



**ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
November 12, 2025 • 1:00 p.m.**

MEETING WILL CONVENE AT 1 P.M. IN PERSON

- **ELGIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BUILDING E, E121-DINING ROOM, 1700 SPARTAN DRIVE, ELGIN, IL 60123**

AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM.

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A. Call to Order/Roll Call

- Call Meeting to Order and Remarks, Pranav Kothari, Chair
- Action to Permit Board Member Virtual Attendance
- Welcome and Remarks, President Peggy Heinrich, Elgin Community College
- Executive Director Report, Ginger Ostro, Executive Director

B. Resolution and Recognition – Action Item

- Consideration and Approval of Resolutions Honoring Retiring Board Members

C. National College Attainment Network Initiatives Update

- Magnus Noble, IBHE Non-Traditional Student Board Member and Midwest Policy Fellow

D. Advisory Council Updates

- Community College Presidents' Council
 - Dr. Avis Proctor, President, William Rainey Harper College and Chair of the Community College Presidents' Council
- Public University Presidents
 - Dr. Daniel F. Mahony, President, Southern Illinois University System, Convener, Public University Presidents

E. Behavioral Health Workforce Center Strategic Plan Update

Behavioral Health Workforce Center

- Kari Wolf, MD, CEO
- Cynthia Baker, Ed.D., LCSW, MSW, Executive Director
- Lori Williams, Chief Operating Officer

F. HOPE Chicago: Lessons on Student Success

- Dr. Aaron Kuecker, CEO
- Michele Howard, Chief Program Officer

G. Public Comment

- Request from Members of the Public to Address the Board

H. Action Items

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1. Consideration and Approval of New Units of Instruction at Public Service, and Research at Public Universities (Dr. Nkechi Onwuameze)
2. Consideration and Approval of New Operating and/or Degree-Granting Authority for Independent Institutions (Dr. Nkechi Onwuameze)
3. Consideration and Approval of New Units of Instruction, Public Community College (Dr. Nkechi Onwuameze)

I. Consent Agenda Action Items

1. Consideration and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2025
2. Consideration and Approval of Proposed Amendments to 2026 Board Meeting Dates and 2027 Board Meeting Dates
3. Consideration and Approval of Non-Instructional Capital Projects for Fiscal Year 2026

J. Other Business

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 21, 2026, in Chicago.

K. Adjournment

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