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

**MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 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 May 7, 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  
Kafi Moragne Patterson  
Fernando Diaz  
Damian Wright (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  
Lizz Gardner — AVC, Institutional Resource Development  
Jeffrey Wong — Deputy Chief Financial Officer  
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  
Aricka Jones — Compliance Officer & Director-Risk Management  
Sarah Lichtenstein Walter — Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Programs  
Greg Williams — Executive Director, IT Service Delivery & Academic Technology  
Jen Mason — Vice Chancellor, Legislative & Community Affairs  
Katheryn Hayes — Associate Vice Chancellor-Strategic Communications & Operations

**PRESIDENTS**

Theresa Carlton — Vice President, Harold Washington College  
Shawn Jackson — President, Harry S Truman College  
Andres Oroz — President, Wilbur Wright College  
Katonja Webb Walker — President, Kennedy-King College  
David Sanders — President, Malcolm X College  
Kimberly Hollingsworth — President, Olive Harvey College  
Peggy Korellis — Interim President, Richard Daley College

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nuques called to order the May 7, 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	Absent
Kafi Moragne-Patterson	Present
Fernando Diaz	Present
Damian Wright (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 May 7, 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 stated that the Board would divert from the standard order of proceedings to consider Resolution 1.05 regarding the appointment of the Student Trustee. The Chief Advisor was asked to read the resolution.

The Chair asked for a motion.

<Motion> Trustee Hatch  
<Second> Trustee Lee

Motion carried.

Chair Nuques invited Student Trustee Wright to offer remarks.

Student Trustee Wright introduced himself and emphasized a commitment to speaking up on issues affecting students and stated an intention to advocate for what is best for the student body as a whole.

Chair Nuques congratulated the City Colleges Class of 2026 graduates and reflected on the significance of the commencement ceremonies. Chair Nuques noted that many graduates were first-generation college students, working adults, parents, and individuals who overcame significant challenges, stating that their achievements represented resilience, determination, and hope.

Chair Nuques thanked the Trustees for participating in commencement ceremonies held on May 2, 2026, and gave special recognition to Trustee Moragne Patterson for delivering the Board welcome during the afternoon ceremony. Chair Nuques also thanked Trustee Lee for representing the Board at the April 2026 Star Scholar Pinning Ceremony held at Malcolm X College, where more than 1,000 Star Scholars were recognized prior to graduation.

Chair Nuques called on Chancellor Salgado for his remarks.

**IV. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

The student trustee did not provide a report for the month.

**V. CHANCELLOR UPDATES**

Chancellor Salgado began by welcoming new Student Trustee Damian Wright and thanked him for taking on the responsibility of serving in the role. Chancellor Salgado acknowledged that the position adds additional responsibilities and emphasized that the voice of students matters and remains central to the mission of City Colleges. He stated that the institution is committed to providing exceptional student experience and looked forward to working with Student Trustee Wright to ensure that goal continues to be met.

Chancellor Salgado noted that May was a month of celebrations at City Colleges. He recognized Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked faculty and staff for the work they do throughout the year to instruct, guide, and support students. He also recognized Jewish American Heritage Month and Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, celebrating the contributions of those communities to City Colleges and the City of Chicago.

Chancellor Salgado also recognized Mental Health Awareness Month and stated that the district continued to expand student mental health and wellness services. He noted that usage of those services doubled the previous year and was on track to increase again this year. He reaffirmed the district's commitment to investing in mental health resources for students.

Chancellor Salgado thanked the Trustees who attended the annual commencement ceremony held at Wintrust Arena for associate degree earners. He described the event as unique and powerful, noting that more than 4,200 graduates were recognized this year. He stated that growing graduating classes reflect increasing enrollment, stronger outcomes, and the diversity and talent present throughout the city. Chancellor Salgado also thanked the team led by Laura Clark for organizing the commencement ceremony

and highlighted the new “clap out” celebration that took place as graduates exited the arena.

Chancellor Salgado shared updates regarding workforce and apprenticeship initiatives. He noted that during National Apprenticeship Week, he joined Governor Pritzker and Mayor Johnson at Olive-Harvey College for a workforce announcement involving IBM bringing 750 jobs to the Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park. As part of the initiative, IBM committed to hiring qualified graduates from a new City Colleges apprenticeship program called Chicago’s Moonshot. Chancellor Salgado described Moonshot as a paid apprenticeship model in which City Colleges would serve as the employer of record during the first year for participating employer partners. He stated that students would also receive career support services while pursuing degree apprenticeships.

Chancellor Salgado stated that through the Moonshot initiative, City Colleges expects to grow apprenticeship participation to 500 annually within five years and eventually connect 1,000 apprentices each year within ten years. He emphasized the importance of continuing to build employer partnerships and advocate for opportunities for City Colleges students.

Chancellor Salgado recognized Executive Vice Chancellor Veronica Herrero, Deputy Provost Stacia Edwards, and Associate Vice Chancellor Corey Young for their work developing the apprenticeship strategy and securing support from employers, state partners, and philanthropic organizations. Chancellor stated that the initiative represents a unique national model for expanding entry-level career opportunities.

Lastly, Chancellor Salgado noted that upcoming celebrations would include the May 19 early college ceremony for CPS students earning college credit and the Adult Education Graduation scheduled for June 13 at the UIC Forum.

## **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were 5 requests for public participation. 5 speakers presented.

1. Cecelia Harrison, Parent  
**Topic:** Concerns related to a dual-enrollment program at Harold Washington College and the impact on my son, a cps student participant
2. Jennifer Armendarez, Faculty, Associate Professor of speech, Harold Washington  
**Topic:** AI
3. Tony Johnston, Cook County College Teachers Union President  
**Topic:** Impact of Artificial Intelligence on faculty and staff in the City Colleges
4. Jessica Bader, Faculty, Associate Professor of Art, Harold Washington  
**Topic:** Important resources professors need for continued student success regarding the upcoming cba
5. Joe J. Palencia, Staff, College Advisor, Malcolm X College  
**Topic:** Fostering a culture of excellence

**VII. FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT**

No Faculty Council Report was presented. The report will be entered into the record and can be found on the Board website and by clicking below

[Faculty Council Report - May](#)

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Diaz presented the Committee Report.

During the committee meeting, the Board reviewed the minutes, resolutions, personnel report, resource development report, agreements, purchases, and legal invoices included on the Academic Affairs and Student Services Committee agenda as part of the consent agenda for the May 7, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

**IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MAY 7, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING PACKET**

Chair Nuques led the board in the approval of the minutes, resolutions excluding Resolution 1.04; Resolution To Retroactively Approve Transfers From The Work Cash Fund To The Education Fund, 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:

Marshall Hatch Sr.	Aye
Princella “Jaribu” Lee	Aye
Kafi Moragne Patterson	Aye
Katya Nuques	Aye
Fernando Diaz	Aye
Damian Wright	Aye

There were six 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 2:38p.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 Lee  
<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
Fernando Diaz	Aye
Damian Wright	Aye

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

## **XI. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session ended at 3:17p.m. Upon the Board’s return, the Chair reconvened the May 7, 2026, board meeting and noted that action was taken during closed session.

Chair Nuques asked for a motion to approve Resolution 1.04 to Retroactively Approve Transfers From The Work Cash Fund To The Education Fund.

<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
Fernando Diaz	Aye
Damian Wright	Aye

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Upon concluding that there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Nuques asked for a motion to adjourn.

<Motion> Trustee Lee  
<Second> Trustee Hatch

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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

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