, Mr. Mark C. Philpot, Ms. Marissa Lumpkin, and Ms. Tracy Orne.

3. **Mission Statement -** Ms. Lauren McDowell read the JWCC mission statement, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by those in attendance.

4. **Introductions**

4.1 **New Employees –** Ms. Baker, Chief Human Resources Officer, introduced:

- Paul Miller, Dean of Career & Technical Education
- Jennifer Maple, Fiscal Services Specialist

4.2 **Blazers at Their Best -** This month, Administration recognized **Becky Will,** staff member**,** and **Lee Torres**, student, who were nominated for the **"Blazers at Their Best"** award.

Becky Will

Becky was nominated by an unnamed individual and employee Julie Quinn. The nominators shared the following comments about Becky:

"She is always on top of things and responds quickly to scheduling reservations." She goes above and beyond for the College for Life program. She is very professional and efficient, kind, timely, and supportive in her role as scheduling coordinator.

Lee Torres

Lee was nominated by an unnamed individual. The nominator shared the following comments about Lee:

"This student always puts a smile on my face every time I see him. He is really a joyful person to be around."

Congratulations were extended to Becky and Lee for being recognized as Blazers at Their Best!

5. **Special Report -** None

6. **Consideration of Items from the Floor -** None

7. **Public and/or Employee Comment -** None

8. **President and Committee Reports**

8.1 **ICCTA/West Central Region Report** – ***Ms. Angela Greger, ICCTA representative, Ms. Paula Hawley-Sargent.***
No report given.

8.2 **Board Executive Committee Report -** ***Mr. Andy Sprague, Ms. Paula Hawley-Sargent, Mr. Bob Rhea***
The Executive Committee met on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., at John Wood Community College. Present were Dr. Aron Potter, president; Andy Sprague, trustee (in person); Bob Rhea, trustee (via Zoom); Josh Welker, vice president of finance and operations; Tracy Orne, dean of external relations; and Leah Benz, executive assistant. Paula Hawley-Sargent, trustee, was absent.

September Board packet items were reviewed and discussed.
Consent and Grant items

- Minutes, bills, financials, and travel expenditures

A recommendation was made for the Board of Trustees to place all grant applications on the consent agenda and to place grant funds awarded on the action agenda for separate approval. As a result, the TRIO Academic Talent Search funds awarded were moved to the action agenda.

A recommendation was also made for Board of Trustees' consideration to move the Illinois Valley Paving renewal agreement and the Quincy Farm Products easement request to the consent agenda.

The intergovernmental agreement providing property tax refunds for new residential construction will remain an action agenda item for individual approval.

Personnel

Updates were provided regarding the search process for the vice president position. Discussion was held on options for filling the director of financial aid position.

Discussion items

Naming Opportunities

Ms. Orne discussed how JWCC can use naming opportunities to attract significant philanthropic investment in facilities, programs, and positions. Naming levels would be determined individually based on the size, visibility, strategic importance, and cost of each opportunity and would be subject to approval by JWCC and the Foundation. Naming gifts could support capital and equipment, program needs, people, endowments, or a combination of these areas — providing both immediate and long-term resources while recognizing donors and advancing JWCC's strategic priorities.

Other

- Inauguration: Friday, October 2, 2026, 3:30 p.m. - Mary Ellen Orr Auditorium
- Fall Retreat: Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. -First Bankers Trust
- Foundation Scholarship Reception: Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 5:30 p.m. – Student Activity Center

8.3 **Board Curriculum Committee Report** – ***Ms. Angela Greger, Mr. Don Hess.*** No meeting was held.

8.4 **Board Finance and Audit Committee Report - *Mr. Larry Fischer, Mr. R. Kent Snider*** - The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., at John Wood Community College. Present were Larry Fischer, trustee; Dr. Aron Potter, president; Josh Welker, vice president of finance and operations; Nora Klingele, director of fiscal services; and Jenny Venvertloh, note taker.

September Board items were reviewed and discussed.

- Bills for payment, overnight travel requests, financials, board budget and investments.

Business items discussed:

Illinois Valley Paving Lease Agreement - The Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the College to renew and enter into a twelve-month (12-month) lease agreement with Illinois Valley Paving beginning October 1, 2026, and terminating on September 30, 2027.

Quincy Farm Products Request for Easement - Quincy Farm Products has requested an easement from the College along the College's Workforce Development Center property to allow for improvements to the drive lane.

Quincy Intergovernmental Property Tax Refund Agreement - The City of Quincy, Quincy Community Unit School District, Quincy Park District, John Wood Community College, and Quincy Township are entering into an agreement to provide property tax refunds for new residential construction.

Mr. Welker gave an update on the audit. It is expected that the financial statement audit will be presented at next month's Board meeting. The federal single audit will be presented at a later date once the compliance supplement has been released.

An inquiry was made about investments in the Illinois treasury account. Mr. Welker stated some of the funds will be moved to other accounts for distribution.

8.5 **Student Trustee Report** – ***Ms. Lauren McDowell –*** Ms. McDowell stated that the recent pickleball event had a strong turnout. The first night had 73 students in attendance, the second night had 93 students, and the third night had 26 students.

Paddle Up would like to offer students the opportunity to play pickleball every Thursday night.

On September 24, a bonfire event will be held at the Ag Center. A bus will transport students to the event.

SGA is planning to host events at each location. Ice skating is planned for Brown County.

On October 3, students will have the opportunity to tour a college in Iowa.

SGA has approved several new clubs and is preparing for the annual Haunted Trails event, which is held on Halloween.

8.6 **Administration Report – *Dr. Aron Potter* –** Dr. Potter provided the monthly updates from her office and the leadership team.

- **Blazer Bash:** Staff assisted with serving the food at this event.
- **Start of School:** The new school year is off to a great start.
- **Active Shooter Training:** Scheduled for September 22.
- **Superintendents/Principals Roundtable Meeting:** Scheduled for September 24.
- **Board of Trustees Retreat:** Scheduled for October 13.
- **Pathways Team:** The Pathways team will be traveling to Dallas to attend a session focused on transfer pathways. Several student services staff members and faculty will be attending.
- **Enrollment:** Student enrollment numbers will be shared in October after the numbers are officially released by the state.

9. **Consent Agenda**
Business Consent items

9.1 Request approval of 08.19.26 Board regular meeting minutes

9.2 Request approval of bills for payment for August **Finance and Audit Committee**

9.3 Request approval of monthly financials for August **Finance & Audit Committee**

9.4 Request approval of trustee & employee travel expenditures for August **Finance & Audit Committee**

9.5 Request authorization to renew and enter into a twelve-month (12-month) lease agreement with Illinois Valley Paving at the Agricultural Education Center from October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027

9.6 Request approval to grant an easement to Quincy Farm Products along the College's Workforce Development Center property to allow for improvements to the drive lane

10. **Grant items (consent)**

10.1 Request authorization to submit a grant application to Illinois Community College Board for FY27 Innovative Bridge & Transitions (IBT) Program for **funds requested: $175,000-$375,000**

10.2 Request authorization to submit a grant application to Illinois Community College Board for FY27 Rural Education, Access, Careers, & Health (REACH) for **funds requested: $221,100**

10.3 Request authorization to submit a grant application to Illinois Community College Board for FY27 Noncredit Strategies at Work (NSAW) for **funds requested**: **$110,000**

10.4 Request authorization to submit a grant application to Illinois Community College Board for FY27 Rural Outreach, Opportunity, Training, & Success (ROOT) for **funds requested**: $**133,319**

Motion: *Approval of consent agenda items*

Moved by: Mr. Snider
Seconded by: Ms. Hawley-Sargent

Discussion:

NAME	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ms. McDowell	x			
Mr. Snider	x			
Mr. Hess				x
Ms. Hawley-Sargent	x			
Mr. Rhea	x			
Ms. Greger	x			
Mr. Fischer	x			
Mr. Sprague	x			
Voice Vote				

11. **Business**

11.1 **MOTION:** *Request approval of acceptance of a 5-year grant award of $1,675,000 from the U.S. Department of Labor on behalf of the Department Education for TRIO - Academic Talent Search with an annual available budget of $336,000*

Discussion: This grant award supports a pre-college outreach program designed to identify and assist students from low-income families and students whose parents have not completed college. The program typically serves middle and high school students and provides resources to help them remain in school and prepare for post-secondary education.

Services may include academic advising, career and financial aid counseling, tutoring referrals, and assistance with college applications and admissions. The goal is to encourage students to enroll in and successfully complete a college or career program.

