Minutes of the October 13, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535

The 825th meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 was conducted on October 13, 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 5:33 p.m. in room 1502. Trustee Yanow called the roll:

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

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 September 15, 2026; and consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiation matters; and pending litigation.

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

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

Also present in room 1502 were Dr. Joianne Smith, President; 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 Burns. A voice vote was called and the closed session was adjourned at 5:50 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 6:07 p.m. in room 1506.

Trustee Yanow called the roll:

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

Also present in room 1506: Dr. Joianne Smith, President; 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: Dr. Matthew Boutilier, Director of Online Instruction and Curriculum; Dr. Erika Burt, Dean of Business, Career and Technical Education; Stephen Butera, Director of Communications and External Relations; Dr. Rick Daniels, Senior Director of Culture and Engagement; Julia Gray, Interim Director of Campus Technologies; Dr. Mary Hope Griffin, Dean of Liberal Arts; Thomas Hicks Jr., Director of Student Success and Academic Interventions; Dr. Matt Huber, Dean of Enrollment Management; Jacob Jeremiah, Dean of Library; Dr. Mark Kiel, Dean of Counseling, Health and Wellness Services; 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; Christine Paciero, Director of Oakton Athletics; Dr. James Rabchuk, Dean of STEM; Nini Tella, Director of Advising, Transitions and Strategic Initiatives; John Wade, Chief Information Officer; Dan Weber, Registrar/Director of Registrar Services; Ella Whitehead, Director of Admission and Equity Outreach; and Andy Williams, Controller.

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

Faculty: Keenan Andrews, Business; Brittany Coleman, Library; Melissa Mendoza, Physical Therapy Assistant; Kayla Mitchell, Economics; Prashant Rawal, Accounting; and Louis Walker, Athletics Coach.

Staff: Erin Doerr, Marketing and Communications; Leslie Dzike, Office of Research and Planning; Krissie Harris, Student Life and Campus Inclusion; Marcus Hayes, Auxiliary Services; Andy Jelagin, Information Technology; Ewa Lyczewska, Marketing and Communications; Gabrielle O'Connor, Student Life and Campus Inclusion; Kushal Patel, Information Technology; Esperanza Salgado-Rodriguez, TRIO Student Support Services; Beatriz Sparks, Office of the President; and Tamara Trejo, ANDALE.

Students: Tenzin Choenyi, Matthew Christopholous, Matthew Halupka, Alyssa Laskowski, Yadira Martinez, Rayyan Muhammad, Jose San Martin, and Jiro Yamat.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Bashiri-Remetio asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes of the September 15, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, and the September 15, 2026 Joint Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Board of Directors of the Educational Foundation. Trustee Salzberg made the motion which was seconded by Trustee Bashiri-Remetio. A voice vote was called and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Statement by the President

Condolences

- To the family and friends of adjunct faculty member Rich Koerner who passed on Oct. 1. Rich was beloved by his students, creating a community for students to not just learn English together, but to create deep cross-cultural relationships with one another. For years, Rich also played the role of Santa, delivering gifts to children at Casa Central, a service project sponsored by the Spanish Club.
- To Distinguished Professor of Physics, John Carzoli on the passing of his mother on Oct. 1.
- To Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, Elizabeth Kershisnik on the passing of her mother on Oct. 2.
- To Science Lab Manager, Grace Norte on the passing of her mother on October 6.
- To Chief HVAC, Rich Soto on the passing of his mother Cecilia Morales Rios on Oct. 6.

Congratulations & Recognitions

- Senior Benefits Specialist, Yuliya Ambarnikova welcomed baby girl Sophia Inessa into the world on September 16.
- PTA student Alyssa Laskowski was awarded the Illinois Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Student Award from the Illinois Physical Therapist Association (IPTA). Through her journey she has demonstrated many qualities which will make her an asset in our field; this includes a 4.0 in Oakton's PTA program.
- Golfer Matthew Halupka set the Oakton College and ISCC record for the lowest round score in a conference match with a 64 at Cog Hill Course Number 1. Halupka also set the Skyway record for the lowest average for Skyway Medalist (Player of the Year) with a scoring average of 66.25!

