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**APPROVED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**

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

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023  
HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE  
30 EAST LAKE STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60601  
ROOM 1115**

Pursuant to provisions of the Public Community College Act, as amended, of the State by Illinois, County of Cook, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508 was held in person and live-streamed for simultaneous public viewing on YouTube on July 13, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., Harold Washington College, 30 East Lake Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601, Room 1115.

**PARTICIPANTS**

**TRUSTEES**

**OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT**

Walter E. Massey, Chair  
Elizabeth Swanson, Vice Chair  
Darrell A. Williams  
Yehuda Goldbloom, Student Trustee

**CHANCELLOR**

Juan Salgado

**PROVOST**

Mark Potter

**GENERAL COUNSEL**

Karla Mitchell Gowen

**CHIEF ADVISOR TO THE BOARD**

Bonnie Phillips

**SENIOR ASSISTANT BOARD**

**LIAISON**

Emma Mims

Rhonda Brown – Vice Chancellor, Institutional Advancement  
Christian Collins – Vice Chancellor, Institutional Effectiveness  
David Deyhle – Vice Chancellor, Strategic Marketing and  
Branding

Carol Dunning – Chief Talent Officer

Veronica Herrero – Chief Strategy Officer

Zarko Njakara – Interim Chief Information Officer

Jennifer Mason – Vice Chancellor, Legislative & Community  
Affairs

Maribel Rodriguez – Chief Financial Officer

Sarah Lichtenstein Walter – Vice Chancellor of Academic  
Programs

**COLLEGE PRESIDENTS**

Kimberly Hollingsworth – President, Olive-Harvey College

Shawn Jackson – President, Harry S Truman College

Janine Janosky – President, Richard J. Daley College

Daniel Lopez – President, Harold Washington College

David Potash – President, Wilbur Wright College

David Sanders – President, Malcolm X College

Katonja Webb Walker – President, Kennedy-King College

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Swanson began by calling to order the July 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m. The Vice Chair noted that due to an emergency, there were not enough chair members for an appropriate quorum to vote on the items brought before the board in the committee meeting earlier. However, today's meeting will still review all the reports and updates, and an emergency meeting will be scheduled later in July to vote.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Vice Chair Swanson asked the Chief Advisor to call the roll.

The Chief Advisor called roll:

Elizabeth Swanson	Present
Darrell A. Williams	Present
Yehuda Goldbloom	Present

**III. WELCOME**

Vice Chair Swanson welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the summer. She went on to thank President Lopez for hosting today's meeting at Harold Washington College and thanked everyone for joining. Before continuing with the meeting, the Vice Chair advised that Chair Massey is participating in today's meeting via phone. This is allowable under our board's bylaws Article 1.5.3 Sections A - C, provided there is a quorum. However, we do not have a quorum therefore this meeting will be reconvened later this month.

**IV. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Vice Chair Swanson read Chair Massey's remarks.

"As we enter the second half of the year 2023, let's reflect and renew our reasons for why we do what we do, reflecting on the importance of the mission and purpose of City Colleges of Chicago. So, I invite the trustees, along with Chancellor Salgado, in saying congratulations, everyone, for all of your time, energy, and efforts thus far. We are all looking forward to what's coming ahead throughout the rest of the calendar year."

Vice Chair Swanson added her thanks to Karen Kent for her partnership and friendship and her eight years of service at City Colleges of Chicago. The Colleges were a better institution for her service.

Vice Chair asked Student Trustee Goldbloom for his report.

**V. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

Student Trustee Goldbloom gave brief remarks from the DSGA (District Student Government Association).

The full report can be found on the Board website.

**VI. CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

As heard during the Committee meeting earlier, this board will consider and vote on the FY24 budget this month. The FY24 budget is balanced, it allows us to make continued Investments to further our strategic Vision. This budget enables us to continue providing robust academic offerings, including online and in-person learning options that meet our students where they are. New and expanded scholarships like Future Ready; which we are sustaining post-federal covid pandemic relief funds, The Star Scholarship, which just continues to grow each year, and a new scholarship, The Options for the Future Scholarship, oriented toward students that are in our schools all across the city.

In a full complement of student supports including growing supports in mental health, housing, benefits, navigation, etc. These are just a few among the many investments that support our efforts to achieve greater equity and student outcomes. At the same time as a testament to our commitment to affordability, and recognizing that the pandemic's impacts linger among our students. This budget holds our credit hour rate at 146 dollars level for the eighth straight year. The issue of college affordability was one of two issues taken up by the U.S Supreme Court at the end of its term last month; which while I will address in a moment. But first I want to conclude the budget by recognizing CFO Maribel Rodriguez, Deputy CFO Jeff Wong, the Vice Presidents at each of the colleges, budget teams at each of the colleges, presidents at each of the colleges, the entire budget team, and anybody that worked on a budget. It's no small undertaking to get a budget that we can all feel about. And we do feel very good about this budget, particularly what this budget will do to support our students.