Moved by: Ms. Hawley-Sargent
Seconded by: Ms. Greger

NAME	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ms. McDowell	x			
Mr. Snider	x			
Mr. Hess				x
Ms. Hawley-Sargent	x			
Mr. Rhea	x			
Ms. Greger	x			
Mr. Fischer	x			
Mr. Sprague	x			
Voice Vote				

11.2 **MOTION:** *Request authorization to enter into an agreement between the City of Quincy, Quincy Community Unit School District, Quincy Park District, Quincy Township, and John Wood Community College to provide property tax refunds for new residential construction*

Discussion: This agreement is to provide property tax refunds for new residential construction. The parties involved include the City of Quincy, Quincy Community Unit School District, Quincy Park District, Quincy Township, and JWCC.

Moved by: Mr. Snider
Seconded by: Mr. Fischer

NAME	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ms. McDowell	x			
Mr. Snider	x			

Mr. Hess				x
Ms. Hawley-Sargent	x			
Mr. Rhea	x			
Ms. Greger	x			
Mr. Fischer	x			
Mr. Sprague	x			
Voice Vote				

12. **Discussion Item**

12.1 Calendar of Events – An additional event was noted: a community trick-or-treat event on October 29 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

13. **Notices and Communications**

14. **Personnel Items**

14.1 **MOTION:** *Authorization to employ new staff and faculty, accept resignations, retirements, terminations, and implement status changes as presented.*

Moved by: Mr. Rhea
Seconded by: Mr. Snider

Discussion: An addendum was included in the table folder requesting authorization to hire Dr. Jill Compton as Vice President for Academic Services, a full-time, exempt, benefits-eligible position, with a TBA effective date and an annual salary of $140,000.

The current full-time Director of Financial Aid will move into the full-time Registrar position with a start date of October 5, 2026.

NAME	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ms. McDowell	x			
Mr. Snider	x			
Mr. Hess				x
Ms. Hawley-Sargent	x			
Mr. Rhea	x			
Ms. Greger	x			
Mr. Fischer	x			
Mr. Sprague	x			
Voice Vote				

15. **Other**

16. **Closed Session No closed session.**

16.1 *A closed session will be necessary to consider the appointment, employment, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.*

Moved by:
Seconded by:

Discussion:

NAME	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ms. McDowell				
Mr. Snider				
Mr. Hess				
Ms. Hawley-Sargent				
Mr. Rhea				
Ms. Greger				
Mr. Fischer				
Mr. Sprague				
Voice Vote				

17. **Resume Open Session**
MOTION:

Moved by:
Seconded by:

Discussion:

NAME	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ms. McDowell				
Mr. Snider				
Mr. Hess				
Ms. Hawley-Sargent				
Mr. Rhea				
Ms. Greger				
Mr. Fischer				
Mr. Sprague				
Voice Vote				

18. **Adjournment** *Mr. Sprague, Board chair, adjourned the September 16, 2026, Board of Trustees regular meeting.*

Moved by: Ms. Hawley-Sargent
Seconded by: Mr. Snider

NAME	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ms. McDowell	x			
Mr. Snider	x			
Mr. Hess				x
Ms. Hawley-Sargent	x			
Mr. Rhea	x			
Ms. Greger	x			
Mr. Fischer	x			
Mr. Sprague	x			
Voice Vote				

19. **Approval:**

Approved the **21st of October 2026** at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 539, meeting at the Student Administrative Center, 1301 South 48th Street, Quincy, Illinois 62305 at which _____voting members were present, constituting a quorum by a vote of ___ayes and _____nays.

CHAIR:X_____SECRETARY:X_____

Date: 10.13.26 Board of Trustees Retreat Meeting

Re: **FALL 2026 BOARD RETREAT**

Location: Board Room, Student Administrative Center, JWCC Main Campus, 1301 South 48th Street Quincy IL 62305

1. **Call to Order/Appointment of Assistant Secretary**

The **10.13.26** Board of Trustees Fall retreat meeting was called to order in the Board room, Student Administrative Center, JWCC main campus, 1301 South 48th Street, Quincy, IL 62305 by Mr. Andy Sprague**,** Chairman. Mr. Sprague appointed Ms. Benz assistant secretary.

2. **Roll Call**

Ms. Benz called roll:

NAME	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ms. McDowell			x	
Mr. Snider			x	
Mr. Hess			x	
Ms. Hawley-Sargent			x	
Mr. Rhea			x	
Ms. Greger			x	
Mr. Fischer			x	
Mr. Sprague			x	
Voice Vote				

Attendees: Dr. Aron Potter, President; Ms. Leah Benz; Mr. Josh Welker, Vice President of Finance and Operations; Ms. Amy Baker; and Ms. Brittany McKeown

3. **Public and/or Employee Comment** - None

4. **Closed Session**

4.1 **MOTION:** *A closed session will be necessary to consider the appointment, employment, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.*

Moved by: Ms. Hawley-Sargent
Seconded by: Ms. Greger

Discussion: None

NAME	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ms. McDowell	x			
Mr. Snider	x			

Mr. Hess	x			
Ms. Hawley-Sargent	x			
Mr. Rhea	x			
Ms. Greger	x			
Mr. Fischer	x			
Mr. Sprague	x			
Voice Vote				

5. **Resume Open Session**
MOTION: *Move to resume to open session.*

Moved by: Mr. Fischer
Seconded by: Ms. Snider

Discussion: None recorded

NAME	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ms. McDowell	x			
Mr. Snider	x			
Mr. Hess	x			
Ms. Hawley-Sargent	x			
Mr. Rhea	x			
Ms. Greger	x			
Mr. Fischer	x			
Mr. Sprague	x			
Voice Vote				

BOARD RETREAT — TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

6.1 Presidential Topics

Board Calendar and Meeting Dates. Board members received a calendar listing the dates of Board meetings and state meetings for the year. This calendar will be provided annually, and a new calendar will be created in November for meetings held in 2027. A second calendar was also distributed, listing the recurring topics presented each month so that members know what to expect at each meeting.

State Association Retreat. Dr. Potter recently attended the ICCCP retreat in St. Charles, Illinois. Discussion is being held at the state level regarding the control of Freedom of Information Act requests.

Board members were encouraged to attend these meetings in order to be involved in the new items being presented.

Organizational Chart, Councils, and Strategic Plan. Administration has revised the organizational chart, the council structure (formerly committees), and the Strategic Plan to create greater alignment across all three documents. The revised goals establish the key priorities from the Board Initiatives for 2027 – 2033. Each council will have a clear reporting line, will be tracked against its assigned responsibilities, and will draw its membership from departments across the institution.

The structure follows a three-tier concept of Governance Councils, Mission Councils, and Review Councils. The older Leadership Council has been renamed to Trail Blazer team with the working group being reduced. The Academic Affairs Council was developed in partnership with the Faculty Senate in order to strengthen this process. The Review Councils will review all policy manuals annually to align with each other.

Student appeals will continue to route to the President, and several previously separate functions have been combined for greater efficiency. Each new council will be assigned a sub-goal. Grants and Foundation have been incorporated, with attention to how those resources are used.

The governing philosophy is that every element should connect — that the strategic goals, the councils, and the organizational chart should stand in a clear cause-and-effect relationship to one another. Once the council structure is complete, the spring semester will serve as a pilot. The framework will be presented to the campus community at the Blazer Summit.

Athletics. Comparative data from other community colleges regarding athletic compensation was shared alongside current College practice. The College is comparable to that of its counterparts. Discussion followed regarding previous models where coaches both taught and coach, and whether coaching responsibilities should remain tied to teaching assignments.

Members discussed how college athletics is viewed today and what the College wants athletics on this campus to be. Athletics contributes meaningfully to enrollment and to the energy and excitement surrounding the institution; it can serve as a significant influence, drawing competitors performing at the national level and raising the stature of the College. Performance is visible and measurable, but the purpose is to bring students and programs to the campus. Board members noted the Foundation's role in enhancing the College through scholarship support.

Discussion was held on providing scholarship support to all student athletes; awards are currently distributed in partial amounts across a larger number of offers. A different approach would not be expected to change for approximately two years, as additional funds must be raised to support scholarships.

Amicable Separation. Discussion was held regarding amicable separation and how these current requests for this year are outside the twelve-month notice requirement in the CBA. Applications

received this fall currently do not satisfy the provision due to the finalization timeline of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The question presented for Board consideration is to allow applications for this year that do not meet this requirement to be allowed and presented at the November meeting for consideration.