- Oakton finished 2nd to Elgin in (golf) conference. Jiro Yamat and Matthew Christopoulos both repeated as ISCC All-Conference selections, placing in the top 10 golfers based on total season stroke average.
- Congratulations to Nini Tella – Director of Advising, Transitions and Strategic Initiatives for being recognized as Outstanding Advisor Administrator Award by the Illinois Academic Advising Association.
- Congratulations to the Marketing and Communications team. They were recognized at the NCMPR Awards in Madison, WI on October 6. They brought home the following medals:
    - 4 Gold: AI Video, Oliver's Alumni Interviews, 2025 TV Commercial, Summer 26 Postcard
    - 2 Silver: Founders Wall, Named Spaces/Pavers Microsite
    - 4 Bronze: Oakton Weekly, Lunabotics Press Coverage, Oakly Hot Coco Video, Oakton Voices Landing Page
- The MarComm team also earned a Golden Trumpet Award from the Publicity Club of Chicago in the Media Relations category for the 2025 Health Careers Education Center Launch campaign
- Distinguished Professor of English, Tina Fakhrid-Deen has been recognized as one of the recipients of the 3Arts Award. Every year, ten artists who live and work in the six-county metropolitan area receive unrestricted $30,000 awards in dance, music, teaching arts, theater, and visual arts. Tina is an artist whose work honors Black communities not as communities of deficit, but as places of imagination, contradiction, cultural wealth, tenderness, humor, and radical possibility.

Happenings

- October is LGBTQIA2+ History Month and the LGBTQ+ Advisory Council have planned a number of programs designed to raise awareness and support of our LGBTQIA community
- October is Filipino American History Month and there are several events taking place including the Para Su Kultura Filipino Night Market on Friday Oct. 16 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Des Plaines campus to celebrate Filipino culture.
- October is also Campus Sustainability Month and our Sustainability Coordinator has planned a number of programs for students and employees related to campus sustainability.
- Oakton Annual Art Faculty Exhibition – Oct. 8 – Nov. 20, 2026. Oakton Art Department faculty members demonstrate their unique artistic identities in the annual "ID Show." Featuring paintings, photography, ceramics and digital art, the exhibition showcases the range of artistic approaches and perspectives of the artists who teach and mentor Oakton students.
- The City of Des Plaines Harvest Hoot takes place on Saturday Oct. 17 at the Des Plaines Campus.
- Learning Day takes place next Wednesday, Oct. 21 where we will focus on our "Owls in Action" "Owls in Action: Preparing for HLC 2027 and Cultivating a Caring Campus."

Educational Foundation Liaison Report

The Foundation has raised nearly $500,000 to date this fiscal year to date, reaching 30% of their annual goal. Notable contributions received since our last Board meeting include:

- A $26,000 gift from Jim Reinke, the spouse of retiree Mary Reinke, to establish an endowed scholarship at Oakton in her memory.
- A $10,000 gift from President Smith and her husband David to support the Health Careers Excellence Fund, the scholarship in their names for justice impacted students, and the Employee Emergency Assistance Fund 35.
- A $20,000 gift from retiree Gail Cohen to add resources to the scholarship in her name and that of her late husband Alan.
- And a $3,000 gift from Greenlight to sponsor the Foundation's annual Donor Appreciation Brunch.

Oakton's Employee Giving Campaign is gaining momentum, thanks in part to the Linda Korbel Employee & Retiree Challenge, matching gifts from Oakton employees and retirees to the fund of their choice, up to $5,000 per donor. To date, employee and retiree giving totals $150,000, with retirees contributing about 50% of the total. The challenge has also inspired new scholarships, including funds launched by Oakton employees Krissie Harris, George Vail and others. With 40% of the $80,000 matching pool already claimed, opportunity still exists for current and former colleagues to multiply the impact of their generosity in support of Oakton students.

The Foundation welcomed a new Board Director in September. Reynold Martin lives in Evanston and serves as the Founder & Managing Partner at Percival Oak Advisors. His leadership extends well beyond his professional

career through his involvement with the Evanston Community Foundation's Investment Advisory Council, The Chessmen Club, and as the Board Chair of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Evanston.

On September 12, the Foundation finalized its annual independent audit resulting in an unmodified audit opinion, the highest opinion available. The resulting financial statements were submitted to the College as part of its own audit process and will be published as part of the Foundation and College's annual report.

