

EMPLOYMENT  
CONTRACT

THIS AMENDED EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, made and entered into at Champaign, Illinois, as of this **1st day of July 2024**, by and between the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 505 (PARKLAND COLLEGE) COUNTIES OF CHAMPAIGN, COLES, DEWITT, DOUGLAS, EDGAR, FORD, IROQUOIS, LIVINGSTON, MCLEAN, MOULTRIE, PIATT, VERMILION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, herein "Board", and STEPHANIE STUART, herein "Stuart".

WITNESSETH, the parties have agreed as follows:

SECTION ONE  
SUPLANTATION

1.1 As of 12:01 A.M. on the **1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2024**, this EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT supplants, supersedes and replaces all prior employment agreements, amendments to and/or revisions thereof by and between the parties.

SECTION TWO  
TERM

2.1 In consideration of the mutual promises and agreements herein contained, Board hereby appoints and employs and Stuart hereby accepts appointment and employment by Board as Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Workforce Innovation/Chief Communications Officer or such other or different title or position which may be assigned to her commencing at 12:01 A.M. on **July 1, 2024 and terminating at midnight on June 30, 2027**, unless terminated sooner as herein provided.

2.2 In the event Stuart is not in default in any of the provisions of the Contract, then by mutual agreement of the parties, the Contract may be extended for an additional three (3) year term or such other or further term as the parties may agree upon.

## SECTION THREE

### DUTIES

3.1 Stuart shall have all the duties and perform all the work and services contained in this Contract and as may be required by law or as are provided for in the Policy Manual of the College heretofore promulgated by the Board (as the same are now in force or from time to time amended) in the job description of the position of Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Workforce Innovation/Chief Communications Officer; copies of which have heretofore been furnished to Stuart and Stuart will also perform such other additional duties as may be assigned to her from time to time by the President of this College and/or by the Board. Such duties shall be of a nature consistent with the duties of the Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Workforce Innovation/Chief Communications Officer of a community college or similar organization.

3.2 This Contract shall be classified as an "administrative contract" in accordance with the Parkland College Board of Trustees Policy Manual (as the same is now in force or from time to time amended) and is subject to all provisions of the Policy Manual of the Board as to where specifically limited or abrogated by the provisions of this agreement. In addition, all applicable laws of the State of Illinois shall also be considered a part of this Contract and embodied herein.

3.3 Stuart's duties shall also include, but not be limited to the implementation of the policies, rules and regulations adopted by the Board and the discharge of all duties and responsibilities prescribed by and/or established by the President or by the Board from time to time.

3.4 The Board will provide Stuart with suitable office space, internet service (with a dedicated line), equipment and such administrative, educational and clerical, faculty and staff as available funds allow and as may be required to develop and maintain a high standard of academic services for the College. Stuart will make such recommendations to the President concerning programs, personnel appointments, expenditures and faculty, staff and student regulations which, in her best professional judgment, are necessary or desirable for the maintenance of the College academic services. Stuart will provide the President and/or Board with such additional information as the President and/or Board may reasonably request from time to time.

3.5 Stuart shall, as long as this Contract or any extension thereof is in full force and effect, be entitled to use and go under the name of "Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Workforce Innovation/Chief Communications Officer" or any acceptable derivative thereof or such other or

different title or position which may be assigned to her.

3.6 Stuart shall not, without the written consent or authorization of the Board, execute any contract whatsoever which affects the College or Board, in writing or oral, in her own name, as Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Workforce Innovation/Chief Communications Officer or in the name of the Board of Trustees of Parkland College.

3.7 During the term of this Contract, Stuart shall give reasonable written notice to the President if she is to be absent from her duties for an extended period of time.

#### SECTION FOUR

#### COMPENSATION AND FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The Board shall pay Stuart as follows:

(a) Beginning July 1, 2024, the Board shall pay Stuart a base gross annual salary in the amount of \$146,166.25 plus the FY 2025 increase provided to administrators.

(b) Each year subsequent thereto, the Board will review Stuart's compensation and make adjustments it deems appropriate.

(c) Except as may otherwise be provided, all salaries and/or allowances payable hereunder shall be paid in equal monthly installments of 1/12 the total thereof, or as otherwise provided herein or as provided in the documents controlling that aspect of compensation, commencing on the first regular pay day period of the College during the term of this Contract.

