

Triton College, Community College District #504
Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency
Final Report – October 15, 2024

SUMMARY OF WORK

Decennial Committee Establishment

The Triton College Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency, required under Illinois Public Act 102-1088, was established May 16, 2023 by Triton College, Community College District #504 via Board action during a publicly scheduled and noticed Board Retreat. This action laid out the membership, duties, and charge of the committee.

Decennial Committee Membership

The committee is made up of each of the currently elected and appointed Triton College Trustees, Triton’s CEO, and two community members, as required.

- Mark R. Stephens, Board Chairman – Decennial Committee Chair
- Diane Viverito, Vice Chairwoman
- Tracy Jennings, Secretary
- Luke Casson, Trustee
- Glover “Tres” Johnson, Trustee
- Elizabeth Potter, Trustee
- Rich Regan, Trustee
- Naidelin Alvarez, Student Trustee (2023)
- Kailee Harper, Student Trustee (2024)
- Mary-Rita Moore, President & CEO
- Thomas Gary, Community member (Oak Park)
- Orlando Velasquez, Community member (Melrose Park)

Decennial Committee Duties and Charge

The committee’s duties and charge are to study local efficiencies and report recommendations regarding efficiencies and increased accountability to the Cook County Board. This includes (but is not limited to) governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationship with other governmental units and the State. The committee must collect, research, and analyze data as necessary to prepare a report, and submit that report to the county board.

Decennial Committee Meetings

At all Triton College Decennial Committee meetings, community residents’ input was sought and residents had opportunity to submit feedback.

- First meeting: November 28, 2023 – Committee review of the statute and duties of the Decennial Committee, and discussion of potential topics of study. Consensus was reached to concentrate on Intergovernmental Agreements. Administration was charged with gathering the requested information.

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- Second meeting: May 21, 2024 – Committee review and analysis of the Intergovernmental Agreement packet as prepared by administration, containing forty-eight agreements that the college has entered into over the approximate five and a half year period of July 1, 2018 through December 30, 2023. Administration was charged with preparing a report on the efficiencies of these agreements based on the committee’s discussion.
- Third meeting: October 15, 2024 – Committee review and approval of Triton’s Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Report.


FINDINGS

The Triton College Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency’s review of over five years, 2018-2023, of Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA’s) established that the college’s IGA’s fall into three categories: Fee Waiver; Partnership; and Data Sharing. All agreements were found by the committee to be non-duplicative and efficient, with adherence to both policy and statute, without overlap in services of governmental action.

To maintain the high level of accountability and efficiency, it is recommended that the College continue to bring all Intergovernmental Agreements to the Board of Trustees for review and consideration of approval, and that all IGA’s continue to be maintained through the College’s executive leadership. The committee does not see further need for additional accountability.

APPROVAL

Approved for submission to the Cook County Board.



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