

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

**MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025**

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APPROVED—BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
JULY 10, 2025

**HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE  
30 East Lake Street  
Floor 11, Room 1115  
Chicago, IL 60601**

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 June 5, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., Harold Washington College, 30 East Lake Street, Floor 11, Room 1115 Chicago, Illinois 60601.

**ATTENDEES**

**TRUSTEES**

Katya Nuques, Chair  
Marshall E. Hatch Sr. Vice Chair  
Princella “Jaribu” Lee, Secretary  
Darlene Hightower  
Oscar Sanchez  
Kafi Moragne-Patterson  
Widedji Deguenon (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**

Jennifer Mason - VC Legislative & Community Affairs  
Christian Collins – VC Institutional Excellence  
Carol Dunning – Chief Talent Officer  
Veronica Herrero – EVC Chief Institutional Advancement Officer  
David Anthony – Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services  
Peggy Korellis - Vice Chancellor, High School Strategy  
Stacia Edwards – Deputy Provost  
Sarah Lichtenstein Walter - Associate Vice Chancellor,  
Academic Programs  
Jacquelyn Werner - Vice Chancellor, Student Retention &  
Completion  
Katheryn Hayes – Associate Vice Chancellor, Strategic  
Will Barefield – VC, Student Enrollment Management  
Brittany Kairis Jackson – VC Strategy & Planning  
Jay Agarwal - Chief Information Officer  
Christopher Jensen - Associate General Counsel  
David Deyhle – Vice Chancellor, Strategic Marketing and  
Branding  
Nicholas Gibbs - Associate Vice Chancellor, Business &  
Procurement Service

**PRESIDENTS**

Kimberly Hollingsworth – President, Olive-Harvey College  
Shawn Jackson – President, Harry S Truman College  
Janine Janosky – President, Richard J. Daley College  
Andres Oroz – President, Wilbur Wright College  
Katonja Webb Walker – President, Kennedy-King College  
David Sanders – President, Malcolm X College  
David Lopez – President, Harold Washington College

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nuques called to order the June 5, 2025, Regular Board Meeting at 2:05 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:

Katya Nuques	Present
Marshall E. Hatch	Present
Princella "Jaribu" Lee	Present (Teleconference)
Oscar Sanchez	Present
Darlene Hightower	Present
Kafi Moragne-Patterson	Present
Widedji Deguenon	Present

Quorum confirmed. For the record, Trustee Lee is participating by Zoom, which is allowable under board bylaws article 1.5.3 sections A-C provided there is a quorum in the room.

**III. WELCOME**

Chair Nuques welcomed everyone to the Regular Board Meeting for June 5, 2025.

Chair Nuques stated that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Services met earlier. Chair Nuques thanked President Lopez for hosting today's meeting and congratulated the graduates and everyone at the meeting for a job well done. Chair Nuques stated she was proud to participate in the best commencement ceremony in the city of Chicago, which was a long but an amazing day.

This month we also recognize and celebrate the valuable contribution of the LGBTQ+ Community. We also want to thank President Janosky for her contributions and achievements as the president of Daley College. We hope that you will join the board and the chancellor after this meeting as we bid her farewell.

Chair Nuques closed her remarks by wishing the faculty, staff and students a safe and happy summer.

Chair Nuques called Student Trustee Deguenon for his remarks.

**IV. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

Student Trustee Deguenon remarked on the student activities within the district. He stated that May was an exciting and inspiring month for the City Colleges of Chicago. One of the biggest highlights was the graduation on May 3rd at the Wintrust Arena. It was a beautiful and joyful celebration of our student's hard work and achievements. Student Trustee Deguenon remarked that seeing so many graduates walk across the stage was truly motivating, and a reminder of the impact we can make as student leaders.

He noted another special moment was the SGA leader's retreat on May 28th. Being around fellow student leaders from all the colleges was powerful and uplifting. We had meaningful conversations, shared ideas, and felt a strong sense of unity. What stood out the most was the growing interest in student clubs. Students from different campuses are reaching out to the SGAs because they're excited to start their own clubs. For example, at Kennedy King College alone, five new clubs have recently been created over the last two semesters, which is amazing.

Additionally, he remarked that while conversing with the SGA presidents, it has been noted that there are a lot more attendees; not only for the events that we are having on the different campuses, but also more people who want to be part of SGA, and that is amazing. This kind of engagement shows the energy and leadership growing across our colleges, and we are excited and looking forward to continuing to uplift student voices.