(d) Board shall have the right to deduct from the compensation payable to Stuart under the provisions hereof, all federal, state and local taxes, and charges as may now be in effect or which may be hereafter enacted as charges on the compensation of Stuart. Stuart may, in writing, authorize other, further or different payroll deductions. It is agreed by the parties that the payment of any and all income taxes shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility and liability of Stuart.

(e) The Board shall make available to Stuart all other employee benefits that all other Administrators at Parkland College are provided. Such benefits will include, but are not limited to, health insurance, dental insurance and similar benefits.

(f) Employee shall only be eligible for reimbursement of expenses for meals and entertainment or travel outside of the State of Illinois, so long as appropriate receipts or vouchers are provided.

(g) The Board will pay or reimburse Stuart for such reasonable amounts that she pays to SURS as and for her retirement. Such payment or reimbursement shall be made on a monthly basis, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise.

(h) Stuart shall be entitled to vacation and such leave and similar provisions which are applicable to all Vice Presidents at Parkland College.

#### SECTION FIVE

#### EVALUATION

5.1 The President will meet with Stuart no less than annually to review her accomplishments of the prior year. The priorities for leadership that were mutually agreed upon at the commencement of the year will serve as a frame of reference for such evaluation.

#### SECTION SIX

#### CONTINUING TENURE

6.1 Stuart shall not be deemed to be granted continuing tenure, or similar status, in her capacity as Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Workforce Innovation/Chief Communications Officer.

#### SECTION SEVEN

#### TERMINATION

7.1 This Contract shall be terminable, other than by expiration of its term, as follows:

- (a) Mutual written consent of the parties;
- (b) Death of Stuart;
- (c) Incapacity of Stuart for a period of one year; provided, however, that any action taken under this provision shall not adversely affect her right to benefits under any College long-term disability insurance plan;
- (d) Conviction of a felony;
- (e) Loss of legal qualifications;
- (f) By either party on one hundred forty (140) days' advance written notice to the other.

If the Board terminates this Contract under this provision, the Board reserves the right to pay Stuart in lieu of notice and relieve her of her responsibilities immediately.

SECTION EIGHT

ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENTS

8.1 This Contract is for the personal services of Stuart and may not be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party without the prior written approval of the other party. This Contract contains all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Contract, and supersedes all prior agreements, arrangements and communications between the parties concerning such subject matter, whether oral or written. No amendment to this Contract is effective unless it is set forth in writing, signed by both parties, and attached hereto.

SECTION NINE

NOTICES

9.1 All notices required or permitted to be sent hereunder are to be in writing, and shall be considered provided when delivered in person or when the same shall be deposited in the United States Mail and sent by registered or certified mail, with return receipt requested, and proper postage affixed thereto, as follows:

1. Notices to the Board:

Secretary  
Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 505 (Parkland College)  
Room U-330  
2400 West Bradley Avenue  
Champaign, IL 61821-1899

2. Notices to Stuart:

Stephanie Stuart  
Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Workforce  
Innovation/Chief Communications Officer  
Parkland College  
Room U332  
2400 West Bradley  
Champaign, IL 61821-1899

and also:

Stephanie Stuart  
1302 Kimela Drive  
Mahomet, IL 61853

SECTION TEN  
MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 This Contract shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.

10.2 Jurisdiction and venue of any and all legal proceedings involving this Contract shall be in Champaign County, Illinois.

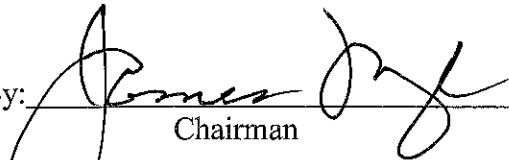
10.3 All prior offers, acceptances, oral representations, agreements and writings between the parties heretofore made are merged herein and shall be of no force or effect unless contained in this Employment Contract.


10.4 In the event that one or more portions of this Employment Contract are declared invalid by a court of law or other body, such declaration shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof.

10.5 Time is the essence of this Contract and all of the agreements contained herein shall be binding upon the successors of the Board. This Contract shall be binding upon Stuart, her heirs and representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands the day and year noted below.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 505  
(PARKLAND COLLEGE) COUNTIES OF  
CHAMPAIGN, COLES, DEWITT, DOUGLAS  
EDGAR, FORD, IROQUOIS, LIVINGSTON,  
MCLEAN, MOULTRIE, PIATT, VERMILION  
AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

By:   
Chairman

  
Stephanie Stuart

Attest:   
Secretary