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May 3, 2024

Dr. Cristobal Valdez  
President  
Richland Community College  
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Dear President Valdez:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Richland Community College (the institution) by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) at its meeting on April 30, 2024. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

**Action with Interim Monitoring.** IAC continued the accreditation of Richland Community College with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2033-34. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

**Interim Report.** An Interim Report due 6/30/2026 on 4.B and 4.C. on assessment of student learning, retention, persistence, and completion.

In taking this action, the IAC considered materials from the most recent evaluation and the institutional response (if applicable) to the evaluation findings.

In two weeks, this action will be added to the *Institutional Status and Requirements (ISR) Report*, a resource for the institution to review and manage information regarding its accreditation relationship. Chief Executive Officers and Accreditation Liaison Officers may download the ISR Report in Canopy at <https://canopy.hlcommission.org>.

Within the next 30 days, HLC will also publish information about this action on its website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/Student-Resources/recent-actions>.

If you have any questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact the institution's staff liaison, John Marr. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley".

Barbara Gellman-Danley  
President

cc: Isaac Zuniga, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
John Marr, HLC Staff Liaison