

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

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025**

**ARTURO VELASQUEZ INSTITUTE  
1st FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM 1203  
2800 S. WESTERN AVENUE  
CHICAGO, IL 60608**

Pursuant to provisions of the Illinois Public Community College Act, as amended by the State of Illinois, County of Cook, a meeting of the Committee on Finance and Administrative Services of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508 was held on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 12:30 p.m., Arturo Velasquez Institute, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Conference Room 1203, 2800 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60608.

**ATTENDEES**

**TRUSTEES**

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

**CHANCELLOR**

Juan Salgado (Absent)

**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**

David Anthony – Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services  
Maribel Rodriguez – Chief Financial Officer  
Carol Dunning – Chief Talent Officer  
Jacquelyn Werner – Chief Student Experience Officer  
Stacia Edwards – Deputy Provost  
Veronica Herrero – EVC Chief Institutional Advancement Officer  
Brittany Kairis Jackson – Vice Chancellor, Strategy & Planning  
Angela Arrington - Jones – Vice Chancellor, Business and  
Procurement Services  
Jay Agarwal – Chief Information Officer  
Will Barefield – Vice Chancellor/Student Enrollment Management  
Veronica Resa – Director - Media Relations  
David Deyhle – Vice Chancellor-Institutional Branding & Strategic  
Marketing

**PRESIDENTS**

Daniel Lopez – President, Harold Washington College  
Kimberly Hollingsworth – President, Olive Harvey College  
Shawn L. Jackson – President, Harry S Truman College  
Peggy Korellis – Interim President, Richard J Daley  
College  
Andres Oroz – President, Wright College  
Jennifer Williams – Vice President, Kennedy-King College  
David Sanders – President, Malcolm X College

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Hatch called the October 9, 2025, meeting of the Committee on Finance and Administrative Services to order at 12:39 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

The Chief Advisor called roll:

Katya Nuques	Present
Marshall E. Hatch Sr.	Present
*Oscar Sanchez	Present
**Princella “Jaribu” Lee	Present
Darlene Hightower	Present
Kafi Moragne-Patterson	Present
Widedji Deguenon (Student)	Absent

\*Arrived at 12:50 p.m.

\*\* Virtual attendance

**III. WELCOME**

Vice Chair Hatch welcomed attendees and extended appreciation to Interim President Korellis for hosting the meeting. He also thanked fellow committee members for their participation. Secretary Lee is participating by zoom today. This is allowable under our board bylaws (article 1.5.3, sections a-c) provided there is quorum in the room. As the chief advisor has just noted, we do have quorum today.

Vice Chair Hatch called on CFO Maribel Rodriguez for remarks.

**IV. CFO REMARKS**

CFO Rodriguez welcomed everyone and noted that the fall semester was well underway. She reported that the FY2025 audit is in progress and will be presented at the December Board Meeting.

She introduced Provost Mark Potter, who would present new academic programs for board consideration, emphasizing the importance of aligning City Colleges’ offerings with the economic needs of the city.

**V. PRESENTATION**

**Topic:** New Academic Programs for Board Consideration

**Presenters:**

Provost Mark Potter,  
Gustavo Alatta (Wright College),  
Nathan Blair (Truman College),  
David Girzadas (Daley College),  
Billy McFarland (Wright College),  
Jordan Melendez (Wright College),  
TS Douglas (Kennedy-King College)

Provost Potter highlighted the significant number of new programs being proposed, describing them as a reflection of extraordinary district-wide collaboration. He emphasized the importance of presenting the programs in a comprehensive format to provide context and clarity for the board.

He then invited colleagues from across the colleges to speak about their respective program launches.

Chair Nuques inquired about the potential impact of launching multiple programs simultaneously, particularly at Daley College.

Provost Potter responded that the team had evaluated this closely and found no major concerns, citing existing faculty expertise and resources.

Trustee Hightower asked about braided funding for the new programs.

Provost Potter confirmed that funding sources include the CCC budget, tuition, and grants.

Trustee Moragne-Patterson asked how program pathways are communicated to students. Dean Girzadas explained that pathways are detailed on the website and through advising materials, including program finder tools and credential maps.

Trustee Moragne-Patterson also asked whether the new programs might detract from existing ones.

Dean Girzadas responded that the new programs are expected to enhance enrollment and expand opportunities for students.

The full presentation can be found on the Board website and by clicking below:  
[New Academic Programs for Board Consideration](#)

**VI. REVIEW OF OCTOBER 9, 2025 BOARD REPORTS**

Vice Chair Hatch initiated the review of the October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 board reports.

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Provost Potter reviewed Resolutions 1.00 - 1.12; VC Anthony reviewed Resolution 1.13. Resolution 1.14 (The Renewal of Joint Curriculum Agreement with Chicago Botanic Gardens) was removed from consideration. CFO Rodriguez reviewed Resolution 1.15; Resolution 1.16 (The Reappointment of Trustees Darlene O. Hightower and Oscar Sanchez to the City Colleges of Chicago Board of Trustees) was reviewed and voted on separately at the regular board meeting at 2:00 p.m.

CTO Dunning reviewed Item 2.00 Personnel Report.

EVC Herrero reviewed Item 3.00 Resource Development Report.

Provost Potter reviewed Agreements 4.00 - 4.01; Chief Officer Werner reviewed Agreement 4.02. President Sanders reviewed Agreement 4.03; VC Anthony reviewed Agreement 4.04. CTO Dunning reviewed Agreement 4.05.

VC Anthony reviewed Purchase 5.00; President Jackson reviewed Purchase 5.01.

General Counsel Gowen reviewed Item 6.00 Payment of Legal Invoices.

## **VII. MOTION TO DISCHARGE THE OCTOBER 9, 2025 BOARD PACKET**

Vice Chair Hatch asked for a motion to discharge the minutes, resolutions, excluding Resolution 1.14 (The Renewal of Joint Curriculum Agreement with Chicago Botanic Gardens) which was removed from consideration, and Resolution 1.16 (The Reappointment of Trustees Darlene O. Hightower and Oscar Sanchez to the City Colleges of Chicago Board of Trustees) which was reviewed and voted on at the regular board meeting at 2:00 p.m, the personnel report, resource development report, agreements, purchases, and legal invoices, to the October 2025 Regular Board Meeting as part of the Consent Agenda.

<Motion> Trustee Oscar Sanchez

<Second> Trustee Katya Nuques

Motion carried.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon concluding that there was no further business to be brought before the committee, Vice Chair Hatch asked for a motion to adjourn.

<Motion> Trustee Oscar Sanchez

<Second> Trustee Darlene Hightower

Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 1:32 p.m.

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

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