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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
JUNE 4, 2026

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

RESOLUTION
REAPPOINTMENT OF DANIEL LÓPEZ., PH.D. PRESIDENT,
HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE
CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO

WHEREAS, Harold Washington College is a student-centered comprehensive community college that empowers all members of its community through accessible and affordable academic advancement, career development and personal enrichment; and

WHEREAS, President Daniel López, is an experienced administrator who was appointed President of Harold Washington College in January 2020 and previously served in leadership and administrative positions at several Chicago-area institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, President López oversaw the launch of the College’s new five-year strategic plan (2026-30) centered on achievement of the system-wide 55 for All student success goal; and

WHEREAS, the College implemented a comprehensive enrollment management plan aligned with the district and the Chicago Roadmap initiative with the Chicago Public Schools, focused on student-centered collaboration, early college, momentum, and seamless student services that led to a nearly 9% increase in total headcount enrollment from FY22 to FY25 (8,224 to 8,935); and

WHEREAS, Harold Washington College has made progress in key student momentum metrics including: an increase in the percentage of students completing college-level English in their first year (+5 percentage points FY24 to FY25, from 45% to 50%), an increase in the percentage of students completing college-level math in their first year (+5 percentage points FY24 to FY25, from 29% to 34%), and an upward trend in their four-year student outcome measure (at 41%) on the way to a collective 55 for All goal; and

WHEREAS, under President López’s leadership, Harold Washington College has expanded academic programs to meet student interests and community needs, including developing a fully online HR certificate, commercial photography certificate, engineering, increasing 8-week course offerings in Child Development, and added cybersecurity, project management, and personal enrichment offerings; and

WHEREAS, under President López’s leadership, the College integrated the expanded One Million Degrees (OMD) student support model to serve hundreds more students annually; and

WHEREAS, President López has taken leadership roles within the broader higher education and civic community, including serving as Board Vice Chair for the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), board member of Presidents’ Alliance for Higher Education and Immigration, and board member for Chicago Architecture Center (CAC); and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor recommends to the Board of Trustees that President López be reappointed to continue to serve as President of Harold Washington College, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the recommendation of the Chancellor and further authorizes the Chair to execute an employment contract specifying the terms and conditions of such appointment.

June 4, 2026 – The Office of Human Resources and Staff Development