Chair Nuques called Chancellor Salgado for his remarks.

## **V. CHANCELLOR UPDATES**

Chancellor Salgado acknowledged that this month as Pride Month. He thanked President Lopez for hosting today's meeting and asked him to say a few words about Harold Washington College.

President Lopez thanked Chancellor Salgado and welcomed the Trustees, district officers and presidents to Harold Washington. He discussed serving at Harold Washington, which remains an essential part of Chicago's educational landscape serving as a student-centered Hispanic and minority serving institution with over 9,000 students and close to 90% identifying as Black and Latin. He stated that Harold Washington provides an affordable pathway to academic success, career readiness and personal growth. Harold Washington has a strong tradition for preparing students to earn associate degrees and transfer to top competitive four-year universities to study a wide range of disciplines. He noted that they are building on the momentum to establish Harold Washington as one of the city's leading transfer institutions serving as a vital bridge for high school to higher education and from college to career. He stated that what's already seeing seen is meaningful progress toward that goal. He spoke about the architecture program; which has a lot of potential for growth and invited Ivanhoe Tejeda; associate professor and Christine Marriott; full professor and curriculum coordinator, who bring dedication and expertise to this program by ensuring students receive a strong foundation and a valuable real-world experience. Also, with them Lamb Manning, one of Harold's team fellows from the class of 2025, to share how they

support and guide students who are pursuing careers in architecture. They discussed some of the exciting projects currently in development at Harold Washington and thanked President Lopez for the opportunity to share. President Lopez turned it back over the Chancellor Salgado.

Chancellor Salgado wished President Janine Janosky well and thanked her for her service to Daley College. Under her leadership, the college earned a Seal of Excelencia for its support of Latinx students; the college earned HLC accreditation which grew the successful Community Health Worker program; the manufacturing technology and engineering center won numerous recognitions and awards and grew overall enrollment; and the college reached a high in four-year student outcomes. We wish President Janosky all the best in her next adventure.

Chancellor noted that the board will consider a resolution for six critical deferred maintenance projects to be managed by the Illinois Capital Development Board. A seventh project was previously approved in February for Wright College. He said that each college is represented by a project, including an escalator replacement project here at Harold Washington; pipe replacement at Olive Harvey and Daley; a fire alarm system for Dawson; window replacement and façade recladding at Truman; a boiler replacement at Malcolm X – West Campus; and a curtain wall replacement for Wright College. He said that the state funds 75% for these projects and require a 25% commitment from City Colleges. We will receive a total of \$21.5 million from the state for these projects, including the project from February.

Chancellor noted that since FY22, City Colleges has completed or is in progress on 15 other projects with the CDB for which City Colleges has received nearly \$44 million in State support, creating a total of \$60.8 million in project value. It is imperative that we stay on top of deferred maintenance projects, and state support is critical to making these improvements. Deferred maintenance are the kinds of things you do not always see, but they are incredibly important to a strong and stable learning environment for our students. Chancellor thanked the administrative services team, VC David Anthony, the presidents, and their teams in the colleges for helping to stay on top of this work and ensure that we deliver a best-in-class experience for our students.

Chancellor said that the board will also consider an agreement between Olive-Harvey College and the Cook County Sheriff's Office to operate a forklift program at the Cook County Department of Corrections. Chancellor thanked the members of the Sheriff's Office, Deputy Director Nye Edmondson, the OHC and District office teams involved in bringing this program to life. We look forward to this program helping to prepare the justice-involved individuals for upwardly mobile careers. He said that the board will also consider a renewed agreement with our partners at the Chicago Housing Authority. The CHA PiE (Partners in Education) is a long-standing partnership between City Colleges and CHA to support CHA residents in earning a college credential debt-free and building wealth over time. Enrollment in the program is up year after year. Chancellor thanked everyone involved in this new agreement, particularly Chief Student Experience Officer Aarti Dhupelia and District Director Brittany Crosby for working with CHA to sustainably improve this agreement over prior years.

Chancellor congratulated the Chicago Roadmap Team and the enrollment and student services teams across the district on a successful series for Enrollment Days for CPS Seniors. He said that there are many students that graduate from high school, some intend to go to college, and then fall comes and they are not in college. Last year a summer melt strategy program called Enrollment Days was developed where after the May 1st deadline high school students that still don't have a home, came to City Colleges, and were enrolled right on the spot right. This was done between May 1st and the end of May before they left their high schools. There were 1000 students last year and of the thousand students that came last year, 500 enrolled. Through the course of the summer, an additional 300 enrolled at City Colleges, and 800 of the 1,000 people that came last year enrolled at the end of the day.

