



**Minutes of the August 18, 2026 Regular Meeting of the
Board of Trustees of Community College District 535**

The 823rd meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 was conducted on August 18, 2026 at the Des Plaines campus of Oakton College, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Closed Session – Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Bashiri-Remetio called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. in room 1502. Trustee Yanow called the roll:

Trustee Theresa Bashiri-Remetio	Chair	Present
Trustee William Stafford	Vice Chair	Present
Trustee Wendy Yanow	Secretary	Present
Trustee Martha Burns		Present
Trustee Micah Eimer		Present
Trustee Benjamin Salzberg		Present
Trustee Marie Lynn Toussaint		Present

Chair Bashiri-Remetio asked for a motion to go into closed session under the exceptions to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, with the purpose of reviewing closed session minutes of June 30, 2026; and consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiation matters; the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body; and pending litigation.

Trustee Salzberg made the motion, seconded by Trustee Eimer. Trustee Yanow called the roll:

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio	Aye
Trustee Burns	Aye
Trustee Eimer	Aye
Trustee Salzberg	Aye
Trustee Stafford	Aye
Trustee Toussaint	Aye
Trustee Yanow	Aye

Also present in room 1502 were Dr. Joianne Smith, President; Johanna Fine, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dr. Bernard Little, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Ileo Lott, Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Michele Roberts, Vice President for Administrative Affairs.

Chair Bashiri-Remetio asked for a motion to adjourn the closed session. Trustee Salzberg made the motion which was seconded by Trustee Stafford. A voice vote was called and the closed session was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Open Session – Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Bashiri-Remetio called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:11 p.m. in room 1506.

Trustee Yanow called the roll:

Trustee Theresa Bashiri-Remetio	Chair	Present
Trustee William Stafford	Vice Chair	Present
Trustee Wendy Yanow	Secretary	Present
Trustee Martha Burns		Present
Trustee Micah Eimer		Present
Trustee Benjamin Salzberg		Present
Trustee Marie Lynn Toussaint		Present

Also present in room 1506: Dr. Joianne Smith, President; Johanna Fine, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dr. Bernard Little, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Ileo Lott, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Michele Roberts, Vice President for Administrative Affairs; and Katherine Sawyer, Chief Advancement Officer.

Attendance

Administrators: May Alimboyoguen, Dean of Health Careers; Robyn Bailey, Dean of Skokie; Marc Battista, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Matthew Boutilier, Director of Online Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Erika Burt, Dean of Business, Career and Technical Education; Stephen Butera, Director of Communications and External Relations; Dr. Sebastian Contreras Jr., Associate Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Leana Cuellar, Dean of Access, Equity and Diversity; Kathleen Dunne Balducci, Assistant Vice President for Operations; Julia Gray, Interim Director of Campus Technologies; Thomas Hicks Jr., Director of Student Success and Academic Interventions; Dr. Mary Hope Griffin, Dean of Liberal Arts; Dr. Matt Huber, Dean of Enrollment Management; Dr. Jesse Ivory, Assistant Vice President of Workforce Innovation and College Partnerships; Jacob Jeremiah, Dean of Library; Dr. Mark Kiel, Dean of Counseling, Health and Wellness; Dr. Andrea Lehmacher, Chief Marketing Officer; Dr. Alauna McGee, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and College Transitions; Dr. Kanchana Mendes, Dean of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Nathan Norman, Senior Director of Workforce and Career Development; Dr. James Rabchuk, Dean of STEM; Delia Rodriguez, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education; Nini Tella, Director of Advising, Transitions, and Strategic Initiatives; Dan Weber, Registrar/Director of Registrar Services; Aaron Wernick, Chief of Police and Emergency Management; Ella Whitehead, Director of Admission and Equity Outreach; and Andy Williams, Controller.

Union Leaders: Jennifer Crowley, Classified Staff Association; Patrick O'Donnell, Full-Time Faculty Association, and Philip Prale, Adjunct Faculty Association.

Faculty: Jayne Blacker, Mathematics; Julio Capeles, Social Science; Theodore Gotis, Physics; Nicholas Larkin, Human Services; Naga Potluri, Mathematics; Katherine Schuster, Education; Vijay Shankar, Cardiac Sonography; and Keith Simonds, Political Science.

