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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, OCTOBER 1, 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 October 1, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., Harold Washington College, Room 1115, 30 E. Lake Street, Chicago, IL 60601.

ATTENDEES

TRUSTEES

Katya Nuques, Board Chair
Marshall E. Hatch, Sr., Vice Chair
Princella "Jaribu" Lee, Secretary
Darlene Hightower
Oscar Sanchez
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 — VC, Administrative Services
Jeffrey Wong — Deputy Chief Financial Officer
Arleta Porter — Deputy Chief Financial Officer
Carol Dunning — Chief Talent Officer
Jen Mason — Vice Chancellor-Legislative & Community Affairs
Jacquelyn Werner — Chief Student Experience Officer
Will Barefield — VC/Student Enrollment Management
David Deyhle — VC, Institutional Branding & Strategic Marketing
Greg Williams — Executive Director, IT Service Delivery & Academic Technology
Angela Arrington Jones — VC, Business and Procurement Services
Katheryn Hayes — Associate Vice Chancellor-Strategic Communications & Operations
Lonnie Washington — Executive Director, Business Enterprise Systems
Brittany Jackson Kairis — VC, Strategy & Planning
Sarah Litchensen Walter — VC, Academic Programs
Chris Jensen — Associate General Counsel
Dulce Niedzialkowski — Director - Internal Auditing
Calvin Adenekan — Executive Director - IT Infrastructure

PRESIDENTS
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
Isaac Zuniga — President, Richard Daley College
Minghai Geng — Vice President(F/O), Malcolm X College

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nuques called to order the October 1, 2026, Regular Board Meeting at 2:04 p.m.

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	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 extended the Board's sincere thanks to President Lopez and the entire Harold Washington community for graciously hosting the meeting. She noted that September was a month of reflection, recognition, and awareness. As the fall season began, she recognized October as a time of reflection and celebration across the City Colleges community. She noted that Hispanic Heritage Month continued through October 15, while also recognizing LGBTQ+ History Month and National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Chair Nuques highlighted Chancellor Salgado's recent address to the City Club of Chicago, where he discussed City Colleges' impact on student success, economic mobility, and workforce development. She noted that his remarks reinforced the District's vital role in expanding opportunities and building a stronger future for the city. She also thanked the Trustees who attended and represented the Board at the event.

Chair Nuques called on Student Trustee Wright for his remarks.

IV. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Wright presented a summary of the Student Government Association (SGA) reports from across City Colleges of Chicago. He noted that reports were not available from Truman College or Harold Washington College.

At Kennedy-King College, students raised concerns regarding limited access to classes

and frustrations involving wellness staff and security. Events included Hispanic Heritage Month activities and a game day that attracted numerous students.

At Wright College, students continued to advocate for an SGA lounge, an issue raised during the previous month. Highlighted events included Wilburpalooza and weekly Wright Around the World activities, which engaged students across campus and included Hispanic Heritage Month programming.

At Richard J. Daley College, the SGA was adjusting to its newly elected board. Highlighted events included the October 3 AVI Community Fall Fest, the monthly Unity and Diversity Lunch Series, and Next Level, a four-part professional development series.

At Olive-Harvey College, students continued to raise concerns regarding housing and food insecurity, communication with faculty, and transportation. October activities included an SGA opening meeting, an advocacy workshop, and a civic participation workshop.

At Malcolm X College, students expressed concerns regarding limited cafeteria food options and the cost of food. Highlighted events included a Suicide Awareness Walk, a blood drive, and stress and time management programming.

Student Trustee Wright also addressed a District-wide concern regarding the possibility of a work stoppage or strike. He emphasized that he was not taking a position on behalf of either the faculty or the Board but was advocating for students and their concerns. He reported that many students expressed discomfort and uncertainty regarding a potential strike, with some unaware of the situation and others unsure of how their education might be affected.

He stressed the importance of communication between students, faculty, and the Board, noting that many students organized their work and family responsibilities around their education and could be unprepared for potential disruptions to classes, assignments, and academic programming. He expressed concern that a lack of communication could discourage some students from returning.

He encouraged faculty, college presidents, and Board members to inform students of the possibility of a strike so they could make necessary arrangements. He concluded by emphasizing the importance of clear communication and keeping students informed.

V. CHANCELLOR UPDATES

Chancellor Salgado began by recognizing the second half of Hispanic Heritage Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and City Colleges' Basic Needs Insecurity Awareness Week, noting that these observances served as reminders of the resilience and strength of the communities City Colleges serves.

He thanked the Board members, college presidents, cabinet members, faculty, staff, and partners who attended his address at the City Club of Chicago the previous month. He

noted that the event provided an opportunity to highlight the extraordinary progress being made across City Colleges and showcase the inspiring stories of alumni who were transferring to leading universities, launching meaningful careers, and creating economic opportunities for themselves and their families.