Chancellor noted that (2,812) CPS high schoolers attended enrollment day events, and 1,505 students enrolled at City Colleges. He said that the students who attended the on-campus events represented 130 district, charter, and options high schools across the city, with the strongest representation from schools on the west side of the city. Because of all the work done in enrollment and marketing, Chancellor stated that we can now definitively say that the pre-pandemic enrollment has been exceeded, reaching 73,000 students in FY25.

Chancellor noted that just as enrollment growth has exceeded national averages, City Colleges was recognized as one of just ten community college systems across the country to receive support from the PwC Foundation and Jobs for the Future to expand work-based learning and strengthen career-connected pathways for students. He congratulated the workforce team for being selected for this honor.

Chancellor acknowledged Truman College students, Benny Acar and Suzi Ngafo Kengne, were recently named recipients of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's prestigious Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, a last-dollar award that provides up to \$55,000 per year for up to three years to pursue a bachelor's degree. The Truman graduates make up two of six awardees from Illinois this year. We got to cheer on the CPS high school students recognized at the annual early college ceremony. Nearly 6,500 students in the CPS Class of 2025 earned college credits at City Colleges while in high school and more than 800 students earned at least 15 credits, or a full semester's worth. Chancellor also noted that 138 Early College students earned their associate's degree at City Colleges before graduating from high school, which is 44 more students than last year. While there were nearly 6,500 students from the class of 2025, there were nearly 10,000 CPS students taking early college classes at City Colleges this year. These students collectively saved \$9 million dollars on CCC tuition by taking free college classes while still in high school.

Chancellor stated that CCC held another successful commencement ceremony. He thanked Chair Nuques, Trustee Sanchez, and Student Trustee Deguenon; along with Mayor Brandon Johnson, who is the first mayor in memory to attend both ceremonies in person.

Chancellor thanked President Oroz for the invitation to Wright College's Oscars recognition event, the Wright College Engineering program's 10th Anniversary, and he

thanked President Sanders for the invite to the Malcolm X College Nursing pinning ceremony, and the Malcolm X 100th birthday celebration. He also thanked EVC Herrero who represented him at the CME Group Star Scholarship awards this year.

Chancellor noted that he had the opportunity to lunch with members of the District SGA, which is always really rewarding. He stated that he recently had the chance to address the members of the Commercial Club of Chicago, representing many leaders of the region's business community.

Chancellor stated that on Saturday, June 14th, he will be attending the graduation for Illinois High School Diploma earners at the UIC Forum. There are more than 300 students who will complete this year, double the number from last year. Chancellor closed his remarks by playing a video highlighting some of the diploma earners.

#### **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were (3) requests for public participation.

1. Keon Hetherington – (Mayor's Office of Education and Youth Fellow) – Topic: The accountability and the lack thereof within the City Colleges of Chicago.
2. Diane Lesley Neuman – Topic: Teaching Philosophies
3. Sheldon Sonii – (Olive Harvey) – Topic: New Opportunities

#### **VII. FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT**

No Faculty Council Report was presented.

#### **VIII. DISTRICT UPDATE**

No District Update was given.

#### **IX. COMMITTEE REPORT**

Vice Chair Hatch gave the Committee Report.

Vice Chair Hatch stated that we reviewed the minutes, resolutions, personnel report, resource development report, agreements, purchases, and legal invoices included in today's Academic Affairs and Student Services agenda as part of the consent agenda to this June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 regular board meeting.

#### **X. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 5, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING PACKET**

The board approved the minutes, resolutions, personnel report, resource development report, agreements, purchases, and legal invoices listed in the Consent Agenda. Chair

Nuques asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

<Motion> Trustee Sanchez  
<Second> Trustee Hightower

Motion carried.

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

Katya Nuques	Aye
Marshall E. Hatch	Aye
Princella “Jaribu” Lee	Aye
Oscar Sanchez	Aye
Darlene Hightower	Aye
Kafi Moragne-Patterson	Aye
Widedji Deguenon	Aye

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

**XI. MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

The Board did not convene for closed session. The next committee meeting and regular board meeting will be held on July 10, 2025 at Harold Washington.

**XII. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

<Motion> Trustee Hightower  
<Second> Trustee Sanchez

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

**Princella “Jaribu” Lee  
Secretary  
Board of Trustees**

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