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## ADOPTED-BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508 DECEMBER 7, 2023

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508 COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION OF WALTER E. MASSEY Ph.D. THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**WHEREAS,** Walter E. Massey, Ph.D. has served as the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the City Colleges of Chicago since his October 2017 appointment to the Board;

WHEREAS, Walter E. Massey has led the Board of Trustees with dedication and wisdom and has partnered with the Administration to advance the City Colleges of Chicago and benefit its students;

WHEREAS, Walter E. Massey has helped shepherd the City Colleges of Chicago through a once in a lifetime global pandemic and a momentous racial justice movement with an unwavering, steady hand and the utmost care for our more than 60,000 students and 4,000 faculty and staff;

WHEREAS, during his tenure, (i) the City Colleges of Chicago's completion outcomes are at the highest level on record; (ii) more than 86-million dollars has been committed to provide students an opportunity to attain a City Colleges of Chicago education for free; and (iii) as of 2022, the City Colleges of Chicago has achieved a financial goal of being net asset positive, for the first time since 2015, without raising tuition; and

WHEREAS, Walter E. Massey's governance and engagement has been critical to the City Colleges of Chicago attaining its vision as the city's most accessible higher education engine of socioeconomic mobility and racial equity.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, along with the Chancellor and the City Colleges of Chicago community, hereby formally commend Walter E. Massey for his years of service to the City Colleges of Chicago, its students and faculty and staff, as well as the citizens of the City of Chicago, and extend the Board of Trustee's heartfelt thanks for his leadership.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Resolution will be presented to Walter E. Massey as a symbol of the Board's honor, thanks, and respect.

December 7, 2023 – The Office of the Board of Trustees