

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

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SERVICES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025**

**MALCOLM X COLLEGE
1st FLOOR, ROOM 1107
1900 W. JACKSON BLVD
CHICAGO, IL 60612**

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 Academic Affairs and Student Services of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508 was held on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 12:30 p.m., Malcolm X College, 1st floor, room 1107, 1900 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60612.

ATTENDEES

TRUSTEES

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

David Anthony – Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services
Christian Collins – Vice Chancellor, Institutional Effectiveness
Maribel Rodriguez – Chief Financial Officer
Carol Dunning – Chief Talent Officer
Aarti Dhupelia – Executive Vice Chancellor/ Chief Student
Experience Officer
Stacia Edwards – Deputy Provost
Jacquelyn Werner – Vice Chancellor, Student Retention &
Completion
Veronica Herrero – EVC Chief Institutional Advancement Officer
Brittany Kairis Jackson – Vice Chancellor, Strategy & Planning
Katheryn Hayes – Associate Vice Chancellor, Strategic
Communications & Operations
Angela Arrington-Jones – Vice Chancellor, Business and
Procurement Services
Jay Agarwal – Chief Information Officer
Will Barefield – Vice Chancellor/Student Enrollment Management

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
Katonja Webb Walker – President, Kennedy-King College
David Sanders – President, Malcolm X College

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Hatch called the August 7, 2025, meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Services to order at 12:34 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The Chief Advisor called roll:

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

Quorum confirmed.

III. WELCOME

Vice Chair Hatch thanked everyone for joining today’s meeting and thanked President Sanders on behalf of the board for opening the college for the purposes here today. Vice Chair Hatch also thanked fellow committee members for joining.

Vice Chair Hatch called on Provost Potter for remarks.

IV. PROVOST REMARKS

Provost Potter welcomed everyone to the August 2025 meeting of the Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee.

Provost Potter stated that we are nearing the end of summer already and most of our summer classes ended almost two weeks ago, and all of our full-time faculty will be returning for the start of the new academic year in just a few days. The first week back for faculty is always faculty development week, and on the first day of the first week we hold our district-wide kickoff for faculty development. This year, we'll be holding our kickoff right here at Malcolm X College. Our theme for the convening is “Are we student-ready,” where we foster engagement, promote collaboration, and leverage technology for learning. It's an exciting time of the year, and I look forward to welcoming faculty back and to sharing with them plans for the coming year, where we will continue our work to improve course success rates and engage faculty in navigating and integrating responsible use of AI in instruction.

Provost Potter asked Chancellor Salgado to share a word as part of our welcome to the committee.

Chancellor Salgado asked President Sanders to share some words of welcome in consideration that he will be needing to leave between this meeting and the next meeting, and the MXC team is going to be doing a presentation a little later. Chancellor said that he wants to personally thank President Sanders for his hospitality in welcoming the board to the college.

President Sanders stated that it is certainly an honor to have the board here today. This is the first board meeting held here at Malcolm X. He stated that the goals of Malcolm X are in lock step with the Chancellors. He said that they want to make sure that they achieve 55% for every single student. He stated that one of the ways that he believes it will be done is to ensure that Malcolm X is a warm and welcoming environment and that they're doing everything possible to help every student succeed. He said that they believe that they can't just do it with the students, but it also must be done with the faculty, the staff, and the administrators. Everybody must feel that they're coming to a place that they enjoy and that they're being treated with respect, dignity and honor, and that walking into this place, you know, you're going to be successful. They want everyone to feel that way and to come back anytime. The staff, faculty and administrators will help any way they can because they are here for the student's success, and they want everyone to feel good and not want to want to leave when they come to Malcolm X.

V. PRESENTATION

No presentations were presented at the meeting today.

VI. REVIEW OF AUGUST 7, 2025 BOARD REPORTS

Vice Chair Hatch initiated the review of the August 7, 2025 board reports.

EVC Herrero reviewed Resolution 1.00; Provost Potter reviewed Resolutions 1.01 and 1.02. President Webb Walker reviewed Resolutions 1.03 – 1.05; VC Anthony reviewed Resolution 1.06. CTO Dunning reviewed Resolution 1.07; Resolution 1.08 was pulled from consideration. President Hollingsworth reviewed Resolution 1.09. President Sanders reviewed Resolution 1.10. CFO Rodriguez reviewed Resolution 1.11.