Staff: Michelle Arnold, RICE Center; Jeremy Brown, Workforce Development; Laura DeMerle, Adult Education; Beth DiGiacinto, Workforce Development; Marcus Hayes, Auxiliary Services; Leah Kintner, Workforce Development; Eilish McDonagh Hermer, Workforce Development; Tiffany Olson, Adult Education; Kushal Patel, Information Technology; Christina Radmacher, Academic Affairs; Elena Smoukova, Adult Education; Beatriz Sparks, President's Office; Lynne Swanson, Workforce Development; Scott Tharp, Adult Education; and Elizabeth Tharp, Adult Education.

Students: Haliyat Yusuf

Guests: Cindy Veremis, Educational Foundation Board of Directors

Approval of Minutes

Chair Bashiri-Remetio asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes of the June 30, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Stafford made the motion which was seconded by Trustee Salzberg. A voice vote was called and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Statement by the President

Condolences

- To Emory Williams Academy Coordinator, Terrance Stevenson, on the passing of his father.
- To Workforce Compliance and Career Initiatives Manager, Shannon McKenzie, on the passing of her brother.
- To Assistant Professor of Psychology, Terence Sinabajije's on the passing of his brother.

Congratulations & Recognitions

- Athletic trainer Erin Peters welcomed Baby Bennet on Aug. 7.
- The Senior Lecturer designation represents an important recognition Oakton extends to its adjunct faculty. Earning this designation is no small achievement. It reflects years of service, ongoing professional growth, and a track record of excellence in the classroom. These faculty members are integral members of the Oakton community. We are proud to recognize these adjunct faculty members who have earned the Senior Lecturer title. Please join us in celebrating their contributions to our students, our college, and the enduring mission of Oakton.
 - Business & Career Technologies: Thomas Byrne, Jennifer Campbell, Randy Felsenthal, Ann Gadzikowski, Charles Garrett, Mark Gershman, Michelle Wray

- Liberal Arts: Sun Choi, Timothy Curtis, Toufic El Rassi, David Nadolski, Eileen Off, Dennis Polkow, Shannon Sloan-Spice
- STEM: Jonathan Chong, Jadwiga Cyparska, Rick DiMaio, David LoBue, Kamilla Murashkina
- Athletics: Mick Reuter

Happenings

- The new academic year kicked off on Aug. 10 with our Owls in Action theme, centering our Caring Campus work and highlighting criterion 2 of the HLC Assurance Argument.
- 16-week classes for the fall semester started yesterday. President Smith thanked everyone who has worked tirelessly over the summer and in particular these last few weeks to help support enrollment.
- Student welcome week events are taking place this week, and Fall Fest will be taking place on Aug. 26 in Skokie, and Aug. 27 in Des Plaines.
- Current exhibition at the Koehnline Museum of Art: Landscape Echoes: Texture, Form and Tension - Sculptures by Mike Baur. This exhibition showcases sculptures inspired by the textures and forms of natural landscapes. Running through September 25, 2026.

Educational Foundation Liaison Report

The Foundation closed fiscal year 2026 having raised \$1.7 million with significant growth in new donors and strong donor retention. They are already off to a good start in the new fiscal year, having raised more than \$230,000 to date and have achieved 100% giving to the annual Board Leadership Giving Campaign by all Foundation Board Directors at the top of the fiscal year.

Notable contributions received since our last Board meeting include:

- A \$50,000 grant from Niles Township to support the scholarship in their name.
- A \$14,000 grant from the Village of Skokie Health and Human Services Department to launch a scholarship for residents are currently unemployed or under-employed and pursuing workforce credentials to improve their economic outlook.
- A \$10,000 gift from Foundation Board Director Kathy Lichtenstein in honor of Julie Fenton, the Foundation's most recent Board President, and her husband Stuart Chanen.

During the Fall Opening Day event last week, the Foundation launched the annual Employee Giving Campaign and announced the Korbel Challenge. Oakton retiree Linda Korbel has generously committed to matching every new or increased gift from Oakton employees and retirees dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000 per donor, and a total of \$80,000. Our sincere thanks to Linda for inspiring giving and the impact she continues to make at Oakton through her volunteer and philanthropic leadership.

Four impressive Oakton alumni have been selected as Distinguished Alumni and will receive their awards during a ceremony on Thursday, September 10th at 6pm in the Student Center on the Des Plaines Campus.