Policy Revisions. The following Board policies were presented for revision: Policy 204, Security and Violence in the Workplace; Policy 209, Smoke-Free Campus; and Policy 211, Parking and Traffic Regulations. All three revisions correct outdated position titles. The remaining changes are minor grammatical edits and the deletion of an outdated reference. They will be on the October Board of Trustees agenda for revision approval.

Policy 109 — Meetings of the Board. Discussion was held regarding a change to the recurring Board meeting date from the third Wednesday to the third Tuesday of each month. Administration informed the Board no change would be presented at this time.

Presidential Performance Review and Related Items. Members expressed a desire to formalize the presidential performance review process. In December the performance review document will be presented to the Executive Committee to formalize the document to be used. January will be the month Board members can complete the performance review document, and a review be done in February.

Other. Related items raised for future consideration included outstanding alumni recognition, former student trustee alumni, and establishing College's advisory councils.

6.2 Potential Programs and Enrollment Trends Since 2021

Ms. McKeown provided a document on enrollment data

Headcount by Semester. Headcount by semester shows a consistent dip each spring relative to the preceding fall. Headcount reached its high in 2023, declined, and then recovered; the 2025 dip was smaller, following the pathways restructuring and its emphasis on one-to-one student contact. Fall enrollment increased last year, and this fall is tracking in line with that figure. Data is not yet available to confirm whether the pathways model is driving the improvement, although Element CRM supports the one-to-one student relationships on which it depends. Strengthening enrollment is reflected in the goals of the Strategic Plan, and this is where that work begins.

Credit Hours and Enrollment Intensity. Total credit hours by semester did not dip as sharply as headcount. The comparison of full-time to part-time enrollment shows that most students attend part time though full-time enrollment is moving upward. Students are carrying more credit hours on average, with the figure currently at approximately 9.7, which lowers overhead costs for students.

Cohort Retention. Cohort retention from spring to fall measures how much of each cohort carries over. The College currently retains approximately seventy percent of the cohort through to completion of their degrees.

High School, Concurrent, and Non-Degree-Seeking Enrollment. Enrollment data also includes high school and non-degree-seeking students. Concurrent enrollment students take college-level coursework in the summer, fall, and spring semesters; fall 2025 was higher in this category due to a grant, and the supporting grant has been retained for 2027.

Enrollment by Location. Headcount by location was reviewed for fall 2022 through fall 2026 across the Agricultural Education Center, Mt. Sterling, online instruction, the main campus, Pittsfield, and the Workforce Development Center. Both the Agricultural Education Center and the Workforce Development Center increased enrollment. Increases were also recorded at Bella Ease, Blessing Health, and the high school sites, as well as within the category Other.

A comparison of associate in science and associate in arts enrollment indicates that AAS enrollment is increasing.

Top Majors and Enrollment Management. The top ten majors among degree-seeking students were reviewed alongside overall enrollment. Health sciences remain the leading major, with psychology and business also ranking among the top ten. Tracking this data will begin with the enrollment management plan. This data will support a better-balanced budget.

Funding, Reimbursement, and State Advocacy. Members discussed the relationship between the revenue the College receives per credit hour and its budgetary costs, and the importance of demonstrating to legislators the impact the College is having. Figures comparing the state reimbursement rate for career education against that for transfer education were referenced, and the Foundation was identified as part of the answer in organizing funding to compensate.

Program Capacity and Expansion. Turning to the College's vision, discussion was held on the possibility increasing bays at the main welding center. The center currently operates fourteen bays with two instructors. Options discussed included traveling, and possible pipe welding.

Truck driver options were discussed with CDL programming offering.

Other visionary items would be with education instruction. Currently exploring three grants, along with transfer partners, and internships incorporated.

Additional Program Consideration. Continue to work with four-year institutions. Look at Workforce Development Center for possible diesel technology. Another consideration is establishing a lineman program, in partnership with Lincoln Land Community College.

6.3 Campus Safety and Security / Emergency Preparedness – Doug McQuern

Campus Police Chief Doug McQuern provided an overview of the safety plan for each campus, as well as the campus safety drill plan for each site.

Staffing and Procedures. The campus police force is certified with having six officers, including retired and current part-time Quincy Police Department personnel. The officers do train with QPD, including active shooter drills.

Safe rooms have been designated on campus with emergency kits placed in these rooms.

Facility Upgrades. Security upgrades include electronic exterior lockdown capability and ballistic window film. All lock sets in classrooms and offices have been upgraded.

Drills and Compliance. The College has conducted an active shooter drill as well as lockdown drills. Faculty and staff training is held twice per year, and the College will continue to pursue additional training opportunities.

Items for Further Consideration. Remaining items include determining the direction the Board wishes the College to take in strengthening security further, including a fob access system and other protective measures.

6.4 Artificial Intelligence

Ms. Beth Reinhardt of Social and Behavioral Sciences presented artificial intelligence in higher education. Faculty are working to develop artificial intelligence as a core component of instruction and are hopeful about its potential. The presentation sought the Board's support as the College navigates this work. Ms. Reinhardt shared what students are using, how faculty are responding, and what might be considered moving forward. Today, AI can mean very different things depending on the classroom. Universal principles include supporting students and staff; use of AI tools effectively and appropriately in the learning experience; adapt teaching and assessment incorporate the ethical use; ensue academic rigor and integrity is upheld; work collaboratively to share best practice as the technology and its application in education evolves.

6.5 Property Opportunities

Dr. Aron A. Potter, presented property opportunities.

Southeast Center. Discussion was held on the Southeast Education Center. Administration held conversations with superintendents, rotary members at Pittsfield, and PACT for future objectives and purpose at the facility. JWCC has a ten-year lease through June 30, 2027. The building has been appraised. One of the current owners passed, and the estate has not been finalized; therefore, conversations are ongoing.

48th Street Property. Discussion was held on the property recently purchased adjacent to the main campus.

7. Adjournment *Mr. Sprague, Board chair, adjourned the October 13, 2026, Board of Trustees retreat meeting.*

Moved by: Mr. Fischer
Seconded by: Ms. Hawley-Sargent

NAME	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Ms. McDowell	x			
Mr. Snider	x			
Mr. Hess	x			
Ms. Hawley-Sargent	x			
Mr. Rhea	x			
Ms. Greger	x			
Mr. Fischer	x			
Mr. Sprague	x			
Voice Vote				

8. **Approval:**
Approved the **21st day of October**, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 539, meeting at the Student Administrative Center, 1301 South 48th Street, Quincy Il 62305 at which _____voting members were present, constituting a quorum by a vote of ___ayes and _____nays.

CHAIR:X_____SECRETARY:X_____

Office of the President

Date: October 21, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

From: Dr. Aron Potter, president

Item: **Consent**

RE: **Board Policy Revisions**

Policy 204 – Security and Violence in the Workplace

Policy 209 – Smoke Free Campus

Policy 211 – Parking & Traffic Regulations

All three policies listed above share a single common revision: the Office of Primary Responsibility is updated from Dean of Operations/Chief of Police to Chief of Police. The additional revisions specific to each policy are noted below.

Board Policy 204 – Security and Violence in the Workplace

The Office of Primary Responsibility update is the only change proposed to this policy. No other revisions are requested.

Board Policy 209 – Smoke Free Campus

Beyond the Office of Primary Responsibility update, which appears in several places throughout this policy, two additional revisions are requested: the deletion of a reference to providing referrals, and a grammatical correction.

Board Policy 211 – Parking & Traffic Regulations

The Office of Primary Responsibility update is the only change proposed to this policy. No other revisions are requested.

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that the Board of Trustees authorize these revisions to Board Policies 204, 209, and 211 as presented.

Security and Violence in the Workplace | POLICY 204

Purpose

This policy establishes the importance of a safe and healthy workplace and an educational environment that is free from violence or threats of violence.

Policy Statement

John Wood Community College prohibits violence in the workplace, and the Board of Trustees has established consequences of workplace and school violence.

Although the Board of Trustees desires to provide a safe and healthy work environment, neither this policy nor any procedure should be construed as an insurer or guarantor of safety, or any specific level of security measures will necessarily be taken at any time or in any particular circumstances. Also, neither this policy nor any procedure shall be deemed to waive any tort or other immunity. This policy applies to all JWCC owned or leased campus locations, properties, facilities and JWCC owned or leased vehicles.

If a JWCC student or employee engages in or threatens any violence in the workplace or school it may result in serious disciplinary action, including suspension, expulsion, termination, arrest, and/or criminal prosecution.

