

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

**MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026**

**HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE  
ROOM 1115  
30 E. LAKE STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60601**

Pursuant to provisions of the Public Community College Act, as amended, of the State of 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 March 5, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., Harold Washington College, Room 1115, 30 E. Lake Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

**ATTENDEES**

**TRUSTEES**

Katya Nuques, Board Chair  
Marshall E. Hatch, Sr., Vice Chair  
Princella “Jaribu” Lee, Secretary  
Darlene Hightower  
Kafi Moragne Patterson  
Fernando Diaz  
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  
Stacia Edwards — Deputy Provost  
Angela Arrington Jones — VC, Business and Procurement Services  
Jacquelyn Werner — Chief of Student Experience Officer  
Brittany Kairis Jackson — Vice Chancellor, Strategy & Planning  
Will Barefield — Vice Chancellor/Student Enrollment Management  
David Deyhle — Vice Chancellor-Institutional Branding & Strategic Marketing  
Jeff Wong — Deputy Chief Financial Officer  
Sarah Lichtenstein Walter — Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Programs  
Greg Williams — Executive Director, IT Service Delivery & Academic Technology  
Lonnie Washington — Executive Director, Business enterprise systems  
Christopher Jensen – Associate General Counsel III

**PRESIDENTS**

Daniel Lopez — President, Harold Washington College  
Shawn Jackson — President, Harry S Truman College  
Arlene Santos George — Vice 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 called to order the March 5, 2026, Regular Board Meeting at 2:00pm.

**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	Absent
Princella “Jaribu” Lee	Present
Darlene Hightower	Present
Kafi Moragne-Patterson	Present
Fernando Diaz	Present
Widedji Deguenon (Student)	Present

Quorum confirmed in accordance with the Illinois Public Community College Act and the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

**III. WELCOME**

Chair Nuques welcomed everyone to the March 5, 2026 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of City Colleges of Chicago and thanked President Lopez for hosting the Board of Trustees this month.

Chair Nuques said that for Women's History Month, she is pleased to celebrate this history and as we honor the contributions of women and recognize the achievements made this month and throughout the year.

Chair Nuques congratulated the Chancellor and City Colleges of Chicago Vice Chancellor Veronica Herrero and the entire team for being the recipients of the Pritzker Traubert Foundation's first ever 5 million Chicago Talent Challenge. She thanked the trustees for attending the City Club event for the announcement with her this week. That was an incredibly amazing opportunity to hear what this initiative is going to be about, and it was a very joyful opportunity to celebrate with the team from the City Colleges.

Chair Nuques stated for the record, that due to FC4 presidents work schedule, they will not be attending the meeting today.

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

**IV. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

The Student Trustee report can be found on the Board website and by clicking below:  
[Student Trustee Report - March 2026](#)

**V. CHANCELLOR UPDATES**

Chancellor Salgado thanked Student Trustee Deguenon for inviting him to participate in a recent conversation with the DSGA and noted that it was a productive discussion. He stated that he welcomed additional opportunities to engage with the group in the future.

Chancellor recognized Women's History Month and thanked the many women leaders across the district, including members of the Board of Trustees, staff, faculty, and college leadership, for their contributions and leadership.

Earlier in the week, the Health Catalyst workforce partnership between City Colleges of Chicago and Cook County Health was awarded the \$5 million Chicago Talent Challenge prize from the Pritzker Traubert Foundation. Chancellor Salgado noted that the investment will support a new partnership to fill critical healthcare roles at Cook County Health and create an on-site training program at Provident Hospital on the South Side. Through this partnership, the program aims to place 1,000 students into healthcare roles over the next three years, with an additional 400 students served annually thereafter.

Chancellor thanked the Trustees and partners who attended the City Club event earlier in the week to mark the milestone and acknowledged the team responsible for developing the proposal. He recognized Executive Vice Chancellor and President of the CCC Foundation, Veronica Herrero for her leadership in advancing the effort and thanked the team at Malcolm X College for supporting the development of the proposal.

Chancellor noted that the City Colleges joined Governor JB Pritzker in announcing a new partnership with DMG Mori, a global leader in advanced manufacturing. The collaboration further strengthens City Colleges' role as a workforce development partner and expands opportunities in advanced manufacturing education and training.

