

# Spielvogel hearing is Thursday

LMC to hold just cause hearing in Hanson Theater to accommodate crowd

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**BENTON TOWNSHIP** — The just cause hearing for Lake Michigan College's suspended president



**SPIELVOGEL**

is set for Thursday.

At 8 a.m. in the Hanson Theater at the Mendel Center, Jennifer Spielvogel and her lawyer will

meet with LMC's Board of Trustees to discuss her three months at the helm of the community college.

Trustees called for the special meeting in order to hold the just cause hearing. Since it is a meeting – and not just a hearing – action can be taken by the board.

LMC spokeswoman Candice Elders said the hearing's venue was moved to the Hanson Theater because Spielvogel requested an open hearing. In the event of a large turnout, the theater would accom-

modate such numbers.

The board first voted to suspend Spielvogel on April 8. Minutes from the meeting indicated trustees were upset about alleged unauthorized spending for an inauguration and office renovations. Minutes showed the trustees said she also showed poor leadership, was unprofessional and violated policies.

Spielvogel has offered

no public response since then, except through her attorney, who told The Herald-Palladium that at most his client misunderstood the board's interpretation of her ability to spend money.

Spielvogel's contract dictates she is entitled to be paid through the end of the contract unless LMC can prove that it had "just cause" for termination.

LMC highlighted this in a press release it sent out in early April, stating if the college should terminate Spielvogel for just cause, then the institution is under no obligation to award severance compensation or continue any fringe benefits provided by her contract, which would expire June 30, 2018.

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