



Decennial Committee Meeting
Jeanette Spillman Westhoff Story Room B, Main Library
Main Library, 700 N. North Ct., Palatine IL
May 21, 2024, 7:00 pm

Minutes

1. Call to order

Vice President Westhoff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll call/requests to attend meeting via electronic means

Upon roll call, Trustees Boland, DeRosa, Jefferson, Puklin, Snyder, and Westhoff, Executive Director Jeannie Dilger, Assistant Director Melissa Gardner, committee member Tracie Padal, and committee member Meg Cipar were present. Trustee Brauer was absent.

3. Introduction of visitors

Visitors introduced were William Rainey Harper College Director of Communications Kim Pohl, Finance Manager Mary Myers, Administrative Assistant Sarah Kacimi, Assistant Director Susan Connor, Youth and Teen Services Manager Kathy Burns, and member Veronica True.

4. Public comment

None.

5. New Business

Executive Director Dilger gave an overview of the Library's three-year strategic plan and shared current themes in the Library community.

a. Discussion of service to the community with guests Dr. Avis Proctor and Jeff Julian, Harper College (represented by Kim Pohl)

Harper College Director of Communications Kim Pohl reported that Harper College is in the final weeks of their four-year plan. Pohl discussed Harper College's strategic goals and recent developments which included launching an aviation program. This program will let students learn about aerodynamics, aviation weather, regulations and more at the Harper College

Campus. Students can work towards a two-year degree or earn a certificate in aviation.

In addition, Pohl reported that Harper College is collaborating with City Colleges of Chicago in partnership with Chicago Quantum Exchange in effort to advance the science and engineering of quantum information, deepen our community's resources, and enhance opportunities for students and others interested in careers in quantum information science and engineering.

Pohl shared that Harper College was named among 20 semifinalists for the 2025 Aspen prize for Community College Excellence (the Oscars for colleges). The institutions selected for this honor stand out among more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide as having high and improving levels of student success, as well as equitable outcomes for Black and Hispanic students and those from lower-income background. Each of these colleges demonstrated a sustained commitment to moving beyond enrollment and retention as the markers of student success to defining their success by whether the education they provide changes lives.


Trustee Boland inquired about ICN, the Illinois Century Network, a state owned and managed network serving K12 and Higher Education, Public Libraries, and Government entities. The ICN provides Internet and Intranet connectivity for thousands of sites, high availability for cloud-based content, disaster recovery services, data, video, and audio communications. Pohl noted that connecting to ICN has been considered by Harper College but no moves have been made.

6. Adjournment

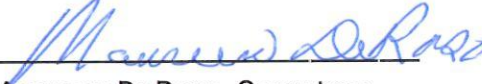
Trustee Westhoff adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Approved: _____

Date: 7/16/24



Debby Brauer, President



Maureen DeRosa, Secretary