The annual Donor Appreciation Brunch will take place on Saturday, November 7 at the Doubletree in Skokie. All Trustees are invited to attend.

The Board's next quarterly meeting is scheduled for December 2.

HLC Accreditation Liaison Report

Oakton is excited for Learning Day on October 21, and the opportunity for the College community to continue to learn about accreditation. Each criterion team will host a session to support our understanding of their criteria as well as to collect evidence from across the College to support our Assurance Argument.

Oakton has engaged an external reviewer to meet with a number of constituency groups around policies and procedures 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 look forward to receiving the findings and feedback later this semester so that we can continue to make improvements.

Student Spotlight

Yadira Martinez, a second-year student at Oakton, expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to speak to the Board. She plans to graduate in Spring 2027 and earn a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, considering options like UIUC and UIC. She originally chose Oakton to affordably explore potential majors and careers in a supportive, smaller environment.

During her time at Oakton, Yadira has joined the Honors program, Phi Theta Kappa, TRIO, and ¡ANDÁLE!. Although she initially kept to a small circle from high school, participating in these programs helped her step out of her comfort zone and build a strong community.

Key experiences and mentors that have contributed to her growth include:

- TRIO: Provided academic guidance, transfer support, and accessible college tours—such as a recent visit to Northern Illinois University—helping her navigate her future options.
- ¡ANDÁLE!: Offered a culturally connected community and enabled her to attend the United States Hispanic Leadership Conference (USHLI). The conference marked her first time away from home as a first-generation student and helped her build lasting friendships.
- Espy Salgado-Rodriguez (TRIO Advisor): Served as a meaningful mentor who offers personal and academic encouragement, helping her navigate major decisions and avoid burnout.

Yadira concluded by reflecting that Oakton has provided her with much more than an education—it has given her community, confidence, and a solid foundation to thrive.

Chair and Trustee Comments

Chair Bashiri-Remetio mentioned Filipino American History Month, and invited the Oakton Community to attend the Para Sa Kultura market on October 16.

Trustee Salzberg shared that a college transfer program was recently hosted at Oakton, and described it as a well-executed event with strong college representation, and student attendance, and good weather.

Trustee Burns shared that she attended the ICCTA meeting in Springfield with Trustee Stafford and Trustee Toussaint.

Public Participation – None

Board Report: Community Relations

Katherine Sawyer, Chief Advancement Officer
Stephen Butera, Director of Communications and External Relations
Erin Doerr, Community Relations Manager
Brittany Coleman, Assistant Professor of Library

The presentation outlined the Community Relations strategic overview, initiatives, and library partnerships at Oakton College.

Key Vision & Framework

- Core Vision: Serve as a connector, build community support, and raise Oakton College's public profile across District 535.
- Key Stakeholders: Partners with K-12 schools, academic advisory committees, alumni, local businesses, chambers of commerce, community organizations, elected officials, media, and donors.
- Operational Framework: Acts as a central repository for community relations, manages Oakton Ambassador placements, coordinates event participation and sponsorships, and hosts targeted community listening sessions.

Strategic Priorities & Community Engagement

The college's engagement initiatives align with strategic pillars:

1. Advance Racial Equity, Justice & Equity: Participation in the Evanston and Skokie Juneteenth events, hosting the Cook County Language Access Summit, and involvement in the 2026 USHLI Gala / 45th National Conference.
2. Enhance Workforce Readiness & Community Engagement: Hosted the Des Plaines Chamber Mayor's Address to Business, Business Enterprise Program workshops, Trade Collective events, and a Rotary International tour.
3. Strengthen Student Experiences: Engaging students in service-learning opportunities, highlighting student programs like the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) team at the IPTA 5K, Lunabotics featured on WGN News, and annual Open House events.
4. General Community Presence: Presence at the 2026 Illinois State Fair (Automotive Dept.), Trunk-or-Treat at the Ray Hartstein Campus, Evanston's Downtown Summer Sounds, National Night Out (Des Plaines, Niles, Skokie), legislative breakfasts, and hosting tours with state officials such as IL State Treasurer Frerichs.

