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

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025
DAWSON TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OF KENNEDY KING COLLEGE
3091 S. STATE STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60609

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 March 6, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., Dawson Technical Institute, 3901 S. State Street, Chicago, Illinois 60609.

ATTENDEES

TRUSTEES

Katya Nuques, Board Chair
Marshall E. Hatch Sr. Vice Chair/ Secretary
Darlene Hightower
Oscar Sanchez
Elizabeth Swanson (Absent)
David Ramirez (Student)

CHANCELLOR

Juan Salgado

**PROVOST AND CHIEF ACADEMIC
OFFICER**

Mark Potter

GENERAL COUNSEL

Karla Gowen

CHIEF ADVISOR TO THE BOARD

Bonnie Phillips

SENIOR ASSISTANT BOARD LIAISON

Emma Mims

ASSISTANT BOARD LIAISON

Avery Walls

OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT

Christian Collins - Vice Chancellor, Institutional Effectiveness
David Deyhle – Vice Chancellor, Strategic Marketing and Branding
Jennifer Mason - Vice Chancellor, Legislative & Community Affairs
Carol Dunning – Chief Talent Officer
Veronica Herrero – EVC Chief Institutional Advancement Officer
David Anthony – Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services
Zarko Njakara – Interim CIO
Jay Agarwal - Chief Information Officer
Maribel Rodriguez – Chief Financial Officer
Aarti Dhupelia – Executive Vice Chancellor/ Chief of Student Experience Officer
Peggy Korellis - Vice Chancellor, High School Strategy
Darryl Williams - Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management
Stacia Edwards – Deputy Provost
Sarah Lichtenstein Walter - Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Programs
Jacquelyn Werner - Vice Chancellor, Student Retention & Completion
Jeffrey Wong - Deputy Chief Financial Officer
Aricka Jones – Compliance Officer & Director-Risk Management

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
Andres Oroz – President, Wilbur Wright College
Katonja Webb Walker – President, Kennedy-King College
David Sanders – President, Malcolm X College

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nuques began by calling to order the March 6, 2025, Regular Board Meeting at 2:02 p.m. All attendees stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Chair Nuques asked the Chief Advisor to call the roll.

The Chief Advisor called roll:

Elizabeth Swanson	Absent
Katya Nuques	Present
Marshall E. Hatch, Sr.	Present
Oscar Sanchez	Present
Darlene Hightower	Present
David Ramirez (Student)	Present

Quorum confirmed.

III. WELCOME

Chair Nuques welcomed everyone to the Regular Board Meeting for March 6, 2025, and thanked President Webb Walker and the staff at Dawson Technical Institute for hosting.

This is Women's History Month, and I am pleased to celebrate that history with you as we honor the contributions women have made and recognize their achievements this month and throughout the year. We're grateful for the many Chicago attractions honoring women as well as the privilege of supporting women-owned businesses in Chicago. In fact, the catering for our Board of Trustees meeting today is from Nicole Jordan Catering, a local women-owned small business.

To Vice Chair Hatch, Trustee Hightower, Trustee Swanson, and Student Trustee Ramirez, who attended the Celebration of Black Learner Excellence event, thank you so much for being there. It was a wonderful event, and we were very excited to be there. The board would also like to congratulate Chancellor Salgado for being inducted into the Moraine Valley Community College Hall of Fame. This is a great honor.

IV. FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT

The Faculty Council Report was not presented. The report will be entered into the record and can be found here:

[FC4 Report](#)

V. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Ramirez gave remarks on the student activities within the District. The report will be entered into record and can be found here:

[SGA Report](#)

VI. CHANCELLOR UPDATES

Chancellor Salgado began by thanking Student Trustee Ramirez for his commitment to City Colleges of Chicago, thanking him for his incredible leadership, and for his visits to the colleges in addition to his other responsibilities.

Chancellor Salgado introduced President Webb Walker who gave an overview of the Dawson Technical Institute, noting that Inesha Kelly is the dean.

He congratulated all the women in leadership from our Board Chair and Trustees to the Presidents, EVCs, CFO, CTO, faculty, staff, and security on jobs well done. This is a woman filled institution, which has contributed to the excellence of this institution. Thank you to all for helping us to advance our mission and to serve our students.

He stated that since our last meeting, we have closed out a very successful Black History Month, including the CCC Foundation's hosting of the Celebration of Black Learner Excellence, where we had a great turnout from the board.

