

**Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Oakton Community College Board of Trustees  
April 23, 2019**

An organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at the Oakton Community College Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair DiLeonardi called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. in room 1506; Secretary Burns called the roll:

Dr. Joan DiLeonardi	Chair	Present
Mr. Benjamin Salzberg	Vice Chair	Present
Ms. Martha Burns	Secretary	Present
Mr. Kyle Frank		Present
Mr. William Stafford		Present
Mr. Paul Kotowski		Present
Ms. Ann Tennes		Present
Mr. Jack Timperley	Student Trustee	Present

**Pledge of Allegiance – Trustee Kyle Frank**

**Statement by the President**

President Smith noted that this particular meeting is bittersweet as we say goodbye to some of our long serving trustees and welcome new trustees to the Board. Last month we had the opportunity to formally thank Trustee Ann Tennes and Trustee Joan DiLeonardi for their service to the College. President Smith again thanked Trustee Tennes for her twelve years of service. President Smith noted that Trustee Tennes represented Skokie well and brought prominence to that campus. Many of the innovations and improvements that have made to that campus are to her credit. Dr. Smith noted that Trustee Tennes’ husband, Howard was in the audience, and that during his tenure on the Board, was also a wonderful trustee. Trustee Tennes was then presented with a bouquet of flowers.

President Smith also thanked Trustee DiLeonardi, who has served on the Board with distinction for eighteen years. Trustee DiLeonardi has been a tireless supporter of students, attending almost every student event there was, including the recent Student Leadership banquet where she was honored by the students. Trustee DiLeonardi will also be recognized at the ICCTA state meeting in June as one of the recipients of the Ray Hartstein Trustee of Excellence, which is the highest award that a serving trustee can receive. Trustee DiLeonardi was also presented with a bouquet of flowers. President Smith also thanked outgoing Trustee Kyle Frank for his six years of service to the College and noted that like Trustee Tennes, he also advocated for the Skokie campus of the College. Trustee Frank received a plaque from President Smith and instead of flowers, he was given an Oakton decorated cupcake. Lastly, President Smith thanked Mr. Jack Timperley who has served the College this past year as the student trustee. Mr. Timperley received a plaque from President Smith as she noted that he has been a wonderful representative for the students. He has been very involved in student life, including PTK and the OCCurrence. Mr. Timperley will also be recognized at the ICCTA meeting in June as the Gigi Campbell Student Trustee award winner, which is the highest award for a student trustee in the state of Illinois. Dr. Smith thanked them all and hopes that they continue to stay connected and support the College.

**Comments from the Chair**

Chair DiLeonardi invited her colleagues who are leaving the Board to say a few words, beginning with Trustee Frank, who spoke about the many things that he has learned from being a trustee these past six years. He also expressed his congratulations and best wishes to the new trustees, as well as a few words of advice. Next, student trustee Jack Timperley spoke about his various roles at Oakton and how he has learned and experienced the values of community education. He now knows what makes Oakton different and special from anywhere else. Mr. Timperley said that he was honored to have represented a community that is courageous, inspirational and

supportive. He thanked Dr. DiLeonardi and President Smith for supporting him throughout the year, and to Simi Khurana, the program coordinator for Student Life, for the incredible support she provided to him. In closing, Mr. Timperley said that every day is an opportunity to learn and to make an impact, and Oakton Community College has made a significant impact on him. Trustee Tennes next spoke about her experience serving on the Board for two terms. She noted that she is grateful to the taxpayers in the district for twice entrusting her with serving on the Board. Trustee Tennes said that it has been privilege to work with two excellent college presidents, first, Margaret Lee and then, Joianne Smith. She counted her work in helping to hire President Smith as among her most important accomplishments while on the Board. She thanked her outstanding colleagues Joan DiLeonardi, former trustees Jody Wadhwa and Pat Harada, and the late Emory Williams. Trustee Tennes thanked the faculty, staff, administration, and students of the College, as well as the Educational Foundation who has done great work and will continue to do great work to support the institution. She spoke about her memories of Oakton as they related to her husband, Howard, daughter Carly, and her parents and in-laws. Trustee Tennes challenged the three new trustees to serve with dignity, distinction, and with a focus on persistence, equity, and community partnerships that are so essential. She noted that they will disagree at times, but hopes that they will do so respectfully. Chair DiLeonardi thanked everyone one last time for an incredible learning experience these past eighteen years, and hopes that she has added as much as she has learned, and she will carry it forward.

