

**VANDALIA COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES
KASKASKIA COLLEGE - COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #501
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021**

WELCOME

President, George Evans opened a community meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at the Vandalia Education Center. Trustees Louis Kalert and Linda Stover were in attendance.

Kaskaskia College employees in attendance included President Evans, Dr. Susan Batchelor, Julie Obermark, Amy Troutt, Cheryl Boehne, Kelsey Tate, Travis Henson, Cary Day, Mike Conley, Jill Klostermann, Alan Boerngen, Tommy Henegar, Wendy Blythe, Matt Taylor, Donna Ruble, and Karol Potter.

Community members in attendance included Walt Barenfanger, Jennifer Garrison, Herb Woolsey, Ben Frazier, Mary Pennington, Charles Barenfanger, Erica Foltz, Mike Radliff, Annette Hartlieb, Ricky Gottman, Tara Hall, Heidi Cade, Sandy Michel, Patrick Click and Ty Bates.

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 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 reported that 50% of the students in the Fayette County CEO program have taken dual credit courses at the College. Tara Hall from Senator Plummer’s office expressed the Senator’s support for the College and how the career pathways tool has helped her daughter with planning her future.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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