As we're all aware Supreme Court rulings on higher education last month struck down affirmative action and blocked a plan for student loan debt forgiveness. At City Colleges we are committed to providing quality affordable education that reduces the need for debt, and helps us achieve racial equity and student outcomes. We remain an Open Access Community College. We proudly accept our students. The decision on affirmative action does not change that we also continue to ensure that City Colleges remains accessible and affordable, minimizing the need for student loans. In addition to the eight-year tuition freeze, we have also distributed record amounts of financial assistance, created the Fresh Start debt forgiveness program, launched future ready to provide student access to short-term programs and in-demand programs, among many

other efforts. Please know that no matter what, city colleges is committed to supporting our students, celebrating our diversity, and serving as the city's most successful higher education engine of socioeconomic mobility and racial equity. As a community college system actively engaged in our city, we work to meet the needs of our communities.

In the next few days, the board will consider very short extensions to our OEMC facility agreements to support the new arrivals at Wright College and Daley College. Those two extensions are for two days and 10 days respectively. I want to thank our college teams who continue to work well with their city counterparts in support of these much-needed shelter or has been commonly shared as of late, respite sites. When I was at Wright College, I made an affirmative statement that this will go well, and it has gone extremely well for the migrants, well for our city, well for our College Community. The embrace that the families have gotten at both Wright and Daley College measured up to the embrace that they got when Truman College first did this. We are consistently a welcoming institution, a caring institution, a responsive institution, and an open-access institution, that responds to the needs of our communities through our Educational Offices and oftentimes now, given the pandemic and other matters, through our facilities and what our facilities can offer for our communities. I want to you know I applaud the work that we have done to and through the pandemic and now supporting our city in all of its newcomers and our police and others in this way.

I do also want to point out that once again we have taken an active role in summer activities for Chicago's young people. This summer about 180 students are participating in our One Summer Chicago program. These include year's serving as the ambassadors teaching younger students about science math and technology positions with the Everyone Can Code program. Thank you, Truman College for taking the lead with this ambassadors program. I'll be out there later this month or early part of August to be with the ambassadors and celebrate the work that they're doing.

I want to thank Vice Chancellor Jen Mason and the Director of Civic Engagement, Elvis Guzman, and all of the college-level teams that have made a space for young people to be at city colleges and to have these opportunities at city colleges. We're going to want to do more of this in the future, and so we should start preparing ourselves for creating even more opportunities as we go on. I do want to point out too that this past month, we also met for the first time and gathered together for our inaugural cohort of two new black Scholars at a lovely event hosted by the City Colleges of Chicago Foundation. I want to thank the many people involved in making that program and event happen. The Timur Black Fellowship will be an amazing opportunity for students this coming year and every year thereafter. You'll be hearing more reports about it. We had an incredible event, and this will be an annual event, and the work we're doing with the Timur Black Fellowship and Scholarship will last for many years to come.

We also awarded 25 Star Scholars they were honored by the CME Group with five thousand dollar scholarships to continue their education at four-year colleges. I want to

thank CME Group for their continued partnership. They have been doing this now for several years, and we deeply appreciate it.

I arrived this afternoon from having been with our partners at Amazon Web Services yesterday in Sacramento California, and City Colleges was among a select group of higher education institutions chosen to serve as partners in the AWS Skills to Jobs Program. Not only are we a select group that is in the pilot, but we were one of three colleges that was asked to come and serve on a panel to talk about the pioneering work that we'll be doing, that we have been doing with AWS, and will continue to do in the future.

I was traveling back, and one of the Amazon web services leaders that has been super helpful to us locally was at Kennedy King College at the communities advisory committee sharing what motivates him to be of tremendous support to us, but also tremendous support to the beloved communities that he so cares about. So to Robert Clark who's out in Sacramento with me and opens a lot of doors to Milan and so many others like Milan. We're building something in technology here that is strong. That expands the whole district and it taps into the creativity and imagination that is in industry but also the creativity imagination that we have here at City Colleges of Chicago. We're at the forefront, we're expanding our tech offerings, and we're growing programs in an area of cloud computing machine learning data science to ensure our students are prepared to seize the many job opportunities in the tech industry. So you'll continue to hear more about this work in tech in the future.

I want to take a moment to recognize Daley Colleges MTech building, which won an award for its architectural design at the Chicago neighborhood development Awards last month. The award recognized MTech as a state of our building that serves the community, and one of the wonderful things at this event was that every other architect went up there to talk about their great architectural work, and Juan Gabriel Monero went up and said you can go see the architecture, let me introduce you to a Daley College student, and our Daley College student went up and spoke about what it meant to her to be able to tap into the MTech building and the MTech building capabilities. I want to thank Juan Gabe for his humility to hand over the architectural awards moment to one of our students and as you might expect she shined without question and became a little bit of the star of the show.

