

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Oakton Community College Board of Trustees
April 25, 2017**

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at the Oakton Community College Des Plaines campus.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Tennes called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. in room 1506 and asked Secretary DiLeonardi to call the roll:

Ms. Tennes	Chair	Present
Mr. Stafford	Vice Chair	Present
Dr. DiLeonardi	Secretary	Present
Mr. Frank		Present
Ms. Harada		Present
Mr. Salzberg		Present
Mr. Wadhwa		Present
Mr. Swietek	Student Trustee	Present

Pledge of Allegiance – Trustee Wadhwa

Statement by the President

President Smith thanked the outgoing members of the Board. Mr. Patryk Swietek has served as the Student Trustee for the 2016-2017 year. Mr. Swietek played a significant role in the College this year. He was a critical member of the Strategic Planning and Accountability and Resource committees, which helped to set the College’s strategic plan for the next five years. Mr. Swietek played a critical role as the student voice on those committees and has been the student voice on this Board as well. He has been enthusiastic and passionate about students and he will be missed. At this time, President Smith and Chair Tennes presented Mr. Swietek with a plaque commemorating his service on the Board. President Smith noted that Mr. Swietek mentioned that maybe at some point in the future, he would consider running as an elected member of the Board of Trustees.

Next, President Smith spoke about Trustee Patricia Harada, who served a six-year term on the Board, and who has also contributed in so many ways. Trustee Harada has been an instrumental part of the Master Plan Steering Committee and in helping to think about the ways in which physical space really matters in terms of creating a welcoming, inviting, contemporary learning environment for our students. Her care for our students has also been amazing. At various points when she was Chair, Ms. Harada would show her concern by asking about how our most vulnerable students were doing with some of the issues surrounding the presidential election. President Smith said that she was grateful for that concern, as well as her support while Ms. Harada was the Chair. At this time, President Smith and Chair Tennes presented Ms. Harada with a plaque commemorating her service on the Board.

President Smith next spoke about Trustee Jody Wadhwa, saying that he has greatly influenced the College during his thirty years as a trustee, and how his values dictate the way he lives his life and have helped shape the College’s values. Mr. Wadhwa’s commitment to education, creating access to an affordable education, as well as his commitment to peace and social justice, are things that are now a part of the fabric of the College. At this time, President Smith and Chair Tennes presented Mr. Wadhwa with a plaque that has the resolution designating him a Trustee Emeritus, which will be read into the record at the 7:30 p.m. meeting.

Lastly, President Smith thanked Trustee Tennes for her wonderful role as Chair this past year. During her year as Chair, the college’s five year strategic plan was confirmed, we reaffirmed the new Mission, Vision and Values statement, which will guide our work for the next five years. Along with Ms. Harada, Ms. Tennes also stressed the importance of the College’s physical space, and has been active in helping us think through the Master Plan. At this time, President Smith presented Ms. Tennes with a plaque commemorating her service as Chair on the Board.

Comments by the Chair

Chair Tennes echoed President Smith’s thanks to Mr. Swietek, Ms. Harada, and Mr. Wadhwa, and said that it was an honor to serve with all three of them. She said that she has known Mr. Wadhwa since 2001 when her husband Howard first ran for the Board, and even before then. Ms. Tennes said that she is grateful that she had the opportunity to serve with Mr. Wadhwa for her ten years on the Board, and considers him and his wife Florence, family. Chair Tennes said that she will remember Mr. Swietek and his contributions and dedication to the role of student trustee, and for being the voice and the connection that the Board needs to the students who we serve. To Ms. Harada, ChairTennes said that she is grateful for her leadership and friendship.

New Business

4/17-1 Resolution Declaring the Results of April 4, 2017 Consolidated General Election, Community College District 535, Office of Trustee

Mr. Stafford offered:

“WHEREAS, on the 4th day of April 2017, there was held in and for community College District 535, an election for the purpose of electing two Trustees to serve on the Board for two six-year terms;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the county clerk to canvass the election results 21 days following the election;

WHEREAS, the election authority has delivered the official Abstracts of Votes to the local election official for Oakton Community College District 535;

WHEREAS, the Board must meet to declare the results of the election and hold their reorganizational meeting within the time period of between 21 and 28 days following the election and that the term of the new trustees must commence at the organizational meeting held within 28 days following the election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 535, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS THAT:

1. The election held on the 4th day of April 2017, was held in all respects as provided by law; and the returns of the election have been duly canvassed by the Cook County Clerk’s office and filed with the Secretary of the Board.
2. The Board finds that the following total votes were cast in Oakton Community College District 535 in favor of the following candidates:”

ABSTRACT OF VOTES

“Votes were cast in the non-partisan election held on April 4, 2017, in Cook County, Illinois, to elect two individuals to serve six-year terms on the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535, and we do hereby proclaim the results of the election as follows:

1. Two candidates named to serve two six-year terms received the number of votes ascribed opposite his/her name:

<u>NAME of CANDIDATE</u>	<u>NUMBER of VOTES</u>
Paul Kotowski	19,003
Travis C. Zimmermann	13,829
Martha Burns	27,263
Carmina Cortes Gonzalez	18,221

2. We do hereby further certify and proclaim that as a result of the election, Paul Kotowski and Martha Burns were each elected to serve a six-year term on the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535, County of Cook and State of Illinois.”

