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APPROVED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
FEBRUARY 6, 2025

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

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

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 Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 2p.m., at Richard J. Daley, 7500 S. Pulaski, Manufacturing Technology & Engineering Lobby, Chicago, IL 60652.

TRUSTEES

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

OTHER ATTENDEES

Juan Salgado, Chancellor
Mark Potter, Provost
Karla Gowen, General Counsel

CHIEF ADVISOR TO THE BOARD

Bonnie Phillips

ASSISTANT BOARD LIAISON

Emma Mims

OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT

David Anthony – VC Administrative Services
David Deyhle – VC Branding & Strategic Marketing
Carol Dunning – Chief Talent Officer
Maribel Rodriguez – Chief Financial Officer
Aarti Dhupelia – EVC Chief Student Experience Officer
Stacia Edwards – Deputy Provost
Veronica Herrero – EVC Chief Strategy Officer
Jennifer Mason – VC Legislature & Community Affairs
Peggy Korellis – VC High School Strategy
Sarah Lichtenstein Walter – AVC Academic Programs
Jeffrey Wong – Deputy Chief Financial Officer
Jacquelyn Werner – VC Student Retention & Completion
Brittany Jackson Kairis – VC Strategy & Planning
Jay Agarwal – Chief Information Officer

PRESIDENTS

Kimberly Hollingsworth – President, Olive Harvey College
Shawn Jackson – President, Harry S Truman College
Janine Janosky – President, Richard J Daley College
David Sanders – President, Malcolm X College
David Oroz – President, Wilbur Wright College
Daniel Lopez – President, Harold Washington College

Jennifer Williams – Vice President, Finance & Operations
Kennedy King College

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nuques began by calling to order the February 6, 2025, Regular Board Meeting at 2:00 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 Hatch, Sr.	Present
Oscar Sanchez	Present
Darlene Hightower	Present
David Ramirez (Student)	Present
Elizabeth Swanson	Absent

Quorum confirmed.

III. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 1.09 (ELECTION OF OFFICER SECRETARY OF THE BOARD)

Chair Nuques asked to divert from the standard order of proceedings and for consideration of resolution 1.09 (Election of Officer – Secretary of the Board).

ACTION ON RESOLUTION 1.09

Chair Nuques requested to take action on item 1.09 out of order.

Section 1.4.2 of our board bylaws calls for an annual election to fill the offices of secretary. I would like to nominate Rev. Dr. Marshall Hatch, Sr. to serve as the secretary.

Are there any other nominations?

Hearing none, is there a second on the nomination as proposed?

Trustee Hightower seconded.

The motion having been properly made and seconded and receiving no additional nominations, I hereby declare the nominations closed.

Chair Nuques moved for the approval of Resolution 1.09.
Second: Trustee Hightower

Chair Nuques asked the Chief Advisor to call the roll.

The Chief Advisor called roll:

Katya Nuques	Approved
Marshall Hatch, Sr.	Approved
Oscar Sanchez	N/A
Darlene Hightower	Approved
David Ramirez (Student)	Approved

IV. WELCOME

Good afternoon to everyone. Happy New Year and welcome to the first regular board meeting of 2025. We would like to thank Daley College President Janosky for hosting the board of trustees meeting this month.

On behalf of the board, we would like to extend a warm and whole-hearted welcome back to our students and faculty. We know we all look forward to seeing what is ahead in this new year. February is Black History Month. This month and throughout the year we acknowledge the many contributions of African Americans from medicine, entrepreneurship, civil rights, the arts, noble laureates, and others to the United States and the world. Black history is also American history.

For the record, due to FC4 president's work schedule they will not be attending the meeting today.

We will close by again wishing all of our faculty, staff, and students a strong start to a new year and a new term.

Chair Nuques called on Student Trustee Ramirez for the Student Trustee Report.

V. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Ramirez gave remarks on the District.
The full presentation can be found here:

[Student Trustee Report](#)

VI. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 1.09

Chair Nuques asked for a motion to approve Resolution 1.09.

<Motion> Trustee Sanchez
<Second> Trustee Hightower

The Chief Advisor called roll:

Katya Nuques	Approved
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Oscar Sanchez	Approved
Darlene Hightower	Approved
David Ramirez (Student)	Approved

Resolution 1.09 has been approved.

VII. CHANCELLOR'S UPDATE

Provost Potter gave the Chancellor's update.

Thank you Chair – and thank you to President Janosky and the Daley team for hosting us today.

The Chancellor is away on important business on behalf of City Colleges, accompanying University of Illinois and state leaders on a visit to a critical potential employer partner. Before I get into the remarks I will deliver on his behalf, I would like to ask the President and her team to take a few minutes to share a bit about the college with the Trustees and all of us here today.

(President Janosky presented a video and shared more about Daley.)

February is Black History Month.

Among the activities we have planned this month to mark the occasion, the City Colleges of Chicago Foundation will hold A Celebration of Black Learner Excellence luncheon on February 13th at Malcolm X College. This event raises funds to support our Black Learner Agenda that is already helping us deliver robust and growing student supports and is resulting in increases in Black student enrollment, retention, and four-year student outcomes.

A few distinguished leaders will be honored at the luncheon, including our very own Malcolm X College Dean of Nursing Tammy Scott-Brand, who will receive the Educator Excellence in Equity Award. Congratulations to Dean Scott Brand.