Library Partnerships

- Public Library Network: Partners across District 535 include libraries in Des Plaines, Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Mount Prospect, Niles-Maine, Northbrook, Park Ridge, Skokie, Wilmette, and Winnetka-Northfield.
- Library Speakers' Bureau: Leverages the thousands of adult programs held at local libraries to connect community members directly with Oakton faculty and experts on topics ranging from job searching and current events to HVAC maintenance and cultural exhibits.
    - *Metrics to Date:* 25+ requests received, 10+ presentations delivered reaching 200+ community members, and 7+ scheduled programs for 2026.
- Upcoming Service: Partnering with the AARP Foundation to host free Tax-Aide assistance at the Oakton College Library from February 4 to April 15, 2027.

Future Focus & Community Voice

- Facilitate structured listening sessions with local community leaders.
- Expand the Oakton Ambassador core through quarterly engagement meetings.
- Maintain active advocacy during ICCTA Lobby Day in Springfield, IL, and the ACCT Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C.

NEW BUSINESS

10/26-1 Recommendation for Seating of Student Member of the Board of Trustees

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio offered:

SECTION 1: An election for the Student Member of the Board of Trustees was held September 21 through September 28, 2026. The election was conducted in all respects as provided by law and according to Policy 1005. The election was conducted online, using the Simply Voting software purchased by the Student Government Association. Currently enrolled students were provided a ballot via email, and Simply Voting provided a secure method to permit students to vote from their computer or mobile device; 230 students cast ballots in the election.

The returns of the election have been duly canvassed by the Judges of Election. The student meets all qualifications for Trustees as specified in Policy 1004.

SECTION 2: The Board of Trustees declares that Tenzin Choenyi received 108 votes (58.1%) for the office of Student Member of the Board of Trustees. His opponent Nathan Dynia receiving 78 (41.09%) with 44 (19.1%) abstaining votes cast, thereby declaring Tenzin Choenyi the successful candidate to serve as the Student Trustee with a term commencing on October 13, 2026 and concluding at the Board of Trustees meeting in April 2027.

SECTION 3: This resolution shall be effective from and after its passage as provided by law.

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

Trustee Yanow made a motion for a brief adjournment *sine die* with the purpose of seating the new student trustee at the Board table. Trustee Salzberg seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Call to Order and Roll Call with New Student Member

Trustee Yanow called the roll:

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

Chair Bashiri-Remetio asked the new Student Trustee to provide his report:

Tenzin Choenyi introduced himself as Oakton College's newly elected Student Trustee following their election on September 29. A first-year Political Science student primarily based at the Skokie campus, Tenzin serves as the founder and team captain of the Oakton Policy Debate team and the Strategy Officer for the incoming DECA club. They plan to major in International Relations after transferring and eventually pursue a career in law. In their remarks, Tenzin thanks the Board of Trustees for ensuring a smooth start to the school year and recaps attending the American Student Government Association Conference in Washington, D.C., with the Student Government Executive Board.

Looking forward, Mr. Choenyi highlighted upcoming campus activities, including the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Fall induction ceremony on October 15, and the annual Trunk or Treat event on October 23 at the Skokie Campus. Expressing deep gratitude for the trustee role, Mr. Choenyi committed to bridging the gap in student participation, keeping students well-informed, and meaningfully representing the Oakton student body throughout the academic year.

10/26-2a 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 Bashiri-Remetio seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

10/26-2b Approval of Consent Agenda Items 10/26-3 through 10/26-6

Trustee Yanow offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the following items 10/26-3 through 10/26-6 as listed in the Consent Agenda."

10/26-3 Ratification of Payment of Bills for August 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 $8,733,503.89 for all check amounts as listed and for all purposes as appearing on a report dated August 2026."

10/26-4 Acceptance of Treasurer's Report for August 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 August 2026."

10/26-5 Supplemental Authorization to Pay Professional Personnel – Fall 2026

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves an adjustment of $1,079,509.87 to the total amount of part-time teaching salaries paid during the fall 2026 semester; the revised total payment amount is $3,962,834.35."

"Be if further resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves an adjustment of $139,785.80 to the total amount of faculty overload salaries paid during the fall 2026 semester; the revised total payment amount is $791,579.50."