The Foundation has elected a new Director to their Board. Jim Radermacher is from Niles and attended Oakton the first year the College opened at our Des Plaines campus in 1980. His career in finance and operations included time in the printing industry before he moved into community service roles, and ultimately ended with the Science & Arts Academy, a middle school in Des Plaines.

The Foundation's next quarterly meeting will take place on September 2, and the annual Joint Board Meeting between Trustees and Foundation Directors will take place on Tuesday, September 15.

HLC Accreditation Liaison Report

The criterion teams and federal compliance work that make up the comprehensive visit are moving forward. At Opening Day, Criterion 2 on integrity, ethics, and responsible conduct was highlighted. This is a critical component of our work. It demonstrates that our Board of Trustees and colleagues follow established policies and procedures, that we represent ourselves honestly to the public, and that we are thoughtful stewards of the public resources entrusted to us.

In the coming months, an outside reviewer will help us evaluate our policies and procedures across a wide range of areas to ensure that we are in alignment with best practice and changing accreditation requirements and federal regulations. This will support both our federal compliance filing and support Criteria 2 evidence. We are excited for more opportunities for the wider college community to engage in accreditation activities this fall.

ICCTA/ACCT Liaison Report

Trustee Burns attended the ICCTA Executive Committee Retreat on Aug. 8. The event yielded a significant legislative update: legislators expressed 100% confidence that the community college baccalaureate degree bill will pass. The only remaining obstacle is finalizing agreements between community colleges and universities on degree offering limits. Individual colleges will be capped on the number of baccalaureate degrees they can offer — a negotiated compromise with universities. Downstate colleges stand to gain the most; the push is less critical for colleges in areas already served by multiple state universities.

Student Spotlight

Haliyat Yusuf, a second-year business major at Oakton College, moved to the United States from Nigeria last year and chose community college to ease her transition into the American higher education system. Seeking clarity among business disciplines—such as accounting, finance, administration, and marketing—she joined the TRIO program, where personalized advising helped her select marketing as her path. Beyond academic advising, Yusuf actively participates in the Black Student Success Program, the International Students Union, and the Muslim Student Association.

Haliyat works as a student support assistant at the college's RICE Center, assisting visiting students and managing the center's social media pages. Inspired by attending the RICE Research Fellowship Spring Symposium, she successfully applied to become a RICE Research Fellow. Her current research focuses on the psychology of impulse buying among college students, linking consumer behavior to her future marketing career.

Encouraged by her supervisor, Michelle Arnold, Haliyat recognizes the professional value of graduate education, as well as the support of accessible Oakton professors; her goal is to pursue a bachelor's and a master's degree. Following the completion of her associate degree, Haliyat plans to transfer to a four-year university to build a career in sales and marketing.

Chair and Trustee Comments

The Board opened the new school year with a sharp focus on revitalizing the Emory Williams Academy while expanding support for financially and socially vulnerable students. Currently falling short of its student persistence and engagement goals, the Academy is undergoing strategic changes developed by leadership, including Trustees Burns and Toussaint, Dr. Little, and President Smith. Key adjustments for the 2026–2027 academic year include requiring incoming students to sign a formal expectation contract, conducting benchmarking research against similar successful programs, and establishing a quarterly reporting cadence to track progress, enrollment, and retention.

Simultaneously, trustees highlighted the severe economic hardships and mental strain facing the student body, explicitly noting immigrant students as particularly vulnerable to current political and systemic challenges. In response, the board urged faculty to demonstrate increased patience and grace toward newly arrived and at-risk students. Reaffirming its commitment to empower staff with the necessary tools and institutional backing, the board emphasized that both student support initiatives and the ongoing improvements to the Emory Williams Academy remain actively evolving priorities.

Public Participation – None

Board Report: Adult Education

Delia Rodriguez, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education

Overview & Strategic Goals

- **Mission & Funding:** All Adult Education classes are free and state/federally grant-funded.
- **Primary Offerings:** Includes Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult Secondary Education / HSE (GED), English Language Acquisition (ESL), Volunteers In Teaching Adults (VITA) Literacy, Integrated Career & Academic Preparedness (ICAPS), and Citizenship Preparation.
- **Core Strategic Pillars:** Focused on justice & equity, advancing racial equity, strengthening the student experience, and enhancing workforce readiness and community engagement.
- **Ultimate Goal:** Smooth transition to college and the workforce.

