

# LMC suspends president

Spielvogel just started her 4th month in post

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**BENTON TOWNSHIP** — Only three months after she started, Lake Michigan College President Jennifer Spielvogel has

been taken off the job for reasons that haven't been stated publicly.

The LMC Board suspended Spielvogel immediately after a special meeting Friday, according to an LMC statement released that afternoon.

"LMC has a strong and dedicated team, and phenomenal community support. We are confident in our ability to continue growing, innovating and

servicing our students without compromise," LMC Board Chairwoman Mary Jo Tomasini said.

The college's statement didn't specify what factors led to Spielvogel's suspension, or whether she has been — or will be — fired from the job she started on Jan. 1.

"As an ongoing personnel matter pending a final resolution, specific contributing factors leading up to

the decision are confidential," the college's statement said. "The Board of Trustees is working closely with college and community stakeholders to determine the best steps moving forward."

The announcement of Spielvogel's suspension followed a meeting notice that Friday's session had been called "to discuss a written legal opinion from the college's attorney related to an

employment matter," but gave no other details.

The board sounded a similar note in a letter from Tomasini that went out Friday to faculty, staff and students, which WSJM's Pat Moody — a former LMC trustee — posted in his "Moody on the Market" column.

The letter emphasized that specific reasons for the board's decision had to stay confidential, but that

"please know that board — after long and careful deliberation — acted with the utmost consideration for the best interest of the college, or employees, students and the communities we serve," it stated.

Employees with any work-related concerns arising from Spielvogel's suspension are being asked to check with their

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department's vice president.

Beyond that issue, the board will "continue to communicate updates as soon as information is available," Tomasini said, in the letter.

The board voted in De-

cember 2015 to hire Spielvogel to replace longtime president Bob Harrison, who'd led LMC since 2009, and retired after a 16-year career with the institution.

Before coming to LMC, Spielvogel served as vice president of evidence and inquiry since 2007 at Cuyahoga Community College in Ohio.