CTO Dunning reviewed Item 2.00 Personnel Report.

EVC Herrero reviewed Item 3.00 Resource Development Report.

Trustee Lee commented that there is restructuring taking place at the US Department of Education and she was wondering if there's a contingency in place if the money is not received.

Chancellor Salgado replied that we always consider grant funds, so there are operational funds and there are grant funds, and grant funds are supplemental to anything that we do. In fact, personnel that's hired on grant funds know that the period of their employment coincides with the grant itself. Chancellor said that these are important grants that contribute incredibly to our college environment and our students directly. We have been

successful to not only get these grants, and they can be renewed. We are super pleased that the AmeriCorps grant was restored, the TRIO grant is still there, and because as you know, there was quite a bit of chatter and serious consideration being given to no longer having those kinds of programs. Fortunately for us and our students, many of these programs are distributed across the United States, so they impact not just urban communities, but they impact rural communities and students everywhere. Chancellor stated that he expects that we will likely see a decline in federal grant resources over time, and we'll just have to figure out how to adjust. He said that we will not be able to fill those holes completely and that there may be some instances where we're able to redirect some resources to keep some portion of a federal grant service going. But there will be many other grants that if we do lose the resources, we will be unable to sustain. Our expectations are no less if we don't have a federal grant because the core operations of the organization is funded in our budget and our operating budget. So, while those grant dollars do impact us, we are going to expect the same of ourselves in terms of our outcomes and our deliverables for our students.

President Sanders reviewed Agreement 4.00; Interim President Korellis reviewed Agreement 4.01.

Trustee Hightower asked for the number of students that are going to be supported through the grant?

Interim President Korellis replied that for Daley there's usually around 30 students that participate in the program.

Chancellor Salgado advised that Interim President Korellis to contact the grants team to get a specific number of students who participate in the Weekend Warrior program and stated that the program will be expanding to Kennedy King as well.

Interim President Korellis reviewed Agreement 4.02. President Lopez reviewed Agreement 4.03; VC Deyhle reviewed Agreement 4.04. VC Barefield reviewed Agreement 4.05; CIO Agarwal reviewed Agreement 4.06. Provost Potter reviewed Agreements 4.07 & 4.08.

Trustee Lee asked about the difference between Agreements 4.06 and 4.08.

Provost Potter advised that Agreement 4.06 pertains to using algorithms and advanced analytics in order to detect when students apply to city colleges under false pretenses, not intending to attend class and get a degree, but intending to commit financial aid fraud. Agreement 4.08 is an academic integrity software that identifies when students are committing plagiarism.

Student Trustee Deguenon asked what software is being acquired in Agreement 4.08.

Provost Potter stated that the software is called Copy Leaks.

CFO Rodriguez reviewed Agreements 4.09 – 4.11.

Trustee Lee asked if Agreement 4.10 is for the office of finance for financial software to track the budget?

Chancellor Salgado stated that it is necessary to have the tools to measure and keep track of the budget.

Trustee Lee asked what the FOODA agreement will do to resolve the issue at Harold Washington?

CFO Rodriguez and Chancellor stated that there will be a pop-up solution that is currently in the works. They stated that for Malcolm X to have a full kitchen it would need to be built, and to do this it must be beneficial and there must be a demand to have a food vendor on site.

Agreement 4.12 was pulled from consideration. VC Anthony reviewed Agreements 4.13 – 4.15.

VC Anthony reviewed Purchase 5.00.

General Counsel Gowen reviewed Item 6.00 Payment of Legal Invoices.

VII. MOTION TO DISCHARGE THE AUGUST 2025 BOARD PACKET

Committee Chair Sanchez asked for a motion to discharge the reviewed minutes, resolutions, personnel report, resource development report, agreements, purchases, and legal invoices to the August 2025 Regular Board Meeting as part of the Consent Agenda.

<Motion> Trustee Katya Nuques
<Second> Trustee Darlene Hightower

Motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon concluding that there was no more business to be brought before the committee, Committee Chair Sanchez asked for a motion to adjourn.

<Motion> Trustee Darlene Hightower
<Second> Trustee Katya Nuques

Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 1:31 p.m.

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

Submitted by – Avery Walls, Assistant Board Liaison