

**TRENTON COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES  
KASKASKIA COLLEGE - COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #501  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021**

**WELCOME**

President, George Evans opened a community meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2021 at the Trenton Education Center. Trustees Bryan Holthaus and Linda Stover were in attendance.

Kaskaskia College employees in attendance included President Evans, Dr. Susan Batchelor, Cheryl Boehne, Travis Henson, Cary Day, Mike Conley, Jill Klostermann, Alan Boerngen, Michelle O'Laughlin and Karol Potter.

Community members in attendance included Mary Kenley, Jim Kniepman, Taylor Zurliene, Bryan Hunt, Steven Wollace, Karen Buzzard, Deb Foote, Sybil Conley, Jennifer Filyaw, Kurt Schmitz, and Jamie Ralim.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Evans led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

President Evans led discussion regarding the ongoing actions the College is taking in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the positive outcomes that have arisen from the pandemic and what the College has been able to do for our students with the use of federal and state assistance and funding. President Evans and College staff in attendance presented on the "No Barriers! No Excuses" marketing campaign; the Workforce Equity Initiative; the Adult Education and Literacy Program; the KC Now Program; the KC Connect Mobile App and the recent visit from the Higher Learning Commission. Attendees were provided with a presentation of the new career pathways tool. President Evans also presented a summary of the President's Report to the Community and the Kaskaskia College Economic Impact Study document distributed at the meeting.

President Evans invited comments from those in attendance. An attendee from a local high school stated the career pathways tool is great when working with the students. The College is helping students have a better chance at succeeding. Attendees discussed opportunities to partner with the College either in workforce training and/or new programs.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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Chair, Board of Trustees  
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Secretary, Board of Trustees  
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