



ICCTA Board Highlights

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Illinois Community College Trustees Association

Advocacy

- Received updates on the [Fiscal Year 2026 state budget](#), which includes a 3% increase in community college funding (1% in base operating grants and 2% held back in reserve);
- Discussed the status of [Community College Baccalaureate legislation](#) and public university equitable funding. Other bills of interest include:
 - [House Bill 1859](#): AI and community college faculty
 - [House Bill 2967](#): Dual credit
 - [House Bill 3011](#): Trustee oaths of office
 - [House Bill 3522](#): Direct admission
 - [Senate Bill 1958](#): Transfer pathway agreements
- Recognized Illinois Community College Board executive director **Dr. Brian Durham** with ICCTA's Michael S. Monaghan Meritorious Service Award; and
- Congratulated the new officers of the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents: chair **Dr. Avis Proctor** (Harper), vice chair **George Evans** (Kaskaskia), and secretary/treasurer **Dr. Kirk Overstreet** (Logan).

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Member Engagement

- Unanimously elected ICCTA's officers for 2025-2026:

- **Shawn Boldt** (Highland) – vice president
- **Amanda Howland** (Lake County) – secretary
- **Laura Wedekemper** (Kaskaskia) – treasurer

Their one-year terms will begin July 1, joining incoming president **Patricia Joan Murphy** (Moraine Valley) and past president **Bishop Wayne Dunning** (Richland);

- Reviewed [President-Elect Murphy's goals](#) for the coming year; student engagement, advocacy, and marketing;
- Recognized the association's [2024-2025 leadership team](#) and [2025 award and scholarship winners and nominees](#);
- Provided trustee leadership development training to comply with [Public Act 99-0692](#);
- Welcomed student trustee **Aemun Lopeyok** (Heartland), who shared his story of growing up in Kenya and adjusting to college life as an international student; and
- Thanked Heartland Community College for hosting ICCTA's 2025 convention and annual Board of Representatives meeting.

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ICCTA's next meeting

September 12 - 13, 2025

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Springfield, Illinois

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