

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

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025**

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

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 August 7, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., Malcolm X College, 1st Floor, Room 1107, 1900 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, Illinois 60612.

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

**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
Aarti Dhupelia – Executive Vice Chancellor/ Chief of Student
Experience Officer
Stacia Edwards – Deputy Provost
Jacquelyn Werner – Vice Chancellor, Student Retention &
Completion
Katheryn Hayes – Associate Vice Chancellor, Strategic
Angela Arrington-Jones – Vice Chancellor, Business and
Procurement Services
Brittany Kairis Jackson – Vice Chancellor, Strategy & Planning
Christian Collins – Vice Chancellor, Institutional Effectiveness
Jay Agarwal – Chief Information Officer
Will Barefield – Vice Chancellor/Student Enrollment
Management

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nuques began by calling to order the August 7, 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	Absent
Widedji Deguenon (Student)	Present

*Arrived at 2:11pm

Quorum confirmed.

III. WELCOME

Chair Nuques welcomed everyone to the Regular Board Meeting for August 7, 2025 and thanked President Sanders for hosting the Board of Trustees this month.

Chair Nuques stated that as we begin the month of August, let’s all enjoy the more than likely hot, but beautiful days of summer. She said to remember to get out and enjoy Chicago, and the summer with our many festivals taking place around the city. This month we also celebrate National Youth Day.

Chair stated that the board does not meet in September, so the next meeting is in October at Arturo Velasquez Institute.

Chair congratulated EVC Aarti Dhupelia on her new opportunity at our partner organization One Million Degrees as their new CEO.

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

IV. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

The full report can be found here:

[Student Trustee Report](#)

V. CHANCELLOR UPDATES

Chancellor Salgado thanked President Sanders and the Malcolm X team for hosting us today and invited the Malcolm X Team to say a few words about the college.

Vice President Nicholas Hryhorczuk made the presentation. He said on behalf of our students, faculty, staff, and President Sanders, welcome to our campus community. He said that we serve as the center of excellence for health care education within City Colleges of Chicago and offer a full range of transfer-focused liberal arts coursework and adult education programs. VP Hryhorczuk said that as we prepare to welcome a record number of students to campus this fall, we have prepared a short video highlighting some of the ways that Malcolm X College has become a leader in access and innovation among Illinois community colleges.

Chancellor Salgado congratulated Malcolm X College on receiving the Excellence in Mental Health and Well-Being Award from Insight into Academia.

Chancellor Salgado and all of the CCC presidents had the opportunity to present to the Chicago City Council Education Committee in Council chambers at the end of July on City Colleges' recent progress and the FY26 budget. He stated that the presentation gave us the chance to highlight that our enrollment has surpassed pre-pandemic levels, that the total number of degrees and certificates awarded this year exceeds pre-pandemic levels, and that all of our colleges were up year over year in total credentials awarded. He was pleased to inform the Committee that the federal funding for adult education that was in question last time this board met has since been restored. He stated that he had said we were going to ensure adult education was covered regardless, and that we certainly will benefit from continued funding in this area.

Chancellor stated that the city council members asked how they could assist in our work, and we recommended several areas of collaboration. We asked that they allow us to take part in a citywide strategy to help people comply with the new Medicaid work regulations, and we asked them to support state legislation that would create community college baccalaureate degrees. Chancellor said that he told them that we would appreciate their support as we work to secure the capital for our healthcare campus in Washington Park as well as funding for our deferred maintenance projects. We asked for their continued help in promoting City Colleges in the community, and finally, we asked that they prioritize making housing more affordable in the city to provide our students with greater stability in their lives. He said that he always appreciate when we get to address the committee and share about what we have underway. He thanked the team and the presidents for attending and speaking about their progress as well.

Chancellor noted that this past month, AVC of Technology Strategy Ayoka Samuels took part in the completion ceremony for our Machine Learning Academy led by engineer Milan McGraw. Provost Potter represented the district office at a practical nursing and BNA pinning ceremony, where he had the chance to join President Webb

Walker and Dean Inesha Kelly at a graduation for the 44th cohort of the Overhead Electrical Line Worker program at Dawson Tech. He stated that ComEd joined at that event to announce an investment in scholarships available for the Overhead program.

Chancellor said that the end of the semester saw a successful conclusion to the Food Security for Life pilot where over 80% of students who were invited to take part engaged with the program. Students accessed free meals on campus on an average of 3 times per week, spending on average \$16 a day. He said that it was a great success, and he will have much more to say about the efforts to combat food insecurity this coming fall.

Chancellor noted that today the board will consider the growth of our housing supports as three more beds will be added for our housing insecure students in partnership with DePaul USA, bringing our beds to 19 this fall.

He congratulated Teesta Jain, coordinator of the Amgen Site at Harry S Truman College, who was named one of just 30 faculty and staff members nationwide selected for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2025 class of E. Kika De La Garza Fellows.

He congratulated Vice Chancellor Luis Narváez who was selected to participate in the Leadership Greater Chicago Signature Fellows Class of 2026. Through the opportunity, he will join a group of 45 professionals who are also committed to leading transformational change throughout the Chicago region.

He congratulated Chief Student Experience Officer Aarti Dhupelia who has been chosen to serve as the next CEO of our partner student support organization, One Million Degrees. He stated that two years ago he hired Aarti to serve as City Colleges first ever Chief Student Experience Officer where she grew a team that has led the continued enrollment growth, significantly expanded our student services, and pioneered a new transfer strategy. The OSX team and the teams at each of our colleges have helped us recover from the pandemic stronger than ever. He said that we are fortunate that Aarti will continue to work on behalf of City Colleges students in her new role, guiding the expansion of the OMD student support model at City Colleges and beyond.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 5 requests for public participation. 4 presented.

1. Carlos Aulet – Adult Educator, Truman College, Topic: Current state of Affairs at Truman College.
2. William Scott – Topics: Dual Enrollment, Continuing Education, Super Aging, and the 35th Annual Festival of the Arts: Africa International House.
3. Grazina Maldutyte – Olive Harvey Adult Educator – Topic: Unfair treatment of Adult Ed Faculty.
4. Jantae Spencer – Wilbur Wright Adjunct Educator – Topic: Treatment of Adult Education Faculty
5. Michael Alcanter – Daley College Student – Harassment at Daley College (no show)

VII. FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT

No Faculty Council Report was presented.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chair Hatch presented the Committee Report.

We reviewed the minutes, resolutions, personnel report, resource development report, agreements, purchases, and legal invoices included on today's Academic Affairs and Student Services agenda as part of the consent agenda to this August 7th, 2025 regular board meeting.

IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 7, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING PACKET

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. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

<Motion> Trustee Oscar Sanchez
<Second> Trustee Darlene Hightower

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
Widedji Deguenon	Aye

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

X. MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

There were no matters for a closed session.

XI. 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 Marshall Hatch, Sr.

<Second> Trustee Princella “Jaribu” Lee

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Princella “Jaribu” Lee
Secretary
Board of Trustees

Submitted by – Avery Walls, Assistant Board Liaison