

# MEMO

TO: Election Candidates, Lake Land College Board of Trustees

FROM: Jean Anne Highland, Chief of Staff

DATE: July 7, 2026

RE: Nomination Filing – Consolidated Election

The Trustee Election will be held April 6, 2027, as part of the 2027 consolidated election. Two six-year terms will appear on the Lake Land College ballot. The two six-year terms are held by Mr. Gary Cadwell and Mr. Tom Wright.

Candidates may begin circulating petitions on Tuesday, August 25, 2026. Election packets may be requested from the President's Office by calling 217-234-5222, submitting an email to [officeofthepresident@lakelandcollege.edu](mailto:officeofthepresident@lakelandcollege.edu) or visiting the president's office from 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, when the college is open. The office is in the Board and Administration Center at the College's main campus in Mattoon.

The candidate's election packet includes:

- ICCTA Candidate Brochure - informational
- Statement of Candidacy
- Petition for Nomination – requirement of not less than 50 signatures of voters registered within the Community College District No. 517. Forms may be photocopied, but signatures must be original on petitions submitted.
- Statement of Economic Interest – filed with the Coles County Clerk's office. File receipt with the Lake Land College President's Office.
- Loyalty Oath – optional.

A *Candidate's Guide* is available from the State Board of Elections, 2329 S. MacArthur Boulevard, Springfield, IL 62704, (217) 782-4141 or may be downloaded from their website at: <https://www.elections.il.gov/>

The filing period will be November 16-23, 2026. Candidates may submit petitions and all required forms in person or by a representative to the Office of the President, Lake Land College, Board and Administration Center, 5001 Lake Land Blvd., Mattoon, IL 61938 during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m. each day). Candidates may also

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submit petitions and all required forms via mail to this same address. However, all materials must be received during the prescribed filing period.

The period for filing objections to nomination papers will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the following five dates: Tuesday, November 24, 2026; Wednesday, November 25, 2026; Monday, November 30, 2026; Tuesday, December 1, 2026; and Wednesday, December 2, 2026.

This information is provided as a public service. It is the requirement of each candidate to comply with all applicable laws and requirements.

As part of this election process, we request the Board of Trustees approve the designation of myself as the Local Election Official on behalf of Board Secretary Mr. Larry D. Lilly. Additionally, included in the Board Book are designation letters for five other staff members to act as representatives for accepting petitions and/or the filing of objections during the upcoming Trustee election. I respectfully request the Board approve these letters of designation.

**Recommended motion:** Accept as presented the letters of designation for the April 6, 2027, Trustee Election.

# LAKE LAND COLLEGE

July 7, 2026

Ms. Jean Anne Highland  
Chief of Staff  
Lake Land College  
5001 Lake Land Boulevard  
Mattoon, IL 61938

Dear Ms. Highland:

I hereby designate you as my representative to conduct the Lake Land College Board of Trustees elections as directed by law, practice and my direction. The election will be held on April 6, 2027, and all the preceding notices and preparations for receiving petitions, and all other aspects of the elections shall be conducted by said designees.

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Mr. Larry D. Lilly, Secretary  
Board of Trustees  
Community College District No. 517

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224 South Sixth St.  
Marshall, Illinois 62441  
217-826-8490

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Effingham, Illinois 62401  
217-540-3555

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217-234-5253  
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**Western Region Center**  
600 East First St.  
Pana, Illinois 62557  
217-562-5000

**Workforce  
Development Center**  
305 Richmond Ave. East  
Mattoon, Illinois 61938  
217-235-2222

# LAKE LAND COLLEGE

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Ms. Becky Earp  
Admin. Assistant to the Vice President  
Lake Land College  
5001 Lake Land Boulevard  
Mattoon, IL 61938

Dear Ms. Earp:

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Ms. Connie Compton  
Admin. Assistant to the Vice President  
Lake Land College  
5001 Lake Land Boulevard  
Mattoon, IL 61938

Dear Ms. Compton:

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Mr. Jeff Branson  
Campus Police Chief  
Lake Land College  
5001 Lake Land Boulevard  
Mattoon, IL 61938

Dear Mr. Branson:

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Dr. Josh Bullock  
President  
Lake Land College  
5001 Lake Land Boulevard  
Mattoon, IL 61938

Dear Dr. Bullock:

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Ms. Seirra Laughunn  
Executive Assistant to the President's Office  
Lake Land College  
5001 Lake Land Boulevard  
Mattoon, IL 61938

Dear Ms. Laughunn:

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