JWCC specifically prohibits the unlawful possession of firearms by any student, employee, guest, or visitor while on JWCC campus property. Students and employees are also prohibited from possessing firearms while representing or in the course of performing responsibilities for JWCC during off campus activities. The Board of Trustees expressly prohibits the carrying of concealed firearms on college owned or controlled buildings and grounds, whether owned or leased, and any real property, including parking areas, sidewalks, and common areas under the control of the College pursuant to the Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act (430 ILCS 66).

Delegated Authorities

The President, in cooperation with the Dean of Operations / Chief of Police, assumes the overall responsibility for this policy.

Exceptions

Authorized Campus Police Department personnel, law enforcement officers, and other authorized emergency services personnel are exempt from the JWCC ban on firearms possession.

In accordance with and limited to the provisions of the Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act, an exception to the firearms ban applies to parking areas where licensed people are permitted to carry a concealed firearm on or about his or her person within a vehicle into the parking areas of the College facility in accordance with the Act.

Reporting

Material issues related to this policy shall be reported to the Board of Trustees by the President and Dean of Operations/Chief of Police at such times and in such format as determined appropriate, with emphasis on expediency.

Responsibilities

The ~~Dean of Operations/~~Chief of Police shall assume the overall responsibility of this policy.

OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY: ~~DEAN OF OPERATIONS /~~CHIEF OF POLICE

BP Adopted: October 26, 2022; Revised October 21, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES: 204.1

Smoke Free Campus | POLICY 209

Purpose

This policy provides information on John Wood Community College being a Smoke Free Campus.

Policy Statement

Due to known health risks and subject to the Smoke Free Campus Act, John Wood Community College prohibits smoking as defined in the Act on all College properties, which includes buildings, grounds, parking lots, and College-owned or leased vehicles and operated vehicles. (Public Act 098-0985)

This policy applies to students, staff, faculty, and visitors and all are encouraged to assist violators with compliance by promptly notifying them of the policy.

Smoke or smoking includes carrying, smoking, burning, inhaling, or exhaling of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, hookah, weed, herbs, or other lighted smoking equipment. (Public Act 098-0985)

Smoke or smoking also includes products containing or delivering nicotine intended or expected for human consumption (e-cigarettes, smokeless chewing tobacco, etc.), or any part of such a product that is not a tobacco product unless it has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for tobacco use cessation or other medical purposes and is being marketed and sold for that approved purpose (nicotine patch, gum, etc.).

Smoke or smoking, as defined above, (Public Act 098-0985) is strictly prohibited in accordance with the Smoke Free Campus Act on all College properties. Owned and leased violations of the policy may result in a student conduct referral, written warning, citation, and/or student or employee disciplinary measures. ~~provide referrals~~

Smoking and tobacco cessation programs related to this policy shall provide referrals ~~be provided~~ to all who are interested so as to provide a healthy and safe environment.

Delegated Authorities

The President, in cooperation with the ~~Dean of Operations /~~ Chief of Police, assumes the overall responsibility for the administration of enforcing violations of this policy.

Exceptions

This policy shall not apply to any instance in which an individual is traveling through or parked on College property in a privately owned vehicle.

Reporting

Material issues related to this policy shall be reported to the Board of Trustees by the President and the ~~Dean of Operations/~~Chief of Police at such times and in such format as determined appropriate, with emphasis on expediency.

Responsibilities

The ~~Dean of Operations/~~Chief of Police shall assume the responsibilities of this policy and the Smoke Free Campus Act on all College property.

OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY: ~~DEAN OF OPERATIONS/~~CHIEF OF POLICE

BP Adopted: October 26, 2022; Revised October 21, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE: NONE

Parking & Traffic Regulations | POLICY 211

Purpose

This policy outlines parking and traffic regulations on College property owned or leased as established by the Board of Trustees.

Policy Statement

The Board of Trustees establishes regulations to provide a safe and efficient means of parking vehicles on campus parking lots and to ensure safety on its roadways and traffic areas.

Delegated Authorities

The President, in cooperation with ~~Dean of Operations/~~Chief of Police, assumes the overall responsibility for administering and enforcing violations of this policy. ~~The Dean of Operations/~~Chief of Police is authorized to enter and enforce temporary orders not exceeding thirty (30) days relating to parking and traffic were deemed necessary or appropriate for safety or other purposes. Nothing in this Policy is intended to limit or restrict the authority of a campus police officer as a law enforcement officer as so appointed.

Exceptions

There are no exceptions to this policy.

Reporting

Material issues related to this policy shall be reported to the Board of Trustees by the President and ~~Dean of Operations /~~ Chief of Police at such times and in such format as they determine appropriate, with emphasis on expediency.

Responsibilities

The ~~Dean of Operations/~~Chief of Police shall perform the responsibilities assigned to this policy and the Illinois Public Community College Act.

OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY: ~~DEAN OF OPERATIONS/~~CHIEF OF POLICE

BP Adopted: October 26, 2022; Revised October 21, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES: 211.1

Date: **October 21, 2026,** BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

From: Aron Potter

Item: **CONSENT**

RE: Curriculum Items

I am requesting approval of the curriculum item(s) listed below. The items have been approved by the Curriculum Committee of the Faculty Senate as well as the Faculty Senate.

- **Computer Science**
  - The Curriculum Committee approved course changes for CSC 128, Introduction to Computer Science, will add MAT 113 with a grade of C or higher as a prerequisite; MAT 113 is already included in the program pathway. CSC 183, Fundamentals of Cybersecurity, will update its course description to remove reference to a specific CompTIA Security+ exam number, allowing the description to remain current as exam versions change.

- **Early Education**
  - The AAS degree has been revised to expand elective options, provide greater flexibility for students, and improve transferability among Illinois institutions. ECE 297, Early Childhood Seminar, will increase from 2 to 3 credit hours to reflect expanded course content and recent curriculum adjustments.

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

I request and recommend the Board of Trustees approve the above curriculum items.

Date: **October 21, 2026,** BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
From: Instruction
Item: **Business**
RE: Program Fee Request

The proposed fee adjustment applies only to TRK 150, reflects the original discussion, and remains within the approved fee range. Course fees cover the costs of a physical examination, drug screening, logbooks, an FMCSA safety book, and an atlas. Total program fees will be $3,028.

Current Fee Range: $3000 - $6000

Current Credit Hour Fee: $200

Proposed Credit Hour Fee: $206

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

I concur with the recommendation and request the Board of Trustees approve the proposed fee for course TRK 150 "Introduction to Truck Driver Training".



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Date: **October 21, 2026,** BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
From: Instruction
Item: **Business**
RE: Program Fee Request

Approval is requested for a fee adjustment to TRK 180 to correct a misunderstanding regarding the allocation of fees by course when the proposed increase was developed. The adjustment reflects the original discussion and remains within the approved fee range. This change applies only to TRK 180 and will bring total program fees to $3,028 for Spring 2027.

Current Fee Range: $3000 - $6000

Current Credit Hour Fee: $200

Proposed Credit Hour Fee: $0

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

I concur with the recommendation and request the Board of Trustees approve the proposed fee for course TRK 180 "Truck Driver Training: Fundamentals".



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Date: **October 21, 2026,** BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
From: Instruction
Item: **Business**
RE: Program Fee Request

Approval is requested for a fee adjustment to TRK 181 to correct a misunderstanding regarding the allocation of fees by course when the proposed increase was developed. The adjustment reflects the original discussion and remains within the approved fee range. This change applies only to TRK 181 and will bring total program fees to $3,028 for Spring 2027.

Current Fee Range: $3000 - $6000

Current Credit Hour Fee: $2700

Proposed Credit Hour Fee: $2822

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

I concur with the recommendation and request the Board of Trustees approve the proposed fee for course TRK 181 "Truck Driver Training Operations".



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Board Action Item

DATE: October 21, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting

DEPARTMENT: **Finance** & Operations

RE: Resolution and Certificate Abating Taxes for Debt Service

BACKGROUND:

Attached are a resolution and certificate to abate the tax levy associated with the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021C. The College has sufficient funds from operations for the payment of the principal and interest in these bonds. This resolution directs the County Clerks to abate the tax levied for the year 2026 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021C.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the attached resolution abating the tax levied for the year 2026 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021C.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: N/A

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

I concur with the recommendation and request the Board of Trustees adopt the attached resolution and certificate abating the tax levied for the year 2026 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021C.