The Chancellor expressed his pleasure that the Board would consider a tentative agreement with adjunct faculty, part-time librarians, and vocational lecturers represented by CCCLOC. He noted that the agreement reflected the District's commitment to its employees, students, and the long-term success of City Colleges of Chicago. He added that discussions with Local 1600 remained ongoing and expressed his hope of reaching an agreement with full-time faculty and professionals. He also acknowledged the union leaders and members in attendance.

The Chancellor congratulated Richard J. Daley College on being selected as the final stop of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association's Maker on the Move bus tour on October 9. He noted that the recognition reflected Daley College's success in preparing students for high-demand careers in advanced manufacturing.

He also congratulated Dr. Kimberly Hollingsworth, President of Olive-Harvey College, on being selected to receive Eastern Illinois University's 2026 Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest honor presented by the university's alumni association.

The Chancellor proudly announced that four City Colleges alumni—Kaden Bennett, Dylan Davis, Angelique Karon, and Jarretti Espinosa—had been selected as recipients of the prestigious Obama-Chesky Voyager Scholarship for Public Service, one of the nation's most competitive undergraduate scholarships. He congratulated the recipients on their achievements, noting that their success reflected the talent of City Colleges students and the collective efforts of those who serve them.

Before concluding, the Chancellor invited attendees to two upcoming events: a community fall festival at the Arturo Velasquez Institute celebrating 30 years of service and the grand reopening of the Malcolm X College West Campus on October 17. He noted that both events represented important opportunities to celebrate the partnerships and investments that strengthen the communities served by City Colleges.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 15 requests for public participation. 15 speakers presented.

1. Dr. Rochelle Robinson - Dukes, President, Cook County College Teachers Union
    - Topic: The affordability issues of our CCC students
2. Xochitl Cruz
    - Topic: Compensation for languages spoken other than English
3. Joe Palencia
    - Topic: Commitment
4. Tony Johnston
    - Topic: The faculty and professional negotiations.
5. Gerald Munoz

- Topic: Support of the Local 1600 Cook County College Teachers Union.

6. Edwina (Pearl) Williams
   - Topic: Childcare
7. Teresa Ma, State Representative for 24th house district.
   - Topic: Fair faculty and staff contract
8. Commissioner Alma Anaya
   - Topic: City Colleges Negotiations
9. Jessica Vasquez
   - Topic: City Colleges Negotiations
10. Marcus Paulson
    - Topic: Retaining our full time and part time professionals
11. Carlos Aulet
    - Topic: Urgent concerns of health and safety
12. Grazina Maldutyte
    - Topic: Urgent concerns of health and safety CCC campuses
13. Minku Sharma
    - Topic: The contract negotiations between the CCCTU and City Colleges and the effect that a potential strike would have on students
14. Susan Grace
    - Topic: Developmental English
15. Calvin Willis
    - Topic: Strike's impact on students' academic progress, graduation timelines, and the need for clear communication.

VII. FACULTY COUNCIL REPORT

No Faculty Council Report was presented. The report will be entered into the record.
Faculty Council Report - October 2026

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Diaz presented the Committee Report.

"In the Finance and Administrative Service Committee meeting today we heard a presentation regarding an initiative to re-engage former students who left City Colleges of Chicago before completing their credentials. This initiative is intended to reconnect those students with CCC, provide targeted support and resources to facilitate their return and completion, and advance the college's enrollment goals and student success objectives.

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 October 1, 2026 regular board meeting."

IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 1, 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 Darlene Hightower
<Second> Trustee Marshall Hatch, Sr.

Motion carried.

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

Marshall Hatch, Sr.	Aye
Princella "Jaribu" Lee	Aye
Oscar Sanchez	Aye
Katya Nuques	Aye
Darlene Hightower	Aye
Fernando Diaz	Aye
Kafi Moragne Patterson	Aye
Damian Wright	Aye

There were eight 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 3:13 p.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 Oscar Sanchez
<Second> Trustee Marshall Hatch Sr.

Motion carried.

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

Katya Nuques	Aye
Marshall Hatch, Sr.	Aye
Princella "Jaribu" Lee	Aye
Oscar Sanchez	Aye

Fernando Diaz	Aye
Kafi Moragne Patterson	Aye
Darlene Hightower	Aye

There were seven ayes, zero nays, and zero abstentions or recusals.

The Chair noted that the livestream would remain active with a notice indicating that the Board was in closed session. Attendees who chose to depart were thanked for their participation, and the Board would reconvene to formally adjourn the meeting.

XI. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session ended at 4:11 p.m. Upon the Board's return, the Chair asked the Chief Advisor to call the roll to approve Resolution 1.05.

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

Katya Nuques	Aye
Marshall Hatch, Sr.	Aye
Princella "Jaribu" Lee	Aye
Oscar Sanchez	Aye
Fernando Diaz	Aye
Kafi Moragne Patterson	Aye
Darlene Hightower	Aye

There were seven ayes, zero nays, and zero abstentions or recusals.

Resolution 1.05 was approved.

XII. 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 Princella Lee
<Second> Trustee Oscar Sanchez

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Princella "Jaribu" Lee
Secretary
Board of Trustees

Submitted by – Avery Walls, Assistant Board Liaison