

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

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025**

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

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 October 9, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., Arturo Velasquez Institute, 1st Floor, Conference Room 1203, 2800 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60608.

ATTENDEES

TRUSTEES

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

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

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

PRESIDENTS

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nuques began by calling to order the October 9, 2025, Regular Board Meeting at 2:07 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, Sr.	Present
Oscar Sanchez	Present
*Princella "Jaribu" Lee	Present
Darlene Hightower	Present
Kafi Moragne-Patterson	Present
Widedji Deguenon (Student)	Present

*Arrived at 2:09 p.m.

Quorum confirmed.

III. WELCOME & REVIEW OF RESOLUTION 1.16 REAPPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Chair Nuques diverted from the standard order of proceedings and asked for consideration of Resolution 1.16, the Reappointment of Darlene O. Hightower and Oscar Sanchez to the CCC Board of Trustees.

Chair Nuques asked the Chief Advisor to read Resolution 1.16 and then asked for a motion to approve Resolution 1.16.

<Motion> Trustee Marshall E. Hatch, Sr.
<Second> Trustee Kafi Moragne-Patterson

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

Katya Nuques	Aye
Marshall E. Hatch, Sr.	Aye
Princella "Jaribu" Lee	Aye
Kafi Moragne-Patterson	Aye

Resolution 1.16 was approved.

Chair Nuques welcomed everyone to the October 9th Regular Board Meeting. She stated that Provost Potter will be representing Chancellor Salgado.

Chair Nuques thanked Interim President Korellis for hosting the meeting at Arturo Velasquez Institute and for everyone joining today.

Chair Nuques stated as we continue to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, we honor the many contributions and cultural richness of Hispanic and Latino communities whose impact has shaped our city, nation, and institutions.

October is also one of the busiest months for observances, including breast cancer awareness, ADHD awareness, depression and mental health awareness, and LGBTQ2+ history month. Together, these celebrations highlight the diversity of issues, communities, and traditions that define our shared experience.

On September 30th, Chair Nuques stated that she had the privilege of joining Vice Chair Hatch and Student Trustee Deguenon at the Food Security for Life event at Kennedy-King College. This initiative reflects the best of who we are as an institution. She also noted that this initiative shows that we are committed to addressing the urgent needs of students and supporting them beyond the classroom.

The next meeting is November 6, 2025 at Kennedy King College.

Chair Nuques called on Student Trustee Deguenon to proceed with his remarks.

IV. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

The full Student Trustee report can be found on the Board website and by clicking below:

[SGA Report - October](#)

V. CHANCELLOR UPDATES

Provost Potter gave remarks on behalf of Chancellor Salgado.

This month is Hispanic Heritage Month, and it is fitting that we're holding today's meeting on the southwest side of Chicago at Arturo Velasquez Institute. As we customarily do on our visits to the colleges, we'd like to start by inviting Daley College Interim President Peggy Korellis and Dean Alicia Rodriguez for a short presentation introducing us to our host facility today, the Arturo Velasquez Institute.

Interim President Korellis stated that we are all very excited about the direction here at AVI. AVI is a strong community anchor at a time when our community needs it more than ever. Activities in our city, especially the last several weeks, have been causing fear and uncertainty for many of our students and community members. At City Colleges, we are committed to providing a welcoming, safe, and supportive college community. As

Chancellor Salgado reminds us, this is the time to make sure that every one of our students knows without a shadow of doubt that they belong with us, that education remains the best path to reaching their goals in life, and it's our job right now to make sure that our students feel connected to our colleges and to their education. Chancellor noted that this may mean we need to do more than ever before. As the federal government steps back in those realms in which it has traditionally been active and supportive, Chancellor Salgado has committed to filling the gap as much as we possibly can. We're determined to emerge from the next four years stronger than ever. And as an institution that provides unrivaled student supports, we increased our investments in mental health supports and wellness center usage has doubled.

Last week with many of you, including Chair Nuques, Vice Chair Hatch, as well as Governor Pritzker and Mayor Johnson, we launched Food Security for Life, our plan in partnership with the Greater Chicago Food Depository is to eliminate food insecurity among City Colleges students. Over the next couple of years at our seven colleges, you will see markets of food that are available for students where they can shop, at no cost to them. There will be ready to heat meals that food insecure students can eat at their college or take home for themselves or their family and snacks to go that any student can grab as they go to class. Today, we recognize the student services team, Jacquelyn Werner, Anne Althoff, Destinee Miguest, as well as President Webb Walker and the team at Kennedy King College, who led the pilot program of this work, and will be at the site and will be the site of our first dynamic market this spring. And to the many others involved in the successful launch of this significant effort to eliminate hunger among our students while they're enrolled and ultimately as they go out and launch careers that provide for themselves and their families for a lifetime. Our momentum continues despite the challenges in our path.