RESOLUTION abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2025 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021C of Community College District No. 539, Counties of Adams, Pike, Hancock, Calhoun, Schuyler, Brown, Morgan, Scott and Cass and State of Illinois

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *"Board"*) of Community College District No. 539, Counties of Adams, Pike, Hancock, Calhoun, Schuyler, Brown, Morgan, Scott and Cass and State of Illinois (the *"District"*), by resolution adopted on the 15th day of December, 2021 (the *"Resolution"*), did provide for the issue of $835,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021C (the *"Bonds"*), and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds were issued by the District pursuant to the terms of the Resolution; and

Whereas the District hereby determines that the Pledged Revenues (as defined in the Resolution) are available to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due, so as to enable the abatement of the Pledged Taxes (as defined in the Resolution) levied for the same; and

WHEREAS the Pledged Revenues in an amount not less than the debt service requirement on the Bonds for the next succeeding bond year are hereby directed to be deposited to the Bond Fund (as defined in the Resolution) and used for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds due in the next succeeding bond year; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interests of the District that the tax heretofore levied for the year 2026 to pay principal and interest on the Bonds be abated:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 539, Counties of Adams, Pike, Hancock, Calhoun, Schuyler, Brown, Morgan, Scott and Cass and State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Abatement of Tax. The tax heretofore levied for the year 2026 in the Resolution is hereby abated in its entirety.

Section 2. Filing of Resolution. Forthwith upon the adoption of this resolution, the Secretary of the Board shall file a certified copy hereof with the County Clerks of Adams, Pike, Hancock, Calhoun, Schuyler, Brown, Morgan, Scott and Cass Counties, Illinois, and it shall be the duty of said County Clerks to abate said tax levied for the year 2026 in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted October 21, 2026.

_____
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF ADAMS)

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION AND MINUTES

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Trustees (the *"Board"*) of Community College District No. 539, Counties of Adams, Pike, Hancock, Calhoun, Schuyler, Brown, Morgan, Scott and Cass and State of Illinois (the *"District"*), and as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the District and the Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on the 21st day of October 2026, insofar as same relates to the adoption of a resolution entitled:

> RESOLUTION abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2026 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021C, of Community College District No. 539, Counties of Adams, Pike, Hancock, Calhoun, Schuyler, Brown, Morgan, Scott and Cass and State of Illinois.

a true, correct and complete copy of which said resolution as adopted at said meeting appears in the foregoing transcript of the minutes of said meeting.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said resolution were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was called and held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board at least 24 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that said agenda contained a separate specific item concerning the proposed adoption of said resolution, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the Public Community College Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Acts and with all of the procedural rules of the Board in the passage of said resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 21st day of October 2026.

_____
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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DATE: 10/21/2026

DEPARTMENT: Office of Grants

RE: Application for New grant

BACKGROUND:

A. GRANT PROPOSAL TITLE: FY27 Digital Instruction for Adult Education

B. GRANT AGENCY: Illinois Community College Board (ICCB)

C. GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11/16/2026
GRANT AWARD PERIOD: 1/01/2027 – 12/31/2027

D. PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this funding is to enhance the technology resources that aid in adult basic education or English language instruction. Technology will increase access to instruction and support services for adult education students and develop academic and professional computer skills.

E. FUNDS REQUESTED: **$ 75,000** FUNDS AWARDED: $

F. OBLIGATION OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS/RESOURCES: All activities are paid for from the requested grant funds or are absorbed into already budgeted activities. No match is required for this grant.

G. PERSONNEL POSITIONS REQUIRED: Current staff will oversee the activities associated with this grant.

H. (DATE) GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO BOARD: 10/21/2026

I. (DATE) BOARD APPROVED ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS:

J. DEAN/DIRECTOR REQUESTING APPROVAL: Tracy Orne, Dean of External Relations and Communication

K. FUNDING SOURCE: State (ICCB)

L. STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: Student Success, Excellence in Programs, Responsible Management of Resources

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: *I concur with the recommendation and request the Board of Trustees approve the application for the FY27 ICCB Digital Instruction for Adult Education for $75,000.*

DATE: 10/21/2026

DEPARTMENT: Office of Grants

RE: GRANT Application for New grant funding.

BACKGROUND:

A. GRANT PROPOSAL TITLE: FY27 Community-Connected Pathways to Teaching

B. GRANT AGENCY: Grow Your Own Teachers - Illinois

C. GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE: 10/22/2026
GRANT AWARD PERIOD: 11/06/2026 – 6/30/2027

D. PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION: Track 1, Two-Year and Four-Year Institutional Pathway Partnership. It funds partnerships between an Illinois public community college (JWCC) and an Illinois four-year institution (WIU) with an approved teacher licensure program, to strengthen existing licensure pathways or build new ones for community-connected males. The community college is the lead applicant and handles oversight, fiscal management, and reporting. The collaboration will go beyond a traditional articulation agreement: joint recruitment, coordinated advising, shared data tracking, aligned coursework and transfer maps, and removing barriers to transfer.

E. **FUNDS REQUESTED: $ 75,000** FUNDS AWARDED: $

F. OBLIGATION OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS/RESOURCES: All activities are paid for from the requested grant funds or are absorbed into already budgeted activities. No match is required for this grant.

G. PERSONNEL POSITIONS REQUIRED: Current JWCC staff will oversee the activities associated with this grant. Partner 4-yr colleges will be subcontracted for some grant activities.

H. (DATE) GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO BOARD: 10/21/2026

I. (DATE) BOARD APPROVED ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS:

J. DEAN/DIRECTOR REQUESTING APPROVAL: Matt Carey, Dean of Academic Programs & Instruction

FUNDING SOURCE: State Funds (GYO IL)

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: Excellence in Programs, Leadership and Partnerships, Student Success

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: *I concur with the recommendation and request the Board of Trustees approve the application for the FY27 Grow Your Own Teachers – Illinois grant.*



DATE: 10/21/2026

DEPARTMENT: Office of Grants

RE: Application for New grant

BACKGROUND:

A. GRANT PROPOSAL TITLE: FY27 Student Housing & Basic Needs Stability Project

B. GRANT AGENCY: Illinois Community College Board (ICCB)

C. GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11/6/2026
GRANT AWARD PERIOD: 1/1/27-12/30/27

D. PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION: Funding to develop and expand programs that respond to the needs of students experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity, or other basic needs insecurity associated with housing insecurity. Funding will be used to support mandated Housing Liaison activities that supports students experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.

E. FUNDS REQUESTED: **$25,000** FUNDS AWARDED: $

F. OBLIGATION OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS/RESOURCES: All activities are paid for from the requested grant funds or are absorbed into already budgeted activities. No match is required for this grant.

G. PERSONNEL POSITIONS REQUIRED: Current staff will oversee the activities associated with this grant. The official HOUSE Liaison of JWCC is Courtney Loos, Coordinator of Student Belonging.

H. (DATE) GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO BOARD: 10/21/2026

J. (DATE) BOARD APPROVED ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS:

K. DEAN/DIRECTOR REQUESTING APPROVAL: Brittany McKeown, Dean of Student Affairs & Enrollment

FUNDING SOURCE: State of Illinois General Revenue Fund

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: Student Success

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: *I concur with the recommendation and request the Board of Trustees approve the FY27 Student Housing and Basic Needs Stability Project application for $25,000.*

Board Action Item

DATE: October 21, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Finance & Operations

RE: Notice of Intent to Levy Equity Adjustment

BACKGROUND:

Attached is a Resolution expressing John Wood Community College's intent to levy the equity adjustment for the 2026 tax year. Section 3-14.3 of the Illinois Public Community College Act makes provision for districts which are eligible to receive equalization grants, and which have an operating tax rate below the statewide average to levy this amount, subject to public notice of such intention to be published as required by law. Each year the Illinois Community College Board certifies the eligibility of districts to levy this amount; a copy of this ICCB action for the 2026 levy is attached. The amount for which John Wood Community College is eligible equals an equity tax rate of 4.97 cents.

Since this tax is subject to public notice, the attached resolution needs to be adopted by the Board of Trustees declaring its intent to levy and allow those who would object to file a petition referendum. The notice must be published and allow 30 days for receipt of a petition (representing at least ten percent of registered voters in the district) after publication.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the attached resolution allowing John Wood Community College to levy the equity adjustment for 2026.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: N/A

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

I concur with the recommendation and request the Board of Trustees adopt the attached resolution allowing John Wood Community College to levy the equity adjustment for 2026.

