

**SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Board of Trustee Meeting
Monday, June 22, 2026 at 5:00 PM
Ira H. Rubenzahl Student Learning Commons, B19/Forum**

Approved Minutes of Meeting

Present: Michael Knapik, Chair & Trustee
Elizabeth Oleksak-Sposito, Vice Chair & Trustee
Dr. William Dávila, Secretary
Caleb Sierra, Student Trustee (joined at 5:05, after roll call)
Tonia Butler Pérez, Trustee
Bill Johnson, Trustee
Norman Roldan, Trustee
Jeff Sattler, Trustee

Unable to Attend: Laurie Martin '90, Alumni Trustee
Anthony Moore '15, Trustee
Samalid Hogan, Trustee

Also Present: Dr. John Cook, President; and Nanette Flores, Executive Assistant to the President & Board Clerk

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

Board Chair Michael Knapik called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The following Trustees were present at roll call: Trustee Chair Michael Knapik, Trustee Elizabeth Oleksak-Sposito, Trustee Dr. William Dávila, Trustee Tonia Butler-Pérez, Trustee Bill Johnson, Trustee Norman Roldan and Trustee Jeff Sattler. Seven Trustees present at roll call constituting a quorum.

After roll call, Trustee Caleb Sierra joined at 5:05.

II. Welcome

Board Chair Michael Knapik welcomed Trustees, Cabinet Members and General Public in attendance. Before proceeding, Chair Knapik asked for disclosure of any recording devices. Trustee Butler-Pérez disclosed that she is recording the meeting using a voice recording devise.

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, held on May 18, 2026**

Trustee Norm Roldan moved to approve the May 18th, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Bill Johnson, and after no further discussion, unanimously approved via roll call.

b. Board of Trustees Special Meeting, held on May 4, 2026

Trustee Bill Johnson moved to approve the May 4th, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Norm Roldan, and after no further discussion, unanimously approved via roll call.

c. Board of Trustees Interviews with Presidential Candidates

i. Meeting held on April 15, 2026

Trustee Norm Roldan moved to approve the April 15th, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Jeff Sattler, and after no further discussion, unanimously approved via roll call.

ii. Meeting held on April 22, 2026

Trustee Will Dávila moved to approve the April 22nd, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Betty Sposito, and after no further discussion, unanimously approved via roll call.

iii. Meeting held on April 24, 2026

Trustee Norm Roldan moved to approve the April 24th, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Bill Johnson, and after no further discussion, unanimously approved via roll call.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Committee on Facilities & Capital Improvement meeting, held on June 8, 2026

Committee Chair Jeff Sattler referred to the Committee on Facilities and Capital Improvements report included in the meeting packet. The report highlighted updates of the School of Health relocation, noting the ground breaking ceremony scheduled on June 17. Under Facilities updates, the Committee was provided detailed information on funding sources used for facilities and capital improvements, remarking plans/management processes for timely spending of allocated funds. Mentioned also, an update on the upcoming Campus Master Planning process.

Committee Chair Sattler called for a motion to approve the June 8th Committee on Facilities & Capital Improvements meeting report. The motion was moved by Trustee Roldan, seconded by Trustee Johnson, and unanimously approved via roll call.

V. President's Report – Dr. John B. Cook, President

a. Interim (“5th Year”) Report – New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)

A committee of over 16 members lead by Matt Gravel, Dean of Institutional Research and

Accreditation, worked on a thorough 5-year report. The report will be ready for submission within the following week.

b. Concluding Remarks

Evoking his ten years at STCC, Dr. Cook expressed appreciation to Trustees, Cabinet members, and Campus Community.

VI. Chair's Report – Chair Knapik

a. [Motion 2026-22] Naming of the School of Health and Patient Simulation

Chair Knapik called for a motion to remove [MOTION 2026-22] for now. The motion was moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Dávila and unanimously approved via roll call.

b. [Motion 2026-23] Recommendation for an Acting President

As a preamble to Motion 2026-23, Chair Knapik shared that Andrea Nathanson, Vice President of Administration & Chief Financial Officer agreed to sit as Acting President from June 28 through the start of Dr. Cournoyer's Presidency on July 13, 2026.

Trustee Betty Sposito moved: That the Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees unanimously recommends to the Commissioner of Higher Education the appointment of Andrea Nathanson, Vice President of Administration and Sustainability/Chief Financial Officer as Acting President effective on or about June 28, 2026 until on or about July 13, 2026.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Norm Roldan, and approved by majority via roll call: Trustee Chair Michael Knapik (yes), Trustee Elizabeth Oleksak-Sposito (Yes), Trustee Dr. William Dávila (Yes), Trustee Caleb Sierra (Yes), Trustee Tonia Butler-Pérez (No), Trustee Bill Johnson (Yes), Trustee Norman Roldan (Yes) and Trustee Jeff Sattler (Yes).

VII. New Business/Old Business

a. [Motion 2026-24] 2026-2027 Board of Trustees Meetings Schedule

Trustee Betty Sposito moved That the Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees approve the 2026-2027 Board of Trustees Meetings Calendar. The motion was seconded by Trustee Norm Roldan and unanimously approved via roll call.

b. Farewell & Thank You: Student Trustee, 2025-2026, Caleb Sierra '26

Student Trustee Caleb Sierra offered remarks on his last meeting serving as Trustee.

Trustees offered their best wishes to Trustee Sierra as he continues his academic journey at UMass/School of Isenberg.

c. Introduction & Welcome: Student Trustee, 2026-2027, Vlad Renkas '27

Chair Knapik welcomed the newly elected Student Trustee Vlad Renkas to the Board. Although Vlad was not able to attend, it was noted that he served as the Student Representative on the Presidential Search Committee.

**VIII. Upon approval of the 2026-2027 Meetings Calendar, Date of Next Meeting:
Monday, September 28, 2026**

IX. Motion to Adjourn / Adjournment

At 5:51 p.m., Chair Knapik called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, moved by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Roldan and unanimously approved via roll call.



Michael R. Knapik
Chair, STCC Board of Trustees



Dr. William Dávila
Secretary, STCC Board of Trustees