RESOLUTION
TO ADOPT REVISIONS TO SECTION 1.5.3 (QUORUM)
OF THE BOARD BYLAWS
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, the Illinois Public Community College Act, as amended, lists the powers and duties of community college districts in the State of Illinois, and states in 110 ILCS 850/3-30, that:

“The board of any community college district has the powers...that may be requisite or proper for the maintenance, operation and development of any college or colleges under the jurisdiction of the board.”

WHEREAS, Section 4.2 of the Board Bylaws of City Colleges of Chicago provides for the amendment of policies and states that:

“The Board may amend or repeal any Bylaw, Policy or Procedure by a vote of a majority of the voting members of the Board then holding office at any regular, special or emergency meeting.”

WHEREAS, Section 1.5.3 Quorum of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508 County of Cook and State of Illinois has been revised pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/7 to allow Board members who are not physically present at an open or closed meeting to participate in the meeting by other means under certain circumstances (Revisions to Section 1.5.3 are attached as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision has been presented to the Board of Trustees;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the revision to the Bylaws (Exhibit A) be adopted by the Board of Trustees effective December 12, 2013, and posted on the City Colleges of Chicago website.
EXHIBIT A
REVISIONS TO SECTION 1.5.3
QUORUM

At an adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the original meeting. Other Board members who are not physically present at an open or closed meeting may participate in the meeting by Other Means under the following circumstances:

   a. if a quorum of the members is physically present, a majority of the members may allow a member to attend the meeting by Other Means if that member is prevented from physically attending because of:
      i. personal illness or disability; or
      ii. employment purposes or the business of the Board of Trustees; or
      iii. a family or other emergency.

   b. “Other Means” is by video or audio conference.

   “Personal illness or disability” is any physical, psychological, or physiological condition or impairment of the individual Board member not necessarily rising to the level of impairment to qualify as a disability under either state or federal laws, rules or regulations.

   “Employment purposes” is business and/or work undertaken or performed that is not in furtherance of the Board’s purposes, goals, missions and/or business and is not within the exclusive province of the Board of Trustees.

   “Business of the Board of Trustees” is business and/or work undertaken or performed in furtherance of the Board’s purposes, goals, missions, and/or business.

   “Family emergency” is a situation where an unforeseen, unexpected circumstance, combination of circumstances, occurrences or conditions is presented which requires immediate action, assistance or relief which involves a Board member’s family.

   “Other emergency” is a situation where an unforeseen, unexpected circumstance, combination of circumstances, occurrences, or conditions is present which requires immediate action, assistance, or relief which situation does not involve, relate to, or in any manner implicate or pertain to a Board member’s family as defined in the paragraph above.

   c. If a member wishes to attend a meeting by Other Means, that member must notify the secretary, acting secretary, or assistant secretary of such intended participation before the meeting (but no less than one (1) hour before the meeting, if reasonable under the circumstances) unless advance notice is unreasonable and/or wholly impracticable.