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September 30, 2026

Dr. Aron Potter
President
John Wood Community College
1301 South 48th Street
Quincy, IL 62305

Dear Dr. Potter,

At the meeting held on September 25, 2026, the Illinois Community College Board authorized your district's eligibility for the special tax levy pursuant to 110 ILCS 805, Section 3-14.3. Please note the provisions of this section specify that your board of trustees must adopt a resolution expressing its intent to levy the tax; and thereby, giving voters an opportunity to request a referendum on the proposed additional levy. The state average combined educational and operations and maintenance purposes tax rate is 27.47 cents, and John Wood Community College can levy an additional 4.97 cents. The levy does not circumvent tax cap legislation.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Franklin, Deputy Director for Finance and Administration, at (217)-785-0031 or at Jennifer.L.Franklin2@Illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

Brian Durham, Ed.D.
Executive Director

cc: Josh Welker, CFO

Resolution of the Board of Trustees of
John Wood Community College District No. 539

Expressing the intention to avail of the provisions of Section 3-14.3 of the Illinois Public Community College Act, as amended, and to levy the additional tax provided therein, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 3-14.3 (herein "Section 3-14.3") of the Public Community College Act of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto (herein the "Act"), including but not necessarily limited to, Public Act 86-360, the Board of Trustees of John Wood Community College, District No. 539, Counties of Adams, Pike, Hancock, Calhoun, Schuyler, Brown, Morgan, Scott, and Cass, the State of Illinois (the "District"), may levy an additional tax upon the taxable property of the District in any year in which the Illinois Community College Board issues a certificate of eligibility to do so, which additional tax may be used to increase for the year certified the total taxing authority of the District to the most recently reported statewide average actual levy rate in cents per $100 of equalized assessed value for educational and operations and maintenance purposes as certified by the Illinois Community College Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Community College Board has issued the appropriate eligibility certification to the District pertaining to the 2026 levy of the District whereby a combined (a) educational and (b) operations and maintenance purposes rate up to and including 27.47 cents per $100 of equalized assessed valuation would be allowed, rather than a rate of 22.5 cents per $100 of equalized assessed valuation otherwise allowed; and,

WHEREAS, under Section 3-14.3 of the Act, the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") is authorized to levy the additional tax as previously described; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has determined and does hereby determine that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interest of the District that such additional tax be levied; and,

WHEREAS, before such additional tax may be levied, the Board must adopt a resolution declaring its intention to make such levy and give notice of such intention as provided by Section 3-14.3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT, as follows:

SECTION 1. RECITALS: The recitals of this Resolution are incorporated herein by this reference to the same extent as if set forth herein verbatim.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION: The Board hereby expresses its intention to avail of the provisions of the Act and, specifically, Section 3-14.3, and to levy an additional tax upon the taxable property of the District for the year 2026 for educational and operations and maintenance purposes to the maximum authorized.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION: Notice of said intention to avail of the provisions of Section 3-14.3 of the Act shall be given by publication at least once in The Quincy Herald-Whig, the same being one (1) or more area newspaper published in the District, as required by such Section.

SECTION 4. NOTICE: By this resolution and its publication **PUBLIC NOTICE** is given.

A. The Board on October 21, 2026, adopted this resolution expressing its intention to avail the provisions of Section 3-14.3 of the Public Community College Act as herein set forth.

B. A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, within thirty (30) days as provided in Section 3-14.3, that is, on or before November 18, 2026, signed by not less than 6,250 voters of the District, said number being equal to ten percent (10%) of the voters of the District, requesting that proposition to levy such additional taxes as authorized by Section 3-14.3, be submitted to the voters of the District. If the required petition is filed, said proposition will be submitted to the voters of the District at the next regularly scheduled election held on April 6, 2027, or other appropriate regularly scheduled election, then the District shall be authorized to levy such additional taxes for the purposes expressed in Section 3-14.3 for the year 2026.

SECTION 5. LEVY: If no requisite petition is filed with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, the Board may, by appropriate proceedings to be hereafter taken, raise such additional taxes provided for the purposes expressed in Section 3-14.3 of the Act.

SECTION 6. CONFLICTS: All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and that this resolution be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

ADOPTION: This 21st day of October, 2026.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JOHN WOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 539, COUNTIES OF ADAMS, PIKE, HANCOCK, CALHOUN, SCHUYLER, BROWN, MORGAN, SCOTT, AND CASS, AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS (THE "DISTRICT").

By: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees

By: _____
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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Board Action Item

DATE: October 21, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Finance & Operations

RE: Insurance Premiums

BACKGROUND:

After receiving input from the Office of Human Resources, American Central Insurance Services, and Blue Cross Blue Shield representatives, an increase in premium costs to John Wood Community College of approximately 11.5% is being recommended. This increase is needed to cover the rising costs of services while maintaining the College's insurance fund balance. This increase will become effective on January 1, 2027. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve an increase in insurance premiums effective January 1, 2027.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: N/A

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

I concur with the recommendation and request the Board of Trustees approve an increase in insurance premiums effective January 1, 2027.



Board Action Item

DATE: 10/21/2026

DEPARTMENT: Office of Grants

RE: Acceptance of New grant funds

BACKGROUND:

A. GRANT PROPOSAL TITLE: AI Small Business Development Initiative

B. GRANT AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

C. GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE: 7/27/2026
GRANT AWARD PERIOD: 08/01/2026 – 7/31/2029

D. PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION:
AI technology is a key driver of modern economic growth. JWCC proposes an AI Small Business training and economic development project to support the creation and development of small businesses in the Quincy region. JWCC plans to implement AI training workshops, offer small business development training, and provide customized one-on-one consulting to address specific business challenges. The ultimate goal is to equip aspiring and existing entrepreneurs with the skills and tools needed to adopt AI technologies effectively and enhance business growth.

E. FUNDS REQUESTED: $400,000 **FUNDS AWARDED: $400,000**

F. OBLIGATION OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS/RESOURCES:
All activities are paid for from the requested grant funds or are absorbed into budgeted activities. No match is required for this grant.

G. PERSONNEL POSITIONS REQUIRED:
Current staff will oversee the activities associated with this grant. Outside consultants will be hired/subcontracted.

H. (DATE) GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO BOARD: 7/22/2026

J. (DATE) BOARD APPROVED ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS: 10/21/2026

K. DEAN REQUESTING APPROVAL: Paul Miller, Dean of CTE Programs

FUNDING SOURCE: U.S. SBA (Congressional Appropriation) - Federal

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: Excellence in Programs, Leadership and Partnerships

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: *I concur with the recommendation and request the Board of Trustees accept the $400,000 AI Small Business Development Initiative federal award.*



Board Action Item

DATE: 10/21/2026

DEPARTMENT: Office of Grants

RE: ACCEPT New grant funding

BACKGROUND:

A. GRANT PROPOSAL TITLE: FY27 IGEN Membership Project

B. GRANT AGENCY: Illinois Green Energy Network (IGEN)

C. GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE: 7/31/2026
GRANT AWARD PERIOD: 7/01/2026 – 3/31/2027

D. PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION:
We propose replacing the old non-energy efficient parking lot lighting at the old Ag Center building with new energy-efficient LED fixtures. This project will not exceed $5,000. The IGEN membership grant also provides an additional $10,000 to be applied towards salary and benefits for JWCC staff who are involved in the completion or maintenance of the project.

E. FUNDS REQUESTED: $15,000 FUNDS AWARDED: **$ 15,000**

F. OBLIGATION OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS/RESOURCES: All activities are paid for from the requested grant funds. No match is required for this grant.

G. PERSONNEL POSITIONS REQUIRED: Current staff will oversee the activities associated with this grant. Electrical and Window Repair subcontractors will be used.

H. (DATE) GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO BOARD: 7/22/2026

J. (DATE) BOARD APPROVED ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS: 10/21/2026

K. VICE PRESIDENT REQUESTING APPROVAL: VP of Finance and Operations

FUNDING SOURCE: Illinois Green Energy Network (IGEN)

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: Leaderships and Partnerships, Responsible Management of Resources

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: *I concur with the recommendation and request the Board of Trustees accept the IGEN $15,000 grant award.*



Date: **October 21, 2026**, BOARD of Trustees meeting

From: Matt Carey, Dean Academic Programs and Instruction

Item: **Business**

RE: Tenure Requests

I am pleased to recommend two faculty members for tenure. Each person has submitted a written request for tenure review in a timely manner and has provided the appropriate materials to accompany such request. All individuals have been recommended by their deans and tenure review chairs/committees who have reviewed classroom observation summaries and student evaluations.

