

APPROVED—BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508

MAY 7, 2026

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

MINUTES

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026**

**HARRY S TRUMAN COLLEGE
MCKEON BUILDING, MCKEON LOBBY
1145 W. WILSON
CHICAGO, IL 60640**

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 April 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., Harry S Truman College, McKeon Building, McKeon Lobby, 1145 W. Wilson Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60640.

ATTENDEES

TRUSTEES

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

Lizz Gardner — AVC, Institutional Resource Development
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
Aricka Jones — Compliance Officer & Director-Risk Management
Sarah Lichtenstein Walter — Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic Programs
Greg Williams — Executive Director, IT Service Delivery & Academic Technology
Lonnie Washington — Executive Director, Business Enterprise Systems
Jen Mason — Vice Chancellor, Legislative & Community Affairs

PRESIDENTS

Daniel Lopez — President, Harold Washington College
Shawn Jackson — President, Harry S Truman College
Andres Oroz — President, Wilbur Wright College
Jennifer Williams — Vice 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

Vice Chair Hatch called to order the April 2, 2026, Regular Board Meeting at 2:00pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Hatch asked the Chief Advisor to call the roll.

The Chief Advisor called roll:

Katya Nuques	Absent
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

*Virtual

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

III. WELCOME

Vice Chair Hatch welcomed everyone to the April 2, 2026 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of City Colleges of Chicago and thanked President Jackson for hosting the Board of Trustees this month.

Vice Chair Hatch congratulated City Colleges and Chancellor Salgado for receiving the 2026 Community College Leadership Impact Award from the Davos Neurodiversity Summit, noting it as a significant honor.

He recognized April as Community College Month and highlighted the important role community colleges play in expanding access, advancing equity, and transforming lives by serving as a gateway to opportunity for students of every background. He expressed pride in the educators, staff, and leaders who support this mission.

Vice Chair Hatch also acknowledged National Arab American Heritage Month, Earth Month, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

He noted that the meeting marked the final meeting for Student Trustee Deguenon and expressed sincere gratitude for his service on the Board. He highlighted his consistent attendance, active engagement, and involvement in initiatives beyond the boardroom,

including campus events and food security efforts, which demonstrated his commitment to supporting students and elevating their lived experiences.

His contributions were thoughtful and well-informed, emphasizing the value of the student voice in governance. As he continues his academic journey, Vice Chair Hatch expressed confidence that he will carry forward the same integrity, curiosity, and commitment to service that defined his time on the Board. On behalf of the trustees, he thanked him for his service and wished him continued success in the years ahead.

Vice Chair Hatch 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 - April](#)

V. **CHANCELLOR UPDATES**

Chancellor Salgado began his remarks by noting that April is Community College Month and emphasizing that, for City Colleges, the impact of community colleges is reflected every day throughout the year. He highlighted the institution's ongoing impact on students and communities.

He also recognized Arab American Heritage Month, noting Illinois' large Arab American population and acknowledging the contributions of Arab Americans to community colleges and local communities. He further acknowledged Sexual Assault Awareness Month and highlighted the work of Project SAFE, including the launch of the "We Keep Us Safe" exhibit at the President's Art Gallery at Harold Washington College, encouraging attendance.

Chancellor Salgado noted upcoming participation in National Apprenticeship Week and an event with the Chicagoland Apprenticeship Network to highlight progress in creating work-based learning opportunities for students.

He expressed appreciation to Student Trustee Deguenon for his service, noting his engagement, participation in meetings and campus activities, and efforts to gather and share student feedback. He highlighted his dedication and contributions and expressed confidence in his future success, noting his continued connection to the City College's community.

Chancellor Salgado announced that commencement ceremonies would be held on May 2 at Wintrust Arena, with two ceremonies featuring graduates from the colleges. He noted that the Board would hear from the Provost and college presidents regarding valedictorians and salutatorians and expressed appreciation to the students present.

He highlighted several upcoming spring events and celebrations, noting their importance in recognizing student achievement and progress toward completion. He reiterated the

institution's "55 for All" goal and its focus on increasing student completion rates as part of the strategic plan.