Chancellor Salgado noted that later today, a contingent of students, faculty, and staff will embark on the second-ever Timuel Black Scholars visit to civil rights sites in the American South. This is one of the new experimental learning opportunities we have built to grow City Colleges students as leaders. It is also a part of the Black Learner Agenda that the Foundation is raising funds to support. We look forward to hearing all about that trip when the group returns.

Chancellor Salgado reported on his trip to Springfield for Governor Pritzker's budget address where he was thrilled to witness the Governor's strong support for bills that would allow community colleges in Illinois the ability to offer bachelor's degrees in high-demand fields. This is a critical piece of legislation for which we have long advocated which would give us a chance to prepare more students to launch and advance their careers in sectors of the economy where their talents are much needed and where the workforce needs are going unmet, like nursing, respiratory care, early childhood education, and advanced manufacturing. Along with our government relations team, and several of our presidents we will continue to actively advocate for these bills, and we will do so until this opportunity is realized. If anyone else has an interest in reaching out to legislators on this topic, please talk with Vice Chancellor Jennifer Mason.

Chancellor Salgado reported that today in committee you were briefed by CFO Rodriguez and PFM on our annual investment report. Thank you to the team as we continue to maintain healthy finances that serve us well in these times of change at the federal level.

Chancellor Salgado visited the Chicago Military Academy High School to launch a partnership between Dawson Technical Institute, ComEd, and Chicago Military Academy,

which will put more CPS high school students on a fast track through our early college programs to associate degrees in high-demand STEM fields. Thanks to President Webb Walker and Dean Kelly for your leadership and bringing that project to life.

He commended Olive-Harvey for opening their new Criminal and Social Justice Center last week. The Center, spearheaded by Professor Jeffrey Dillard, will include a legal clinic and resource center to provide support to students in the One Year and Out policing program, other criminal justice programs, and to the broader community who can take advantage of its services.

Chancellor Salgado congratulated the Olive Harvey's women's basketball team, led by head coach Jeff Dillard. They finished their regular season 29-1 and are now 31-1. They move into the Region 4, Division 1 Championship game this Saturday at 5pm against Triton College. Should the team win on Saturday, they'll host the District Championship game at OHC on March 15, and the winner of that game will secure a spot in the national tournament.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was (1) request for public participation.

1. Carlos Aulet – Vice President, AFSCME, Local #3506 - The Current Status of Adult Education

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chair Sanchez gave the Committee Report.

In the committee meeting today CFO Maribel Rodriguez gave her remarks about the Annual Investment Performance for CCC from PFM, CCC's Asset Management firm. We also reviewed the minutes, resolutions, the personnel report, resource development report, agreements, purchases, and legal invoices included on today's Finance and Administrative Services agenda as part of the Consent Agenda to this March 6, 2025 regular board meeting.

IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 6, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING PACKET

Chair Nuques led the board in the approval of the minutes, resolutions, personnel report, resource development report, agreements, purchases, and legal invoices listed in the Consent Agenda. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

<Motion> Trustee Oscar Sanchez

<Second> Trustee Marshall E. Hatch Sr.

Motion carried.

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

Katya Nuques	Aye
Marshall E. Hatch, Sr.	Aye
Darlene Hightower	Aye
Oscar Sanchez	Aye
David Ramirez	Aye

There were five ayes, zero nays, and no abstentions or recusals.

X. MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Chair Nuques asked for a roll call vote to hold Closed Session at 3:05 p.m. for the discussion of exceptions: 2c(1), the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. 2c(2), collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 2c(11), litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

The Chair asked for a motion to go to Closed Session.

<Motion> Trustee Oscar Sanchez
<Second> Trustee Darlene Hightower

Motion carried.

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

Katya Nuques	Aye
Marshall E. Hatch, Sr.	Aye
Darlene Hightower	Aye
Oscar Sanchez	Aye
David Ramirez	Aye

There were five ayes, zero nays, and no abstentions or recusals.

XI. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session ended at 3:37 p.m. Upon the Board's return, the Chair reconvened the March 6, 2025, board meeting and noted that no action was taken by the board during Closed Session that required action in Open Session.

XII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

<Motion> Trustee Marshall E. Hatch, Sr.

<Second> Trustee Oscar Sanchez

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Marshall E Hatch, Sr.
Secretary
Board of Trustees

Submitted by – Avery Walls, Assistant Board Liaison