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STCC Board of Trustees names 3 finalists for presidential search

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – Springfield Technical Community College Board of Trustees on Wednesday, April 8, announced the selection of three finalists in its search for the next STCC president.

A Presidential Search Committee – composed of representatives from STCC students, faculty, and staff, the local community, and the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education – recommended the candidates to the Board of Trustees. The search process was assisted by [Pauly Group, Inc.](#)

The finalists:

- **Dr. Jennifer G. Cournoyer:** Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs at River Valley Community College, Claremont, N.H.
- **Dr. Albert Lewis Jr.:** Former Chief of Staff/Executive Vice President, Northwest State Community College, Archbold, Ohio.
- **Dr. Irene Rios:** Ammerman Campus Chief Executive Officer for State University of New York (SUNY) Suffolk County Community College and Vice President for Academic Affairs for the SUNY Suffolk System.

Finalists are scheduled for on-campus visits on April 14-15 (**Dr. Cournoyer**), April 21-22 (**Dr. Rios**) and April 23-24 (**Dr. Lewis**).

The Board of Trustees will schedule forums for finalists to meet with employee groups and students.

After the visits, Trustees will recommend to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education a candidate as the next president of Springfield Technical Community College.

“I am grateful for the passion, energy, and engagement of our search committee who have worked very hard over many months at this important task,” said Michael Knapik, chair of the Board of

Trustees. “Together, we are proud to present presidential finalists to the campus community. We look forward to these individuals spending time on our campus in the coming weeks and to their thoughtful interaction with our trusted stakeholders. This is an exciting time for our institution as we prepare to welcome the next president of Springfield Technical Community College.”

“We are excited to be nearing a decision on such an important leadership position,” said Dr. William A. Dávila, chair of the Presidential Search Committee. “We have worked hard on the Presidential Search Committee to have a process that leads us to the best next president. We had a quality candidate pool, and I thank the Presidential Search Committee for their work on this process and dedication to Springfield Technical Community College.”

The new president will succeed Dr. John B. Cook, the College’s sixth president, who is stepping down in the summer after 10 years of service.

STCC distinguishes itself as the Commonwealth’s only technical community college, and this unique status underscores the institution’s pride and responsibility in providing career education and pathways to its diverse student body.

This search will identify a leader who will build on STCC’s recent successes, including the substantial expansion of community access to health programs through the establishment of the Health Science Program, the launch of the Richard E. Neal Cybersecurity Center of Excellence, and the funding and planning for the relocation of the School of Health and Patient Simulation.

More information about the search process, including biographies of finalists, can be found at stcc.edu/about-stcc/employment/presidentialsearch/. Photographs of the search committee, committee chair, and board chair are available upon request.

About Springfield Technical Community College

STCC, the Commonwealth's only technical community college, continues the pioneering legacy of the Springfield Armory with comprehensive and technical education in [manufacturing](#), [STEM](#), [healthcare](#), [business](#), social services, and the liberal arts. STCC's highly regarded [workforce](#), [certificate](#), [degree](#), and [transfer](#) programs are the [most affordable in Springfield](#) and provide unequalled opportunity for the vitality of Western Massachusetts. Founded in 1967, the college – a designated [Hispanic Serving Institution](#) – seeks to close achievement gaps among students who traditionally face societal barriers. STCC supports students as they transform their lives through intellectual, cultural, and economic engagement while becoming thoughtful, committed and socially responsible graduates.

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