

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 519
Counties of Stephenson, Ogle, Jo Daviess and Carroll

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A special meeting of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 519 was called to order by Mr. Doug Block, Chairperson, at 3:34 p.m. on April 26, 2016, in the Robert J. Rimington Board Room (Room H-228) in the Highland Community College Student/Conference Center, 2998 West Pearl City Road, Freeport, Illinois in said district.

Members Present: Mr. David Shockey, Mr. Doug Block, Dr. Steve Jennings,
Ms. Whitney Zumdahl, Mr. Blake Musser, and Ms. Alexa Buss

Members Absent: Mrs. Diane Gallagher, and Mr. Jim Endress

Also Present: Mr. Tim Hood, President; Ms. Chris Kuberski, Executive Vice President;
Ms. Jill Janssen, Vice President, Administrative Services;
Ms. Liz Gerber, Vice President, Student Development and Support
Services; Mr. Mark Helm, The Helm Group; Mr. David Young, Northwest
Illinois Development Alliance; and, Ms. Terri Grimes, Board Secretary

**PRESENTATION ON THE HELM GROUP'S REQUEST FOR A COMMERCIAL
PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT**

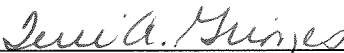
Mr. Mark Helm of the Helm Group provided information on the request for a commercial property tax abatement. He reported that the company is a heavy highway and specialty trade company that includes Civil and Mechanical. The Helm Group is requesting a commercial property tax abatement for a \$1.4 million project that would expand their information technology facility.

Mr. Helm stated that this new facility will add 10 new employees in the short-term and he believes it will keep employees in the area. He is working with Mr. Scott Anderson, Dean of Business & Technology, to identify and recruit potential employees. The commercial tax abatement would be for three years at 100% abatement, with potential for a one-year extension. Mr. Hood stated that he would recommend the Board support the proposal, noting that he sees nothing but good coming from the project. He also expressed his appreciation that Mr. Helm is working with Mr. Anderson on potential opportunities for our students. Mr. Block also stated that he is excited about this project. The request will be presented to trustees for approval at the May 17, 2016, regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Musser moved and Dr. Jennings seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. At 3:43 p.m., there being no further business, the Chairperson declared the motion carried and the special meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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