

St. Clair County Regional Board of School Trustees Special Meeting  
May 15, 2025

The meeting of the Regional Board of School Trustees, St. Clair County, Illinois, was called to order by President Dallas Alley at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2025. On roll call by Executive Assistant Jayme Abbott, the following members were present:

Dallas Alley  
Connie Barre  
(Leonard) Gary Cruise  
Angela Guess  
Jason Madlock  
Shannon Russell

Also present: Regional Superintendent Lori Costello and Executive Assistant Jayme Abbott.

Members absent: Kevin Elbe.

Pledge of Allegiance

A quorum had been reached to do business. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes from May 23, 2023

Dallas Alley asked the board to review the minutes from the May 23, 2023 meeting. Hearing no objections or corrections, Dallas Alley asked for a motion to approve the May 23, 2023, minutes as printed. Jason Madlock made a motion seconded by Gary Cruise. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2023

Dallas Alley asked the board to review the minutes from the October 12, 2023 meeting. Hearing no objections or corrections, President Alley asked for a motion to approve the October 12, 2023 minutes as printed. Gary Cruise made a motion seconded by Jason Madlock. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Canvas of Elections

After a review of the election results, Dallas Alley asked the board for a motion to accept the results as printed. Write-in candidate Dallas Alley received 131 votes. Write-in candidate Angela Guess received 130. Shannon Russell made the motion to approve seconded by Connie Barre. The results were certified and approved unanimously.

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Swearing In of New Board Members

Lori Costello conducted the official swearing in of board members Dallas Alley and Angela Guess. Both signed the Official Oath.

Reorganization of Board

Gary Cruise made a motion to retain Dallas Alley as president seconded by Jason Madlock. The motion passed unanimously.

Shannon Russell made a motion to retain Kevin Elbe as vice president. Jason Madlock seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

President Dallas Alley inquired about the Regional Office of Education and St. Clair County school districts regarding losses of federal funding. The board discussed potential impacts if funding cannot be found elsewhere.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Dallas Alley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shannon Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Jason Madlock which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Costello  
Ex-Officio Secretary