Chancellor Salgado reported that recent bond demand was strong, noting the bonds were oversubscribed and priced more favorably than expected, supporting continued investment in learning environments. He also noted the launch of a new online application designed to streamline student access and thanked staff across departments for their contributions.

He referenced the Board's upcoming vote to expand the partnership with 1 Million Degrees, noting research indicating improved student outcomes for participants. He acknowledged the organization and its leadership and expressed appreciation for the partnership.

Chancellor Salgado highlighted recent accomplishments across the colleges, including Malcolm X College's Health Equity Summit; recognition of Malcolm X and Olive-Harvey Colleges as promising places to work; military-friendly designations for multiple colleges; and honors received by faculty and programs. He also recognized student and athletic achievements and institutional partnerships supporting inclusive education.

He noted that City Colleges received the Community College Leadership Impact Award from the Davos Neurodiversity Summit, recognizing the institution's impact in the community.

Chancellor Salgado acknowledged the passing of faculty member Jennifer Alexander and invited Provost Potter to share remarks.

Provost Potter's Remarks

"Professor Alexander served as FC4 president from September 2015 to April 2019, which means that she was president of FC4 when I was hired as provost for City Colleges of Chicago. I had the opportunity to work with her for my first two years as provost, collaboratively building a culture of shared governance for City Colleges—a truly positive, healthy culture of shared governance.

We didn't always agree, but we could hear each other, understand each other's positions, and respect differing perspectives. Those two years really set the stage and conditions for what I consider to be healthy shared governance in the time since then.

I do want to mention one area of lasting impact that Professor Alexander had in her capacity as FC4 president, and that was to elevate the importance of working with justice-impacted populations. It was a priority of Faculty Council while she was president of FC4, and she challenged us in administration to focus on this and prioritize it as well, particularly with respect to providing instruction within the facilities at the Cook County Jail.

We didn't quite get to the goal while she was president of FC4, but it is important to note that today we are actually providing instruction within the walls of Cook County

Jail—specifically, a forklift program for members of the population at the facility that Olive-Harvey College provides. The work we did with Professor Alexander helped us get to that point with what we are doing today.

So, with all that said, I do just want to share that my thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Professor Alexander.”

Chancellor Salgado went on to reflect on her contributions, describing her as a champion for early childhood education and shared governance. He highlighted her leadership as Faculty Council President, her role in advancing initiatives supporting justice-impacted populations, and her lasting impact on the institution.

He expressed gratitude for her service, recognized the significance of her leadership during a period of institutional transition, and extended condolences to her family, colleagues, and the City Colleges community. He stated that her contributions would continue to be honored.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

1. William Scott
Topic: Obama Center for change; Student voter registration & voter turnout
2. Tony Johnston
Topic: President Cook County College Teachers Union - Advocacy for making this may day a civic holiday
3. Aarti Dhupelia
Topic: One Million Degrees Collaboration & Success
4. Joe Palencia
Topic: Student Success
5. Susan Grace
Topic: Faculty Release Time

VII. PRESENTATION

Topic: CCC Graduation 2026 – Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Presenters: Mark Potter – Provost, David Lopez – President (HWC), Shawn Jackson – President (HTC), Jennifer Williams – Vice President (KKC), David Sanders – President (MXC), Kimberly Hollingsworth – President (OHC), Peggy Korellis – Interim President (RDC), Andres Oroz – President (WWC)

The full presentation can be found on the Board of Trustees Website:
[Graduation 2026](#)

VIII. FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT

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

IX. COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chair Hatch presented the Committee Report.

In the committee meeting today, 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 April 2nd, 2026 regular board meeting.

X. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING PACKET

Vice Chair Hatch 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> Student Trustee Deguenon
<Second> Trustee Diaz

Motion carried.

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

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

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

XI. MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session was held.

XII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

<Motion> Trustee Hightower
<Second> Trustee Moragne Patterson

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Principella “Jaribu” Lee
Secretary
Board of Trustees

Submitted by – Avery Walls, Assistant Board Liaison