Student Demographics & Profile

- 87 languages represented (top languages: Spanish, Ukrainian, Russian, Arabic, Kyrgyz).
 - 96% are immigrants and refugees.
 - 72 communities served (top 5: Des Plaines, Skokie, Chicago, Evanston, Glenview).
- Age Profile: Average age of 45, serving students spanning ages 16 to 89.
- Employment Status: Approximately 44.8% to 45.6% of enrolled/reportable students are working adults.

3. 5-Year Data & Performance Trends

- Enrollment & Retention:
 - FY26 Overall Metrics: Total enrollment of 3,394, with 2,682 reportable students (12+ hours) and a drop-off rate of 21%.
 - Student Persistence: Multi-year return rates have grown steadily year-over-year, rising from 24% (FY23 to FY24) to 40.8% (FY25 to FY26), yielding a 31.1% 3-year average return rate.
- VITA Program: Served 651 students with 108 volunteers in FY26.
- Citizenship Program Outcomes: 90 students enrolled and 16 naturalized citizenship outcomes in FY26.
- HSE (High School Equivalency) Graduate Outcomes Survey:
 - 30% enrolled in college credit classes.
 - 48% employed full-time, 19% part-time.
 - 23% actively seeking work.
 - 19% handling caregiving responsibilities alongside work or school.

Future Pathways & Workforce Initiatives

- Educational Pathways: Flexible "upskilling" pathways moving students from ESL/HSE to workforce training, college credit, and employment.
- Grant Support & Funding Initiatives:
 - Forge Grant - NIWC: \$750k across 8 colleges.
 - Innovative Bridge and Transition Grant (IBT): \$270k.
 - Noncredit Strategies at Work Grant (NSAW): \$110k.
 - Workforce Empowerment Initiative (WEI): \$931k.
- Workforce Training Programs: Includes CDL (Class A & B), Forklift, Intro to Manufacturing (OSHA 10), Direct Support Person (DSP), Early Childhood Education (ICAPS), and Healthcare Bridges.

NEW BUSINESS

8/26-1a Approval of Consent Agenda

Trustee Salzberg offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves adoption of the Consent Agenda."

Trustee Yanow seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

8/26-1b Approval of Consent Agenda Items 8/26-2 through 8/26-7

Trustee Stafford offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the following items 8/26-2 through 8/26-9 as listed in the Consent Agenda."

8/26-2 Ratification of Payment of Bills for June 2026

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 hereby ratifies expenditures and release of checks by the Treasurer of Community College District 535 in the amount of \$11,020,996.99 for all check amounts as listed and for all purposes as appearing on a report dated June 2026."

8/26-3 Acceptance of Treasurer's Report for June 2026

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 receives for filing as a part of the College's official records, the report of the Treasurer for the month of June 2026."

8/26-4 Acceptance of Quarterly Report on Investments

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 accepts the Quarterly Report on Investments for filing."

8/26-5 Authorization of Budget Transfers

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves budget transfers in accordance with Illinois Compiled Statutes 110 ILCS 805/3-20.1, as listed originally in the FY2026 Budget approved by the Board in June 2025:

Education Fund-01:	\$3,833,071
to and from 01 accounts as listed on pages 3-11 of item 8/26-5 in the August 2026 agenda book	
Operations & Maintenance Fund-02:	\$209,046
to and from 02 accounts as listed on page 12 of item 8/26-5 in the August 2026 agenda book	
O & M Fund (Restricted)-03:	\$15,316,563
to and from 03 accounts as listed on pages 13-14 of item 8/25-6 in the August 2026 agenda book	
Auxiliary Enterprises Fund-05:	\$187,823
to and from 05 accounts as listed on pages 14-15 of item 8/26-5 in the August 2026 agenda book	

Total: \$19,546,503."

8/26-6 Supplemental Authorization to Pay Professional Personnel – Summer 2026

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves an adjustment of \$166,018.67 to the total amount of part-time teaching salaries paid during the summer 2026; the revised, total payment amount is \$1,852,639.66."

"Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves an adjustment of \$109,453.71 to the total amount of faculty overload salaries paid during the summer 2026 semester; the revised, total payment amount is \$2,382,659.93."

8/26-7 Approval of Clinical Practice Agreements

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the following cooperative agreements:

Health Information Technology (2)
Medical Laboratory Technology (1)
Nursing (2)."

Trustee Salzberg seconded the motion. Trustee Yanow called the roll:

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio	Aye
Trustee Burns	Aye
Trustee Eimer	Aye
Trustee Salzberg	Aye
Trustee Stafford	Aye
Trustee Toussaint	Aye
Trustee Yanow	Aye

The motion carried.

8/26-8 Authorization to Approve August Purchases

Trustee Toussaint offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the approval of the attached resolutions, as stipulated in the following agenda items, for the purchase of the following:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Vendor / Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8/26-8a	Printing of Oakton's Non-Credit Class Schedules Catalog – Two-Year Contract	Printing	KK Stevens Publishing Co Astoria, IL	\$301,226.72
8/26-8b	Upgrade the VSD Control Panel	Repairs	Johnson Controls Rockford, IL	\$125,980.00
8/26-8c	KACI Software – Five-Year Contract	IT	NeuralFrame, Inc Greenwich, CT	\$42,500.00
8/26-8d	Splunk Software License/Updates/Support Contract – One-Year Renewal	IT	Optiv Security, Inc Denver, CO	\$39,239.64
8/26-8e	Adobe Creative Cloud Software Lease and Support – One-Year Renewal	IT	JensenIT, Inc Des Plaines, IL	\$109,001.00
8/26-8f	High Speed Internet Hotspot Data Plan – One-Year Renewal	IT	T-Mobile USA, Inc Bellevue, WA	\$49,924.32
8/26-8g	Bynder Digital Asset Management Software as a Service (SaaS) – Three-Year Renewal	IT	Bynder, LLC	\$65,826.27
8/26-8h	Ellucian Ethos Integration Consulting Services for PaymentWorks	Consulting	Ellucian Company, LLC	\$31,000.00
GRAND TOTAL:				\$764,697.95."

Trustee Salzberg seconded the motion. Trustee Yanow called the roll:

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio	Aye
Trustee Burns	Aye
Trustee Eimer	Aye
Trustee Salzberg	Aye
Trustee Stafford	Aye
Trustee Toussaint	Aye
Trustee Yanow	Aye

The motion carried.

8/26-9 Preview and Initial Discussion of Upcoming Purchases

The following purchases will be presented for approval at an upcoming Board of Trustees meeting:

- a. CrowdStrike Falcon Subscriptions
- b. Microsoft A3 Subscription Services and Windows Server Subscription Licenses
- c. Annual Maintenance and Upgrades for Data Warehouse/ Business Intelligence System

- d. TargetX Recruitment and Retention, Sales Force, and Form Assembly Multi-Year Contract
- e. Advanced Email Threat Protection Cybersecurity Services
- f. Adjacencies Phase 3 – Bookstore and Welcome Center
- g. Furniture for Adjacencies Phase 3
- h. Opto Retail Display Fixtures
- i. CRMfied Additional Services
- j. Consulting Services for Ongoing Leadership Support
- k. Consulting Services for Continuing Education and Workforce Development

8/26-10**Resolution Designating Date, Time and Place for Filing Board of Trustees Nominating Petitions**

Trustee Stafford offered: “WHEREAS, an election is to be held in Community College District No. 535 on April 6, 2027, for the election of two (2) members of the Board of Trustees, each to serve for a term of six years; and,

WHEREAS, the Election Code and the Public Community College Act direct the Board Secretary to perform certain functions with respect to the receipt and filing of nominating petitions and statements of candidacy, or to designate a representative to perform such functions; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds it convenient and necessary to designate a member of the College staff to represent the Board Secretary in the performance of such functions, and at the request of and with the concurrence of the Board Secretary, the Board desires to designate the Special Assistant to the Board of Trustees as such representative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 535, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. The place for receiving and filing nominating petitions and statements of candidacy for the election to be held on April 6, 2027 is hereby designated as Room 1500, Oakton College, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016.

Section 2. Pursuant to the authority conferred by the Public Community College Act, the Board hereby designates the Special Assistant to the Board of Trustees to represent the Board Secretary in the performance of the Board Secretary's duties with respect to the receipt and filing of nominating petitions and statements of candidacy.