10/26-6 Approval of Clinical Practice Agreements

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

Basic Nursing Assistant (1)
Health Information Technology (1)."

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio seconded the motion. Trustee Yanow called the roll:

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

The motion carried. Student Trustee Choenyi favored the resolution.

10/26-7 Approval of Estimate Levy for 2026 and Announcement Thereof

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 estimates the amount of the tax levy needed for 2026 to be collected in calendar year 2027 as follows:

the sum of $63,049,471 to be levied as a tax for educational purposes; and

the sum of $9,000,000 to be levied as a tax for operations and maintenance purposes; and

the sum of $100 to be levied for tort liability, protection and settlement purposes to include liability insurance, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, property insurance, and occupational diseases insurance; and

the sum of $100 to be levied as a special tax for Social Security and Medicare insurance purposes; and

the sum of $100,000 to be levied as a special tax for financial audit purposes."

"Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of Oakton Community College District 535 as part of its regularly scheduled November 17, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting, will have on its agenda the adoption of a resolution setting forth its tax levy for 2026. The above estimated amounts for the 2026 tax levy may be changed by the Board in adopting the final 2026 levy, subject to statutory notice and publication requirements."

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

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

The motion carried. Student Trustee Choenyi favored the resolution.

10/26-8 Authorization to Approve October 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:

Item	Description	Category	Vendor / Location	Amount
10/26-8a	Daktronics Scoreboards	Equipment	Seivert Electric Forest Park, IL 60130	$80,410.00
10/26-8b	Ricoh Printer Lease – Five-Year Contract	Equipment	Ricoh USA, Inc Exton, PA	$492,210.58
10/26-8c	TouchNet Student Account Advisor Implementation Services	IT	TouchNet Information Systems, Inc Lenexa, KS	$32,000.00
10/26-8d	TargetX Recruitment and Retention, Salesforce, and FormAssembly – Three-Year Contract Renewal	IT	Salesforce, Inc San Francisco, CA	$205,490.22
			FormAssembly, Inc Bloomington, IN	$28,048.00
			TargetX.com, LLC Conshohocken, PA	$396,000.00
10/26-8e	Microsoft A3 Subscription Services and Windows Server Subscription Licenses – One-year Renewal	IT	CDW Government, LLC Chicago, IL	$160,596.26

Item	Description	Category	Vendor / Location	Amount
10/26-8f	Consulting Services for Continuing Education and Workforce Development	Consulting	The Spur Group Ltd Chicago, IL	$100,000.00
			GRAND TOTAL:	**$1,494,755.06**."

Trustee Yanow seconded the motion and called the roll:

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

The motion carried. Student Trustee Choenyi favored the resolution.

10/26-9 Preview and Initial Discussion of Upcoming Purchases

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

a. Vehicle for Oakton Police
b. Postage Mailing Machine
c. Continuation of Employee Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance
d. YuJa Panorama Digital Accessibility Software Solution
e. TargetX Professional Consulting Services

10/26-10 Acceptance of Faculty Retirement

Trustee Salzberg offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 accepts the retirement of Katherine Schuster."

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

10/26-11 Approval of Revised 2027-2028 Academic Calendar

Student Trustee Choenyi offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves and adopts the revised 2027-2028 Academic Calendar, attached hereto, as part of the office records of the College."

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

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

The motion carried. Student Trustee Choenyi favored the resolution.

10/26-12 Approval of Policy Revisions

Trustee Burns offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the proposed revisions to Board Policy Series 1100, 4400 and 5100, and Policies 4117 and 4217 attached hereto."

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio seconded the motion. Trustee Yanow called the roll:

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio	Aye

Trustee Burns	Aye
Trustee Salzberg	Aye
Trustee Toussaint	Aye
Trustee Yanow	Aye

The motion carried. Student Trustee Choenyi favored the resolution.

10/26-13 First Read of Policy

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio offered: “Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 hereby accepts for review Board Policy Series 4100 and 6100, and Board Policy 5121 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.

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, November 17, 2026 at the Des Plaines Campus.

Trustee Yanow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Trustee Salzberg. A voice vote was called and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Theresa Bashiri-Remetio, Chair

Wendy B. Yanow, Secretary

Minutes recorded by:
Beatriz Sparks
10/2026