Ms. Stephanie Phillips is a faculty member in Business and Computer Science. Her years of industry and management experience add depth to her instruction that transmits to her students. Her students share that she is willing to go above and beyond to make sure they understand course content and how it applies to real-world situations.

Dr. William (Steve) Belko is a faculty member in Social and Behavioral Sciences. He teaches history and political science. Dr. Belko brings history to life with his passion in the classroom. He helps students connect historical events to current events and makes his courses engaging by showing students how history has an impact on their own life. He is student-focused and community-driven, representing the college at conferences and local events.

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

I concur with the recommendation and request the Board of Trustees approve of granting tenure to Ms. Stephanie Phillips and Dr. Wiliam (Steve) Belko beginning Spring of 2027.

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10.21.2026 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

BOT MEETING CALENDAR

October 21, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting
October 29, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	Community Trick-or-Treat on campus
November 18, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting
December 3, 2026	Pathfinder Event – Honoring Mr. Larry Fischer *(details will be shared at a later date)*
December 16, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting

Date: **10.21.2026** BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

From: Amy Baker, Chief Human Resources Officer

RE: Personnel

Personnel Items to Be Approved:

New Hires—Regular

Ruble, Dylan-Maintenance Technician, Grounds
Request authorization to hire into full-time, non-exempt, benefits-eligible position effective September 21, 2026, at an annual salary of $35,380.

Steinkamp, Zachary-Assistant, Library PT
Request authorization to hire into full-time, non-exempt position effective September 29, 2026, at an hourly rate of $15.00.

Washausen, Jill-Office Assistant, Pathways
Request authorization to hire into full-time, non-exempt, benefits-eligible position effective October 26, 2026, at an annual salary of $30,888.

Status Change

Reno, Abby-Specialist, Registrar
Request authorization to change status to full-time, exempt, benefits-eligible position Academic Advisor & Success Coach effective September 28, 2026, at an annual salary of $36,000.

New Hires--Associate Faculty

Fonza, Leslie Jr.-Instructor, Hospitality & Culinary Arts
Request authorization to hire into part-time position effective October 12, 2026, at rate of $584 per credit hour.

Mason, Nicole-Instructor, CNA
Request authorization to hire into part-time position effective October 12, 2026, at rate of $628 per credit hour.

Straube, Kimberly-Instructor, CNA
Request authorization to hire into part-time position effective October 12, 2026, at rate of $711 per credit hour.

Vacancies

Library Specialist
Request authorization to fill full-time, non-exempt, benefits-eligible position pending appropriate administrative review.

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Personnel Items Reported:

New Hires—Non-Board Approved, Variable Part-time

Ferraro, David	Assistant, Grounds	Facilities	$15.00
Jordan, Kieran	Peer Mentor	Student Affairs	$15.00

New Hires—Coaches Contracts

Hoover, Marley	Spirit Coach	Athletics	$750.00

Retirements/Resignations-Accepted by President

Keim, Rebekah-Specialist, Library – Resignation October 9, 2026

Rauch, Jordan-Instructor, Agricultural & Horticultural Sciences – Resignation December 11, 2026

Spears, Leslie-Manager, Financial Aid – Resignation October 16, 2026

I concur with the Personnel recommendations.



John Wood Community College

Financial Reports

Board of Trustees Meeting

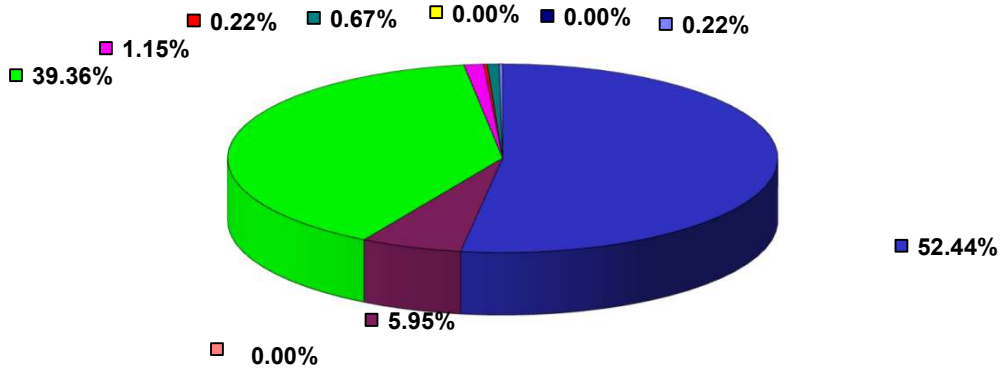
October 21, 2026

John Wood Community College, District No. 539
Comparison of Actual to Budget - FY' 27 to FY' 26
As of September 30, 2026
Unaudited

Operating Funds

	Actual FY ' 27	Budget FY ' 27	% of Budget FY ' 27	Actual FY ' 26	Budget FY ' 26	% of Budget FY ' 26
REVENUES:						
Local Government Revenue	$6,164,029	$7,939,200	77.64 %	$5,041,782	$7,623,000	66.14 %
State Government Revenue	$698,937	$1,764,307	39.62 %	$389,287	$2,077,360	18.74 %
Federal Government Revenue	$0	$0	0.00 %	$0	$0	0.00 %
Student Tuition and Fees	$4,626,085	$8,448,380	54.76 %	$4,705,769	$8,577,150	54.86 %
Sales and Services Revenue	$134,669	$672,700	20.02 %	$155,423	$560,150	27.75 %
Facilities Revenue	$25,390	$75,000	33.85 %	$27,430	$92,600	29.62 %
Investment Revenue	$79,071	$400,000	19.77 %	$107,448	$450,000	23.88 %
Gifts and Grants Revenue	$0	$10,000	0.00 %	$0	$10,000	0.00 %
Other Revenue	$331	$13,500	2.45 %	$1,277	$13,500	9.46 %
Transfers From	$26,109	$285,000	9.16 %	$23,196	$162,931	14.24 %
TOTAL REVENUES:	**$11,754,621**	**$19,608,087**	**59.95 %**	**$10,451,612**	**$19,566,691**	**53.42 %**
EXPENDITURES:						
Salaries	$2,140,814	$10,226,706	20.93 %	$2,165,377	$9,895,611	21.88 %
Employee Benefits	$676,510	$2,862,114	23.64 %	$698,113	$2,920,554	23.90 %
Contractual Services	$611,542	$1,950,662	31.35 %	$381,058	$1,684,597	22.62 %
General Materials and Supplies	$473,705	$1,191,029	39.77 %	$475,493	$1,181,376	40.25 %
Travel & Conference/Meeting Expense	$50,321	$396,314	12.70 %	$33,685	$423,048	7.96 %
Fixed Charges	$65,990	$184,154	35.83 %	$50,733	$121,814	41.65 %
Utilities	$153,078	$890,500	17.19 %	$153,434	$737,000	20.82 %
Capital Outlay	$74,043	$260,397	28.43 %	$82,128	$752,259	10.92 %
Other Expenditures	$521,662	$1,105,714	47.18 %	$503,614	$1,285,605	39.17 %
Transfers To	$0	$540,497	0.00 %	$0	$564,827	0.00 %
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**$4,767,664**	**$19,608,087**	**24.31 %**	**$4,543,637**	**$19,566,691**	**23.22 %**
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	**$6,986,957**			**$5,907,975**		

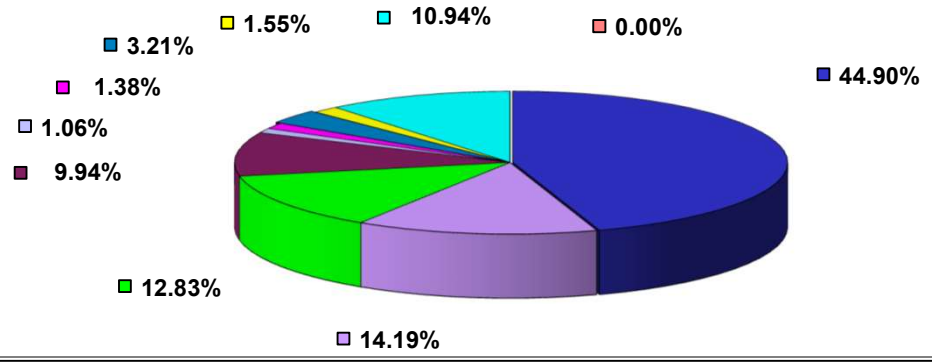
FY27 Operating Fund Revenues YTD as of September 30, 2026
Unaudited



