

**SALEM COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES  
KASKASKIA COLLEGE - COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #501  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021**

**WELCOME**

President, George Evans opened a community meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at the Salem Education Center. Trustees Louis Kalert, Linda Stover and William Hawley 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, Daniel Powell, Janice Eischens, and Karol Potter.

Community members in attendance included John Cavaletto, Mark Decker, Diane Keortge, Dwain Baldrige, Rex Barbee, Alex Nazarian, Craig Engel, Sean Reynolds, Robin Brooks, Nathan Mayberry, Kimberly Briggs, Kim Keller, Nic Farley, Bruce Kropp, and Jessiycka Coleman.

**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. Janice Eischens, Director of Salem Education Center, was commended for the great job she did working with the City of Salem for the Career Fair. The College was asked to have increase College presence at Career Fairs due to the number of community members who need training and could benefit from the resources presented today by the College. President Evans addressed concerns regarding how to get the word out in the community by informing attendees of the different social media, radio, and print avenues that will be used with the No Barriers! No Excuses! campaign and requesting the help of the community leaders to share this information. Attendees gave several examples of positive outcomes for their students in relation to the dual credit courses offered, education

savings through the Jump Start program, and the assistance with development an academic/workforce pathway for their students.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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