



ICCTA Board Highlights

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Illinois Community College Trustees Association

Advocacy

- Discussed updating the association's [2025 State Legislative Initiatives](#) (pursue community college workforce degrees, enhance student transfer and articulation policies, and prepare Illinois' future workers) and [Core Legislative Values](#) (remain responsive to the community college district, receive equitable funding for college operations, and champion equity in higher education) to reflect CCB work done to date and include workforce ecosystem language that mirrors and supports the Presidents' priorities;
- Heard remarks regarding the current political season landscape and how there will be a lot of turnover in the General Assembly due to legislators either seeking higher office or retiring;
- Reviewed some of the legislation that could be addressed during the Illinois General Assembly's 2025 Veto Session on October 14-16 and October 28-30;
- Discussed the creation of an advocacy toolkit to support our members' lobbying efforts; and
- Received updates on the Presidents Council's legislative agenda and the [Association of Community College Trustees' Leadership Congress](#) on October 22-25 in New Orleans.

September 12 - 13, 2025 meetings * Springfield, Illinois



Member Engagement

- Reviewed the updates to ICCTA's [2025-2027 Strategic Plan](#) suggested during the ICCTA Executive Committee Retreat;
- Presented a [resolution honoring Bishop Wayne Dunning](#) (Richland) for his outstanding service as ICCTA president for 2024-2025;
- Congratulated the 2025 ACCT Central Region Award Winners **College of Lake County (Impact and Success Award)** and **Moraine Valley Community College's Merri Fefles-Dunkle (Faculty Award)**;
- Heard that the Awards committee adopted [nomination deadlines for 2026](#); and
- Received the association's Fiscal Year 2025 audit.

Trustee Education

- Heard presentations from Michelle Weber-Robbins Schwartz and Dr. Brian Durham-ICCB related to recent federal legislation during ICCTA's September 12 seminar;
- Learned that ICCTA will be hosting an ACCT Governance Leadership Institute (GLI) in conjunction with ICCTA and ICCCP regular November meetings in Naperville;
- Learned that Trustee Roundtable participants discussed: handling of student needs affected by federal policies; suggestions for evaluating presidents; and consideration of legislation to amend the Open Meetings Act; and
- Welcomed remarks from student trustee **Avery Henderson** (Southeastern), who shared that his relationship with the college began long before he became a student then a student trustee.

ICCTA's next meeting

November 13 - 15, 2025

In conjunction with ICCTA/ACCT Governance Leadership Institute in Naperville, IL

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