Operating Fund Revenues: **$11,754,621**

52.44%	Local Government Sources	$6,164,029
5.95%	State Government Sources	$698,937
0.00%	Federal Government Sources	$0
39.36%	Student Tuition and Fees	$4,626,085
1.15%	Sales and Service Fees	$134,669
0.22%	Facilities Revenue	$25,390
0.67%	Investment Revenue	$79,071
0.00%	Gifts and Grants Revenue	$0
0.00%	Other Revenues	$331
0.22%	Transfers from Other Funds	$26,109

FY27 Operating Fund Expenditures YTD as of September 30, 2026
Unaudited



Operating Fund Expenditures: **$4,767,664**

44.90%	Salaries	$2,140,814
14.19%	Employee Benefits	$676,510
12.83%	Contractual Services	$611,542
9.94%	Materials and Supplies	$473,705
1.06%	Conference and Meeting	$50,321
1.38%	Fixed Charges	$65,990
3.21%	Utilities	$153,078
1.55%	Capital Outlay	$74,043
10.94%	Other Expenditures	$521,662
0.00%	Transfer to/from Other Funds	$0

Balance Sheet - All Funds
As of September 30, 2026
Unaudited

	Operating Funds	Oper. & Maint. Fund (Restricted)	Grant Restricted Funds	Special Levy Tax Fund	Working Cash Fund	Bond & Interest Fund	Auxiliary Enterprise Fund
ASSETS							
Cash	$12,052,527	$6,608,506	$1,119,330	$2,212,976	$843,606	$1,639,578	$3,763,190
Investments	$2,605,051	$2,006,626	$0	$0	$4,694,838	$0	$0
Receivables	$1,093,032	$0	$64,429	$0	$0	$0	$0
Accrued Revenue	$11,377	$6,551	$180,487	$832	$5,553	$0	$2,200
Interfund Receivables	$0	$0	$450	$0	$0	$0	$0
Inventory	$152,381	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$206,514
Other Assets	$0	$95,775	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Prepaid Expenses/Deferred Charges	$189,470	$0	$0	$9,105	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL ASSETS	**$16,103,837**	**$8,717,458**	**$1,364,696**	**$2,222,914**	**$5,543,997**	**$1,639,578**	**$3,971,904**
LIABILITIES							
Payroll Deduction Liabilities	($12,087)	$0	$0	($1,096)	$0	$0	$0
Accounts Payable	$62,897	$0	($3,988)	$1,939	$0	$0	$181,886
Accrued Expense	$1,136,665	$0	$69,946	$44,197	$0	$0	$27,910
Interfund Payables	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Deferred Revenue	$3,717	$0	$4,960	$0	$0	$0	$0
Other Liabilities	$39	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
CLEARING ACCOUNTS	$92,586	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**$1,283,816**	**$0**	**$70,918**	**$45,040**	**$0**	**$0**	**$209,796**
FUND BALANCE 7/01/2026	$7,842,568	$8,805,433	$727,909	$1,541,677	$5,516,770	$474,990	$3,645,645
Revenue Over (Under) Expense	$6,986,957	($87,975)	$565,868	$636,197	$27,227	$1,164,587	$116,463
FUND BALANCE 9/30/2026	**$14,829,525**	**$8,717,458**	**$1,293,778**	**$2,177,874**	**$5,543,997**	**$1,639,578**	**$3,762,108**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	**$16,113,341**	**$8,717,458**	**$1,364,696**	**$2,222,914**	**$5,543,997**	**$1,639,578**	**$3,971,904**

John Wood Community College District #539

Reconciliation of Fund Equity to Net Position as of September, 2026

Total fund equity	$ 37,964,318
Reconciling items:	
Capital assets, net	$ 30,142,822
Deferred contractually required contributions	$ 0
Deferred salaries	$ 0
Subscription liability	$ (928,378)
Bonds payable	$ (3,410,000)
Lease obligations	$ (420,956)
OPEB deferred inflow s	$ (3,597,322)
OPEB deferred outflow s	$ 386,946
OPEB liability	$ (2,852,541)
Accrued interest on bonds	$ (5,066)
Deferred summer tuition	$ 0
Retiree healthcare liability	$ (138,153)
Accrued sick leave	$ (117,332)
Net position	$ 57,024,338

JWCC Investment Report
FY 2027

UNAUDITED REPORT

Total Cash and Investments	**Value as of September 2026**
JWCC Shadow Account	12,064,433.31
Illinois Funds	11,837,971.37
Raymond James Financial Services - Brokered CDs	4,441,963.24
JWCC CDs & Treasuries	9,306,514.48
Total Cash and Investments	37,650,882.40

Held by JWCC	**Interest Rate**	**Maturity Date**		Fund
FBT Shadow Account	2.25%		12,064,433.31	all funds
Raymond James Financial Services - Brokered CDs	3.90%		4,441,963.24	all funds
IL FUND Money Market	3.870%		11,837,971.37	all funds
	Yield Rate			
Bank of Springfield - CD	4.91%	10/9/2026	281,661.56	07
Bank of Springfield - CD	4.91%	10/9/2026	112,664.63	07
Eagle Valley Bank - CD	4.55%	12/18/2026	279,436.27	07
Eagle Valley Bank - CD	4.55%	12/18/2026	111,774.50	07
Mercantile Bank - CD	4.12%	1/22/2027	250,000.00	32
Mercantile Bank - CD	4.18%	3/21/2027	250,000.00	07
Mercantile Bank - CD	4.18%	3/21/2027	100,000.00	07
Mercantile Bank - CD	4.10%	3/26/2027	250,000.00	32
Commerce Bank - Treasury	3.70%	5/15/2027	2,605,050.77	01
Town & Country Bank Midwest	4.00%	6/26/2027	250,000.00	32
Eagle Valley Bank - CD	3.70%	7/2/2027	109,308.32	07
Eagle Valley Bank - CD	3.70%	7/2/2027	273,270.81	07
Mercantile Bank - CD	3.77%	9/18/2027	250,000.00	32
First Bankers Trust - CD	3.77%	9/23/2027	266,837.13	07
First Bankers Trust - CD	3.77%	9/23/2027	106,734.86	07
Town & Country Bank Midwest - CD	3.50%	12/9/2027	256,626.18	32
Mercantile Bank - CD	4.17%	1/22/2028	100,000.00	07
Mercantile Bank - CD	4.17%	1/22/2028	250,000.00	07
Mercantile Bank - CD	3.60%	3/12/2028	250,000.00	32
Mercantile Bank - CD	4.31%	3/26/2028	250,000.00	07
Mercantile Bank - CD	4.31%	3/26/2028	100,000.00	07
Eagle Valley Bank - CD	4.14%	6/18/2028	250,000.00	32
Mercantile Bank - CD	4.00%	6/30/2028	250,000.00	07
Mercantile Bank - CD	4.00%	6/30/2028	100,000.00	07
First Bankers Trust - CD	4.08%	9/14/2028	250,000.00	32
Mercantile Bank - CD	3.72%	9/18/2028	250,000.00	07
Mercantile Bank - CD	3.72%	9/18/2028	100,000.00	07
Town & Country Bank Midwest - CD	3.50%	12/9/2028	102,650.49	07
Bank of Advance - CD	3.55%	12/12/2028	250,000.00	07
Mercantile Bank - CD	3.65%	3/12/2029	100,000.00	07
Mercantile Bank - CD	3.65%	3/12/2029	250,000.00	07
First Bankers Trust - CD	4.08%	6/17/2029	250,356.40	07
First Bankers Trust - CD	4.08%	6/17/2029	100,142.56	07
First Bankers Trust - CD	4.08%	9/13/2029	250,000.00	07
First Bankers Trust - CD	4.08%	9/13/2029	100,000.00	07
Total Cash and Investments			37,650,882.40	

John Wood Community College

Expenditures for Payment

Accounts Payable. . . . . *Presented to Finance Committee*
Payroll. . . . . *Presented to Finance Committee*
Petty Cash. . . . . *Presented to Finance Committee*
Purchase Cards. . . . . *Presented to Finance Committee*

Ratification of Expenditures

The foregoing summary of obligations have been processed for payment. The College Administration certifies that these obligations, have been incurred in accordance with Board Policy, and where required, quotes and or bids were obtained. The Finance Committee of the Board has reviewed the payments and reported their findings to the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting.

Ratified this 21st day of October 2026.

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Chair

_____
Secretary

Board of Trustees of Community College
District No. 539, Counties of Adams,
Pike, Hancock, Calhoun, Schuyler,
Brown, Morgan, Scott, and Cass,
and the State of Illinois.

Board of Trustees Meeting