Earlier this month, we celebrated the growth in our relationship with a number of partners. PepsiCo and the PepsiCo Foundation donated two diesel trucks to Olive Harvey College TDL program along with scholarships to support city college's students. We also launched a new partnership with the Chicago Business Affairs and Consumer Protection Department that will allow Chicagoans who take BACP's entrepreneurship program to test at city colleges to receive college credit for prior learning. Congratulations to President Kimberly Hollingsworth and the team at Olive Harvey College who worked on both of these relationships.

During the committee meeting today, we shared some of the new in demand programs we will be launching soon. The growth of high demand programs is a key focus of our strategic plan. And later this fall, the chancellor will hold a series of roundtables with external partners to get feedback on key aspects of the strategic plans we are building for the next five years. At the same time, each college president will be creating a special moment during the semester to celebrate with faculty, staff, and students all that we've accomplished through our first set of plans, our path forward. Our work these last several years, despite having to overcome a global pandemic, is more than successful, it has been transformational. Chancellor said that he looks forward to the launch of the new strategic plans in the spring semester. Until then, let's continue to work together to make sure that our students know that they are fully cared for and

that everyone in our community knows they truly belong. This is the moment when we must stay united and live our values more fully than ever before.

Chair Nuques thanked Provost Potter for sharing the Chancellor remarks.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 10 requests for public participation.

1. Olivia Carrasco Wilbur Wright student
Topic: To speak with the board regarding ICE/CBP being invited to Wilbur Wright's upcoming job fair.
2. Zerrie Campbell Retired MXC President
Topic: To discuss the implementation of BR21244 and BR31310 as it has affected the lifetime health expense reimbursement promised to the affected retired Officers of the District for whom it was intended.
3. Phoebe Helms Retired Harry S Truman President
Topic: Concerns about how BR21244 is being implemented and how it is impacting me and my colleagues.
4. Charles Guengerich Retired WWC President
Topic: To discuss the August 2023 Changes in implementation of retired OD benefits in BR21244 and 31310.
5. Ann Elliott Olive Harvey
Topic: Union Contract of Adjunct Professors
6. Randall Miller Truman College Lecturer
Topic: Adjunct faculty issues
7. Carlos Aulet Adult Educator Vice President, AFSCME, Local #3506
Topic: The matter of Adult Education and Student safety.
8. William Southerland
Topic: To share my concerns as a Chicago resident, property owner, and taxpayer and a recently separated staff member regarding human resource management practices and leadership remarks reflecting strained relationships between the district office, local colleges, and labor unions
9. Grazina Maldutyte Adult Educator Olive-Harvey College
Topic: Communication in Adult Education
10. George Roumbanis President AE faculty – Not present
Topic: Adult Ed.

VII. FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT

No Faculty Council Report was presented.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Sanchez presented the Committee Report.

In the Committee meeting today, Provost Potter presented a presentation on New academic Programs for the board to consider. Provost Potter's presentation was centered on a very strategic vision: aligning City Colleges' academic programs with the evolving needs of Chicago's workforce. The key themes that were highlighted; being forward-looking, agile, and partnership-driven, signal a shift toward programs that do not just educate students, but actively connect them to high demand careers.

On behalf of the Committee, we extend our thanks to Provost Potter for the presentation and for sharing CCC's vision of preparing students to thrive while fueling Chicago's economy with skilled talent.

We also reviewed the minutes, resolutions, 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 October 9, 2025 regular board meeting.

IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING PACKET

Chair Nuques led the board in the approval of 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 earlier in this meeting, the 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 Darlene Hightower
<Second> Trustee Marshall E. Hatch Sr.

Motion carried.

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

Katya Nuques	Aye
Marshall E. Hatch, Sr.	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.

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 3:18 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 Princella “Jaribu” Lee

<Second> Trustee Darlene Hightower

Motion carried.

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

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

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

XI. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session ended at 4:24 p.m. Upon the Board’s return, the Chair reconvened the October 9, 2025 board meeting and noted that no action was taken 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 Oscar Sanchez
<Second> Trustee Kafi Moragne-Patterson

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Princella “Jaribu” Lee
Secretary
Board of Trustees

Submitted by – Avery Walls, Assistant Board Liaison