Summer in higher education is often a time of career transitions, and I want to recognize a few individuals who are moving on from CCC. First the board today has formally acknowledged trustee Karen Kent. We'll vote on that. But the acknowledgment for her service to this board is tremendous, and I want to echo my gratitude. She has been here since 2015. Trustee Kent was on the board when I arrived. She has served with distinction, and in particular, has provided me with strong counsel during challenging moments, early moments in my tenure. She has been always someone you can call, always someone who provided good perspective and advice. During the pandemic with labor matters and with community matters. I will be forever grateful for her wise advice and counsel and for her steadfast commitment to students. I remember very clearly on several occasions students that were part of her

union that would come to her and speak about the impact of City Colleges. She would come to this body and share their stories, and that was always very motivational.

I'd also like to recognize Vice Chancellor for Student Experience, Dr Stephanie Krah. Stephanie's been a tireless advocate for City Colleges students over the last five years. She's helped to pioneer coaching and Tyrion Mal for student advising. She actively sought out new student supports for our students including for women and students impacted by trauma no matter the challenge, Stephanie dug in to ensure we provide our students with an exceptional student experience. Stephanie is heading back home, and we really appreciate all she has done for our students and for our entire environment.

Similarly, the president of City College Foundation Ryan Brown has decided to move to an exciting new opportunity in her hometown, Cleveland, Ohio. Ronda oversaw the reinvigoration of the CCC Foundation where we increased our fundraising by multiples, and we want to thank her for her dedication and passion for that work.

I also want to recognize Daryl Orberet, Associate Vice Chancellor for Treasury and Finance. I asked him if he might come today, I don't think he came. He's dedicated the last 10 years of his 40-year career in public service to City Colleges of Chicago. Lots of behind-the-scenes work, but really important work. Daryl managed the federal funds that came in. As you recall, that was an area where we really needed to perform really well and he decided to stay on to and through the final reports of the federal funds to ensure that all went well, so I appreciate him doing that. He has been talking about retirement for some time, so we're very pleased for him.

Finally, I want to thank Associate Vice Chancellor for financial Aid Richard Hayes. Richard is a force in an institution like ours. Financial aid is critical to our students ability to access college, but Richard was way beyond financial aid. He's a leader, he led his team to important systems upgrades, new responsibilities like handling scholarships, and he also went above and beyond serving as our spokesperson for financial aid and nurse meeting opportunities. And for those of you that attended the Chancellor's Leadership Forum barbecue, he's also an incredible Pit Master at our annual summer barbecue. We're going to miss Rich for many other reasons, but beyond the summer barbecue, the spirit that he brought. But we're very pleased at his career growth and projection. I want to thank all of you who continue to work in service to our students we hope to see everybody out and about more as the summer continues. We're out at the Pride parade, at the Puerto Rican parade, we got the Bud Billiken parade coming up and those are just a lot of fun, so come out and enjoy.

## **VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were zero (0) requests for public participation.

**VIII. FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT**

No Faculty Council Update.

**IX. DISTRICT UPDATES**

No District Update.

**X. COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Williams provided the Committee Report.

As Chancellor Salgado shared in his remarks, CFO Maribel Rodriguez provided a budget update to the Finance and Administrative Services Committee. Her update covered the Strategic plan, a discussion of CCC budget priorities, the preliminary fiscal year 2024 budget, and the cash positions of city colleges. CFO Rodriguez covered the operating capital and restricted portions of the aggregate 521.6 million dollar budget expected for fiscal year 2024, and its alignment with city college's five-year strategic framework, established to help create an exceptional student and Community Experience, in spite of the sunset of federally provided emergency funds. The budget reflects city college's continued commitment to important strategic initiatives to improve student access, and retention-focused student support services partnerships with Chicago Public Schools offerings of remote and online as well as in-person classes.

CFO Rodriguez also discussed CCC's current and expected cash positions, both of which remain strong. Additionally, we reviewed the Resolutions, Personnel items, Resource development report, Agreements, Purchases, and Legal invoices included on today's Finance and Administrative Services agenda as part of the consent agenda to the regular board meeting.

**XI. REVIEW OF THE JULY 13, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MEETING PACKET**

No review of the July 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Consent Agenda. No Quorum. Another meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible. The Board Office will follow up as soon as possible with the notice of when the additional meeting will be put on the books in order to approve all the great work presented today.

**XII. MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**



No Closed Session

**XIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Upon concluding that there was no further business to come before the Board, the Vice Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

<Motion> Trustee Darrell A. Williams  
<Second> Vice Chair Swanson

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

**Peggy A. Davis**

**Secretary  
Board of Trustees**

**Submitted by – Avery Walls, Assistant Board Liaison**