



**Board of Trustees of Community College District 535
Minutes of June 9, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 was held on June 9, 2026 in Room 1506 at the Des Plaines campus of Oakton College, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair Stafford called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Trustee Yanow called the roll:

Ms. Theresa Bashiri-Remetio	Chair	Absent
Mr. William Stafford	Vice Chair	Present
Dr. Wendy Yanow	Secretary	Present
Ms. Martha Burns		Present
Dr. Micah Eimer		Present
Mr. Benjamin Salzberg		Present
Ms. Marie Lynn Toussaint		Present
Mr. Jose San Martin	Student Trustee	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; Kushal Patel, IT Support Technician; Michele Roberts, Vice President for Administrative Affairs; Katherine Sawyer, Chief Advancement Officer; and Beatriz Sparks, Assistant to the Board.

Discussion

The Board came to a consensus regarding meeting practices: the land acknowledgement will no longer be read aloud but will remain displayed on rotating screens, and the Pledge of Allegiance will be discontinued from the agenda.

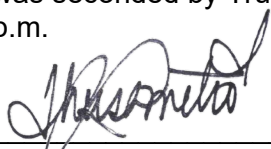
Four annual committee-of-the-whole meetings will be scheduled for April (board reorganization), June (budge review), October (financial audit) and February (budget priorities). Additional topics and meetings will be added as/if needed.

The BoardEffect platform subscription will not be renewed. Board materials will be sent as expiring PDF documents. Hard copies of the board book will continue to be delivered monthly before board meetings.

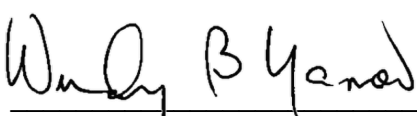
Committees and liaisons were confirmed for the Educational Foundation, ICCTA, HLC accreditation, Pathways to Opportunity, Dashboard and the Emory Williams Academy.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Stafford asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Burns made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Salzberg. A voice vote was called and the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



Theresa Bashiri-Remetio, Chair



Wendy B. Yanow, Secretary

Minutes recorded by: Beatriz Sparks - 6/2026