Today, the board will consider a resolution honoring former president of Malcolm X College Ghingo Brooks, who recently passed. Former President Brooks' dedicated career in administration at City Colleges spanned more than 30 years. On behalf of the Chancellor, we want to thank President Sanders for sharing our sincere condolences with the Brooks family. Provost Potter asked President Sanders to present Resolution 1.10 to the board.

RESOLUTION 1.10 HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER MALCOLM X COLLEGE PRESIDENT GHINGO BROOKS

Chair Nuques asked for a motion to approve resolution 1.10.

<Motion> Trustee. Hatch
<Second> Trustee Sanchez

The Chief Advisor called roll:

Katya Nuques	Approved
Marshall Hatch, Sr.	Approved
Oscar Sanchez	Approved
Darlene Hightower	Approved
David Ramirez (Student)	Approved

Resolution 1.10 has been approved.

As you heard earlier in the committee presentation, the board will consider a modest tuition increase today. Last year, after not raising tuition for eight years, City Colleges increased the cost of a credit hour by \$7 and recommended that future tuition adjustments be considered on an annual basis.

Consistent with that approach, City Colleges proposes a modest tuition increase of \$4 per credit hour for fiscal year 2026.

The impact to full-time (enrolled in 12-credit hours) students would be a semester increase of \$48 or an annual increase of \$96.

This adjustment will allow for continued investment in student services and supports, and ensure that City Colleges is prepared for anticipated rising costs and potentially fewer state resources.

This increase is being proposed to take effect April 7th, which aligns with the beginning of registration for our year-long schedule of classes. And just like last year -- students who register by June 29, 2025, would receive a discount on classes they have registered for and would be charged at the current FY25 tuition rate.

I was privileged to join Chancellor Salgado, Chief of Staff Herrero, President Webb Walker, Chair Nuques, Dean Mideau, and many others to mark the opening of Kennedy-King College's Sikia restaurant last week.

Sikia is Englewood's premier white tablecloth and fine dining establishment. The food and service were excellent, of course.

As you might have seen on the news -- because we got great coverage of the opening -- now you can get a three-course lunch at Sikia with drink for \$17 dollars and support our students in the process. Be sure to call ahead for reservations. It's already a popular spot.

Congratulations are in order for:

Shavon Taylor Booker who was named a Woman of Excellence by the Chicago Defender.

Senior Dean of Adult Education at Olive-Harvey and Truman Colleges Dr. Lee Jackson who has been selected to participate in the prestigious Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) Aspiring Leaders program through Rutgers University, and for Director of Compliance in Adult Education Kenneth Balcarcel who was selected as a 2025 Civic Leadership Academy (CLA) Fellow by the University of Chicago's Center for Effective Government – and he was selected to receive a full scholarship to cover the costs of the program. Congratulations to all.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were (10) requests for public participation. 9 presented.

1. Rochelle Robinson-Dukes - (English Professor, Olive Harvey)
Topic: Security and Safety at City Colleges
2. Tony Johnston - (President, Cook County Teachers Union)
Topic: Security and Safety at City Colleges
3. Ore Jones - (Lead Security officer, Dawson Tech)
Topic: Security and Safety at City Colleges
4. Patricia Dwyer - (Lead Security Officer at WR Campus)
Topic: Security and Safety at City Colleges
5. George Roumbanis - (AFSCME3506 President)
Topic: Adult Education
6. Carlos Aulet - (Vice President, AFSCME, Local #3506)
Topic: Adult Education
7. Grazina Maldutyte - (Adult Educator, Olive-Harvey College)
Topic: Adult Education
8. Luis Jimenez - (Security, Malcolm X)
Topic: Security and Safety at City Colleges
9. Dan Roseman - (Security, Daley College)
Topic: Security and Safety at City Colleges
10. Travis Marks – (Security, Olive-Harvey) In attendance but chose not to give public comment
Topic: Issues relating to security and safety issues in the City Colleges

IX. FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT

For the record, due to FC4 president Viggy Alexanderson's work schedule they will not be attending the meeting today. But the report can be found here.

[Faculty Council Report](#)

X. COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chair Hatch gave the Committee Report.

During today's committee meeting, Provost Mark Potter delivered two presentations, the first addressed special needs positions in the healthcare sector, highlighting the challenges of filling full-time roles and the impact of unfilled positions. He discussed the possibility of changing the residency requirements to qualified applicants who reside outside the city of Chicago to help meet these critical faculty needs. The second presentation focused on tuition review proposal. The proposed tuition increase for the fiscal year 2026 would affect full-time enrolled students. The new rate will apply after July 1st with discounts available for those who enroll by June 29, 2025. We also reviewed the minutes, resolutions, personnel report, resource development report, agreements, and legal notices included on today's Academic Affairs and Student Services Agenda as part of the consent agenda to this February 6, 2025, regular board meeting.

XI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING PACKET

Chair Nuques proceeded with considering the items on the February 6th consent agenda. 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. Chair Nuques asked for a motion.

<Motion> Trustee Sanchez
<Second> Trustee Hightower

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

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

There were five ayes, zero nays, zero abstention, and no recusals.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Chair Nuques asked for a roll call vote to hold Closed Session at 3:13 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 into Closed Session.

<Motion> Trustee Sanchez
<Second> Trustee Hatch

Motion carried.

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

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

Motion Carried.

XIII. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session ended at 3:31 p.m. Upon the Board's return, the Chair reconvened to the February 6, 2025, board meeting and noted that there was no action was taken by the board during Closed Session that required action in Open Session.

XIV. 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 Sanchez
<Second> Trustee Hightower

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Marshall Hatch, Sr.
Secretary
Board of Trustees