Section 3. The first day for filing petitions for positions on the Board of Trustees of Oakton College is Monday, November 16, 2026. The designated representative's office will be open for the receipt and filing of nominating petitions, and statements of candidacy between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday, November 16 through Friday, November 20, 2026, and between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2026, the last day to file nominating petitions.

Section 4. The procedure to be followed by the designated representative of the Board Secretary for the receipt and filing of nominating petitions and statements of candidacy shall be substantially as follows:

- a) The designated representative of the Board Secretary shall receive petitions in the order presented. The designated representative will mark upon each the date and hour received and the numerical order in which they were received. All petitions filed by persons waiting in line as of 8 a.m. on November 16, 2026, shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. Petitions filed by mail and received after midnight on November 16, 2026, and in the first mail delivery to Oakton College on November 16, 2026 shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on November 16, 2026. All petitions received thereafter shall be deemed filed in the order of actual receipt.
- b) Where two or more petitions are received simultaneously at the opening hour of the filing period, the designated representative of the Board Secretary shall break ties and determine the order of filing by means of a lottery, as provided by the Election Code.

- c) Where two or more petitions are received simultaneously at the last hour of the filing period, the designated representative of the Board Secretary shall break ties and determine the order of filing by means of a lottery, as provided by the Election Code.”

Trustee Salzberg seconded the motion. Trustee Yanow called the roll:

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio	Aye
Trustee Burns	Aye
Trustee Eimer	Aye
Trustee Salzberg	Aye
Trustee Stafford	Aye
Trustee Toussaint	Aye
Trustee Yanow	Aye

The motion carried.

8/26-11 Acceptance of Administrator Resignations

Trustee Yanow offered: “Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 accepts the resignations of Dr. Jesse Ivory effective August 18, 2026, and Ms. Johanna Fine effective September 18, 2026.”

Trustee Stafford seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

8/26-12 Approval of Award of Tenure

Trustee Eimer offered: “Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535, by the authority vested in it by the State of Illinois, hereby grants tenure, effective after the completion of the Fall 2026 semester, to the following faculty: Naga Potluri, Professor of Mathematics, and Keith Simonds, Assistant Professor of Political Science.”

Trustee Yanow seconded the motion and called the roll:

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio	Aye
Trustee Burns	Aye
Trustee Eimer	Aye
Trustee Salzberg	Aye
Trustee Stafford	Aye
Trustee Toussaint	Aye
Trustee Yanow	Aye

The motion carried.

8/26-13 Acceptance of Faculty Retirements

Trustee Stafford offered: “Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 accepts the retirement of Joan Boggs, Mary Johannesen Schmidt, and Mary Ringstad-Gagliano.”

Trustee Salzberg seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

8/26-14 Acceptance of Faculty Resignation

Trustee Toussaint offered: “Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 accepts resignation of Erick Mann.”

Trustee Stafford seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

8/26-14 First Read of Policy

Trustee Stafford offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 hereby accepts for review Board Policies 1024, 1026, 1113, 1115, 4307, and policy series 8000, attached hereto, with action to take place at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting."

Trustee Salzberg seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

8/26-15 Notification of Award of Grants

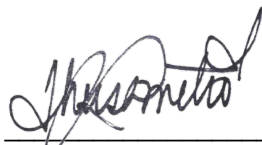
Funding has been made available to Oakton College:

- a. Secretary of State Workplace Skills Enhancement (7 grants).....\$88,008.00
- b. ICCB Appropriation for Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act\$80,000.00
- c. Fiscal Year 2027 Adult Volunteer Literacy Grant.....\$105,000.00
- TOTAL:\$273,008.00**

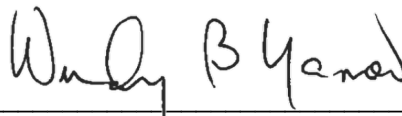
Adjournment

Chair Bashiri-Remetio announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oakton Community College, District 535, will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at the Des Plaines Campus.

Trustee Salzberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Trustee Yanow. A voice vote was called and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.



Theresa Bashiri-Remetio, Chair



Wendy B. Yanow, Secretary

Minutes recorded by:

Beatriz Sparks

8/2026