Trustee DiLeonardi seconded the motion and called the roll:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Ann E. Tennes, Chair	X	_____	_____
William Stafford, Vice Chair	X	_____	_____
Joan W. DiLeonardi, Secretary	X	_____	_____
Kyle Frank	X	_____	_____
Patricia Harada	X	_____	_____
Ben Salzberg	X	_____	_____
Jody Wadhwa	X	_____	_____
Patryk Swietek, Student Trustee	X	_____	_____

Chair Tennes administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Kotowski and Ms. Burns.

Mr. Salzberg made a motion to adjourn *sine die*, seconded by Ms. Harada, a voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Kotowski and Ms. Burns took their seats at the Board table.

Roll Call

Chair Tennes asked Secretary DiLeonardi to call the roll:

Ms. Tennes	Chair	Present
Mr. Stafford	Vice Chair	Present
Dr. DiLeonardi	Secretary	Present
Mr. Frank		Present
Ms. Burns		Present
Mr. Salzberg		Present
Mr. Kotowski		Present
Mr. Swietek	Student Trustee	Present

4/17-2 Recommendation for Seating of Student Member of the Board of Trustees

Mr. Swietek offered:

SECTION 1: An election for the Student Member of the Board of Trustees was held April 7 through 12, 2017. The election was conducted in all respects as provided by law and according to Policy 1005. The election was conducted on line, 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; 441 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 Brian Chan received 186 votes (52%) for the office of Student Member of the Board of Trustees, his opponent Gabriel Chacon receiving 172 (48%), with 83 (18.8%) abstaining votes cast, thereby declaring Mr. Chan the successful candidate to serve as the Student Trustee with a term commencing on April 25, 2017 and concluding at the Board of Trustees meeting in April 2018.

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

Mr. Salzberg seconded the motion; a voice vote was called and the motion passed.

Mr. Swietek made a motion to adjourn *sine die*, seconded by Mr. Salzberg, a voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously. Student Trustee Chan took his seat at the Board table.

Roll Call

Chair Tennes asked Secretary DiLeonardi to call the roll:

Ms. Tennes	Chair	Present
Mr. Stafford	Vice Chair	Present
Dr. DiLeonardi	Secretary	Present
Mr. Frank		Present
Ms. Burns		Present
Mr. Salzberg		Present
Mr. Kotowski		Present
Mr. Chan	Student Trustee	Present

4/17-3 Resolution Organizing the Board of Trustees for the Term Commencing April 25, 2017

Dr. DiLeonardi offered:

“WHEREAS, pursuant to College policy and in accordance with the Illinois Public Community College Act, as amended (110 ILCS 805/3-8), the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 elects its officers, comprised of a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, from its membership and appoints a Treasurer, not a member of the Board, at its annual organizational meeting held following the election on April 4, 2017.

Mr. Salzberg seconded the motion.

Chair Tennes asked for nominations for the office of Chair of the Board. Trustee DiLeonardi nominated William Stafford; the nomination was seconded by Trustee Frank. Chair Tennes called for a voice vote in favor of accepting the nomination of William Stafford as the Chair of the Board, which passed unanimously.

Chair Tennes asked for nominations for the office of Vice Chair of the Board. Trustee Salzberg nominated Joan DiLeonardi; the nomination was seconded by Trustee Stafford. Chair Tennes called for a voice vote in favor of accepting the nomination of Joan DiLeonardi as the Vice Chair of the Board, which passed unanimously.

Chair Tennes asked for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board. Trustee Stafford nominated Ben Salzberg; the nomination was seconded by Trustee Kotowski. Chair Tennes called for a voice vote in favor of accepting the nomination of Ben Salzberg as Secretary of the Board, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Salzberg continued:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 535, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS THAT:

1. The Board is hereby organized for the term commencing April 25, 2017.
2. The time and place for the regular meetings of the Board for the calendar year 2018 shall be fixed as follows:

January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 22, June 26, August 21, September 25, October 16, November 13, and December 11.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room (1506) at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois, which times and places have been published and proper notice and agenda to be posted as required by law.

3. All Board rules, policies, and procedures in effect during the previous year shall remain in effect.
4. Edwin Chandrasekar is hereby appointed Treasurer to serve at the pleasure of the Board for no additional compensation, provided that before entering upon his duties, the Treasurer shall execute and deliver to the Board a bond, as required by the Illinois Public Community College Act.”

Mr. Stafford seconded the motion.

Trustee Frank inquired whether any Board meetings will be held in Skokie for the next year, and also suggested that one of the meetings could possibly be held in Evanston. President Smith and Trustee Tennes commented that it is appropriate for the Board to meet at the Skokie campus of the College, and Trustee Tennes suggested that at least two Board meetings this year should be held at the Skokie campus. With the understanding of the Board that the location is subject to change, Ms. Tennes asked Dr. DiLeonardi to call the roll:

Ms. Tennes	Aye
Ms. Burns	Aye
Mr. Stafford	Aye
Dr. DiLeonardi	Aye
Mr. Salzberg	Aye
Mr. Kotowski	Aye
Mr. Frank	Aye

Motion carried; Student Trustee Chan favored the resolution.

Adjournment

Trustee Tennes noted that there would be a motion for an adjournment; the Board will go to dinner; then go into Executive Session; and begin the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Tennes asked for a motion to adjourn; the motion was made by Trustee Salzberg, seconded by Trustee Frank. A voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Ann E. Tennes
Ann E. Tennes, Chair

Joan W. DiLeonardi
Joan W. DiLeonardi, Secretary

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