



HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

TO: Illinois Community College District No. 519


FROM: Douglas R. Block, Chairperson

DATE: December 11, 2015

RE: Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Community College District No. 519, Counties of Stephenson, Ogle, Jo Daviess and Carroll, and State of Illinois, will be held in the Robert J. Rimington Board Room (room H-228) in the Student/Conference Center on the Highland Community College Campus, 2998 West Pearl City Road in Freeport, Illinois on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Public Comments
- III. Main Motion (Action)
 - A. Appointment: Full-time Theatre Instructor
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Adjournment



Terri A. Grimes, Board Secretary
Illinois Community College District No. 519

**AGENDA ITEM #III-A
DECEMBER 15, 2015
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD**

**APPOINTMENT
FULL-TIME THEATRE INSTRUCTOR**

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT: That the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Ms. Laura Early as full-time Theatre Instructor in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts division beginning January 7, 2016, at an FY16 salary of \$38,598 (Spring 2016 semester) (MFA+0 hours, 12 years' experience), plus appropriate fringe benefits. Her salary is determined off of placement on the FY16 full-time faculty salary schedule at \$77,196 for the full academic year. This is a full-time faculty position and is within the FY16 budget.

BACKGROUND: Ms. Early's previous work experience includes being the Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky. Here she taught Introduction to Theatre courses as well as directed main stage productions. Prior to this role she was the Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts at Kentucky Wesleyan University in Owensboro, Kentucky. Here she directed productions, taught Theatre courses and provided experiential and service learning among other things. Prior to these roles she worked as a part-time faculty member at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky and as an adjunct instructor at Jefferson Community and Technical College in Louisville, Kentucky.

Ms. Early obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Politics degree from Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois, as well as a Master of Fine Arts in Performance Theatre from University of Louisville, in Louisville, Kentucky. Additionally Ms. Early holds a Juris Doctorate from Brandeis School of Law in Louisville, Kentucky, as well as a certificate in African-American Theatre from the University of Louisville, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Her enthusiasm for education and extensive work experience make her a wonderful addition to our Theatre program.

BOARD ACTION: _____