

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

ARTURO VELASQUEZ INSTITUTE
FLOOR 1 – CONFERENCE CENTER
2800 S. WESTERN AVE.
CHICAGO, IL 60608

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 September 3, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., Arturo Velasquez Institute, Floor 1, Conference Room, 2800 S. Western Ave. Chicago, IL 60608.

ATTENDEES

TRUSTEES

Katya Nuques, Board Chair
Marshall E. Hatch, Sr., Vice Chair
Princella “Jaribu” Lee, Secretary
Oscar Sanchez
Fernando Diaz
Damian Wright (Student)

CHANCELLOR

Juan Salgado

**PROVOST AND CHIEF ACADEMIC
OFFICER**

Mark Potter

GENERAL COUNSEL

Karla Gowen

CHIEF ADVISOR TO THE BOARD

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SENIOR ASSISTANT BOARD LIAISON

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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
Travaris Harris — Deputy Provost
Jacquelyn Werner — Chief of 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, IT Business Enterprise Systems
Brittany Jackson Kairis — VC, Strategy & Planning
Sarah Litchensen Walter — VC, Academic Programs

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
Issac Zuniga — President, Richard Daley College

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nuques called to order the September 3, 2026, Regular Board Meeting at 2:01pm.

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	Absent
Kafi Moragne-Patterson	Absent
Fernando Diaz	Present
Damian Wright (Student)	Present

*Arrived at 2:24pm

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 September 3, 2026 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City Colleges of Chicago. “I would like to extend my sincere thanks to President Zuniga, Dean Alicia Rodriguez, and the entire Arturo Velasquez Institute for graciously hosting us today. We’re going to go home with some produce from their horticulture department and some printed materials from their printing machines. Thank you so much.”

Chair Nuques stated that as we transition from summer into fall, she would like to welcome the students, faculty, and staff back to the start of the fall term. September is a month of reflection, recognition, and awareness. And as Hispanic Heritage Month is observed she said that the rich histories, vibrant cultures, and lasting contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the communities and our nation should be celebrated. Chair Nuques also recognized Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, which reminds us of the importance of supporting mental health, fostering connection, and extending compassion to those who may be struggling.

The Chair extended the Board’s sincere thanks to President Sanders and his staff and Chancellor Salgado for their leadership and collaboration in organizing the Danny K. Davis renaming celebration, which her and Vice Chair Hatch attended. The event was a fitting tribute to Congressman Davis’s extraordinary legacy of public service and his unwavering commitment to expanding educational opportunities for the students and

communities. The celebration was a meaningful reflection of the impact Congressman Davis has had throughout his distinguished career.

Chair Nuques thanked Student Trustee Wright for his participation at Mayor Johnson's Lakeside Chat session at Daley College earlier this week."

Chair Nuques called on Student Trustee Wright for his remarks.

IV. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Wright presented the August–September Student Government Association (SGA) report. He reported that several colleges held Welcome Week activities, resource fairs, and other events to engage students at the start of the academic year. Highlighted events included a Welcome Back Barbecue at Malcolm X College, breakfast and lunch giveaways at Olive-Harvey College, an Involvement Fair at Harold Washington College, a Campus Expo at Kennedy-King College, Pancakes with the President at Harry S Truman College, and Wilbur Wright College Around the World at Wilbur Wright College. He noted that SGAs are working to increase student involvement through personal connections, in-person engagement, and digital communication.

Student Trustee Wright also highlighted student concerns reported across the colleges, including housing and food insecurity at Olive-Harvey College; event scheduling, understanding departmental functions, and access to hygiene products at Kennedy-King College; access to and participation in student clubs at Harry S Truman College; the need for improved space for SGA and student activities at Wilbur Wright College; and communication and approval timelines affecting student events at Harold Washington College. Malcolm X College reported no concerns. He noted that a report was not available from Richard J. Daley College because its SGA was undergoing a special election. Student Trustee Wright concluded by noting that several colleges have upcoming events planned in recognition of Latin Heritage Month.

V. CHANCELLOR UPDATES

Chancellor Salgado began by recognizing President Zuniga's first Board meeting hosted at Arturo Velasquez Institute and invited him to provide welcoming remarks. President Zuniga welcomed the Board, District leaders, colleagues, presidents, and students to Arturo Velasquez Institute and thanked the Arturo Velasquez Institute and Richard J Daley College leadership teams for their work. He described Arturo Velasquez Institute as a place where lives are changed, community and partnerships are built, and student success remains the institution's priority. President Zuniga also highlighted produce grown through the horticulture program and items produced through the College's CNC and machining programs and invited attendees to return for Arturo Velasquez Institute's Fall Fest on October 3.

The Chancellor thanked President Zuniga and recognized the enthusiasm, energy, and vitality he has brought to the campus. He also thanked the Arturo Velasquez Institute team for their hospitality. The Chancellor reflected on the legacy of Arturo Velasquez,

the first Mexican American leader on the City Colleges of Chicago Board and recognized his contributions and those of the Latino community as Hispanic Heritage Month approaches.

The Chancellor noted the strong start to the fall semester and thanked employees throughout the district for their efforts. He congratulated the Kennedy-King College team on the new midwifery program in partnership with the Black Midwifery Collective and recognized Wilbur Wright College for launching its AI associate degree program. He noted that these programs create jobs and economic opportunities for students and reflect the district's efforts to develop and expand programs that meet student needs.

The Chancellor also reflected on the recent celebration naming the new Malcolm X College West community center in honor of Congressman Danny K. Davis and thanked President Sanders and the teams involved in making the event possible. He thanked Student Trustee Wright for attending events throughout the district and representing City Colleges students.

Lastly, the Chancellor highlighted the Resource Development Report, noting that the district brought in approximately \$23.6 million between the previous and current reports. He thanked employees throughout the district for helping secure those resources and specifically recognized Executive Vice Chancellor Veronica Herrero for her leadership in fundraising efforts. The Chancellor concluded by noting that he will be speaking at the City Club the following week about City Colleges' progress, work across the district, and vision for the future.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was 1 request for public participation. 1 speaker presented.

1. Tony Johnston, President, Cook County College Teachers Union
Topic: Current local 1600 Negotiations

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.

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VIII. 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 in today's Academic Affairs and Student Services agenda as part of the Consent Agenda to this September 3, 2026, regular board meeting.

IX. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 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 Fernando Diaz
<Second> Trustee Marshall E. Hatch, Sr.

Motion carried.

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

Marshall E. Hatch, Sr.	Aye
Princella “Jaribu” Lee	Aye
Oscar Sanchez	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 2:29 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 Princella Lee
<Second> Trustee Fernando Diaz

Motion carried.

The Chief Advisor called the roll:

Katya Nuques	Aye
Marshall E. Hatch, Sr.	Aye

Princella “Jaribu” Lee	Aye
Oscar Sanchez	Aye
Fernando Diaz	Aye
Damian Wright	Aye

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

XI. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session ended at 3:06 p.m. Upon the Board’s return, the Chair reconvened the September 3, 2026, regular board meeting and noted that no action was taken during closed session that required action in open session.

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 Marshall E. Hatch, Sr.

<Second> Trustee Princella Lee

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

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

Submitted by – Avery Walls, Assistant Board Liaison