Chancellor announced the launch of the district's new five-year strategic plan, Forward Together, along with corresponding college plans. He noted that City Colleges has made significant progress in recent years, including enrollment surpassing pre-COVID levels, and progress toward the 55 for All student outcome goal, the expansion of high-demand programs, strengthened partnerships with Chicago Public Schools and transfer institutions, and continued development of workforce programs and student supports. He expressed appreciation to faculty, staff, leadership, students, community partners, and funders for their contributions to these efforts.

Chancellor noted that additional information about the strategic plan would be presented later in the meeting by Executive Vice Chancellor Herrero and Vice Chancellor of Strategy Brittany Jackson-Kairis.

Chancellor also recognized EVC Veronica Herrero for her leadership across several of the major wins over the past few weeks, and for being named to the Board of the national non-profit, Excelencia in Education.

Chancellor congratulated Luvia Moreno, Vice President of Student Affairs at Harold Washington College, on her appointment by Governor JB Pritzker to serve on the Illinois State Board of Education. He also congratulated Kenneth Balcarcel, Director of Compliance for Adult Education, on being selected for the 2026 Multicultural Leadership Academy through the Latino Policy Forum.

Chancellor recognized student Trustee Deguenon who joined several other CCC students and Black student leaders from across the city for a meaningful conversation on student leadership and civic engagement with Mayor Brandon Johnson.

Chancellor also mentioned that a group of students were currently participating in the Timuel Black Jr. Civil Rights Trip to historic civil rights locations in the south, and that the Board would hear about the experience upon their return.

Chancellor noted that there are 13 semifinalists for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's prestigious Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. It is expected we will learn more information towards the end of the semester about the winners of this generous scholarship, which provides last-dollar funding of up to \$55,000 per year for two to three years of a bachelor's degree program.

Chancellor announced that The Sikia Restaurant at Kennedy-King College has reopened with a new menu and encouraged members of the community to visit. He also congratulated the Olive-Harvey College men's basketball team for advancing to the Region IV Division I semifinals.

## **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were 4 requests for public participation. 3 speakers presented.

1. Shandra Y. Outlaw (**Did Not Attend**)  
**Topic: Adjunct Faculty Issues**
2. Randall Miller  
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3. Tony Johnston  
**Topic: Ongoing contract negotiations in the City Colleges**
4. Frances X Tobin  
**Topic: Community Advocacy - Alliance for Community Services**

## **VII. PRESENTATION**

**Topic:** Forward Together 2026 – 2030 Strategic Plans

**Presenters:** Veronica Herrero, Executive Vice Chancellor - Chief Institutional Advancement Officer & Chief of Staff &

Brittany Jackson Kairis, Vice Chancellor of Strategy & Planning.

The full presentation can be found on the Board website and by clicking below:  
[Forward Together](#)

**VIII. FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT**

No Faculty Council Report was presented. The report will be entered into the record.

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Hightower presented the Committee Report.

In the committee meeting today, CFO Rodriguez gave a FY2026 second quarter preliminary operating financial update. 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 March 5th, 2026 regular board meeting.

**X. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 5, 2026 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 Diaz  
<Second> Trustee Hatch

Motion carried.

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

Katya Nuques	Aye
Marshall Hatch Sr.	Aye
Princella "Jaribu" Lee	Aye
Kafi Moragne Patterson	Aye
Darlene Hightower	Aye
Fernando Diaz	Aye
Widedji Deguenon	Aye

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

**XI. MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Chair Nuques asked for a roll call vote to hold Closed Session at 2:53p.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 Moragne-Patterson  
<Second> Trustee Hatch

Motion carried.

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

Katya Nuques	Aye
Marshall Hatch Sr.	Aye
Princella “Jaribu” Lee	Aye
Kafi Moragne Patterson	Aye
Darlene Hightower	Aye
Fernando Diaz	Aye
Widedji Deguenon	Aye

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

## **XII. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session ended at 3:52p.m. Upon the Board’s return, the Chair reconvened the March 5, 2026, board meeting and noted that no action was taken during closed session that required action in open session.

## **XIII. 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 Hightower  
<Second> Trustee Hatch

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:53p.m.

**Princella “Jaribu” Lee  
Secretary**

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**Board of Trustees**

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