**New Business**

**4/19-1 Resolution Declaring the Results of April 2, 2019 Consolidated General Election, Community College District 535, Office of Trustee**  
Trustee Tennes offered:

“WHEREAS, on the 2nd day of April 2019, there was held in and for Community College District 535, an election for the purpose of electing three Trustees to serve on the Board for three six-year terms;  
WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Cook 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 2nd day of April 2019, 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 2, 2019, in Cook County, Illinois, to elect three 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. Three candidates named to serve three six-year terms received the number of votes ascribed opposite his/her name:

<u>NAME of CANDIDATE</u>	<u>NUMBER of VOTES</u>
Kyle Frank	6,274
Allan H. Cohen	6,273

Wendy B. Yanow	8,567
Robert A. Boron	3,912
R. Razz Jenkins	3,033
Gail Bush	9,777
Richard A. Geline	2,431
Cynthia E. Veremis	5,268
Havee Makedon	1,124
Theresa Bashiri-Remetio	5,236
Alexandra Eidenberg	5,740
Michele Hays	6,509
Marie Lynn Toussaint	7,751

2. We do hereby further certify and proclaim that as a result of the election, Wendy B. Yanow, Gail Bush, and Marie Lynn Toussaint 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 and asked for a roll call:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Joan W. DiLeonardi, Chair	X	_____	_____
Benjamin Salzberg, Vice Chair	X	_____	_____
Martha Burns, Secretary	X	_____	_____
Kyle Frank	X	_____	_____
Paul Kotowski	X	_____	_____
William Stafford	X	_____	_____
Ann E. Tennes	X	_____	_____
John Timperley, Student Trustee	X	_____	_____

Motion carried.

Chair DiLeonardi administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Bush, Dr. Yanow and Ms. Toussaint.

Trustee Kotowski made a motion to adjourn *sine die*, seconded by Trustee Salzberg, a voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously. Dr. Bush, Dr. Yanow and Ms. Toussaint took their seats at the Board table.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Vice Chair Salzberg asked for a roll call:

Mr. Salzberg	Vice Chair	Present
Ms. Burns	Secretary	Present
Dr. Bush		Present
Mr. Stafford		Present
Mr. Kotowski		Present
Ms. Toussaint		Present
Dr. Yanow		Present
Mr. Timperley	Student Trustee	Present

**4/19-2 Recommendation for Seating of Student Member of the Board of Trustees**  
Mr. Timperley offered:

SECTION 1: An election for the Student Member of the Board of Trustees was held April 8-12, 2019. 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; 657 students casted 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 Adisa Ozegovic, received 204 votes (37.1%) for the office of Student Member of the Board of Trustees. Her opponents Jacob Childrey receiving 202 (36.7%), and Chayanne Trejo receiving 144 (26.2%) with 107 (16.3%) abstaining votes cast, thereby declaring Adisa Ozegovic the successful candidate to serve as the Student Trustee with a term commencing on April 23, 2019 and concluding at the Board of Trustees meeting in April 2020.

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

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

Trustee Burns made a motion to adjourn *sine die*, seconded by Trustee Kotowski, a voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Ozegovic took her seat at the Board table.

Trustee Burns commented that she read an article about former student trustee Jack Timperley in the OCCurrence, and was struck by what he said at the end of the story, that when he leaves this earth, he wants to leave it a better place. Trustee Burns addressed Mr. Timperley and told him that he is a stellar person who is going to do great things. Trustee Salzberg echoed Trustee Burns’ sentiments, adding that Mr. Timperley has been an inspiration to him personally and everyone he has come in contact with and he thanked him for his contribution to the College this past year.

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Vice Chair Salzberg asked for a roll call:

Mr. Salzberg	Vice Chair	Present
Ms. Burns	Secretary	Present
Mr. Kotowski		Present
Ms. Toussaint		Present
Mr. Stafford		Present
Dr. Yanow		Present
Dr. Bush		Present
Ms. Ozegovic	Student Trustee	Present

### **4/19-3 Resolution Organizing the Board of Trustees for the Term Commencing April 25, 2017**

Trustee Stafford 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 2, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD ARE HEREBY ELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

Trustee Salzberg seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Salzberg asked for nominations for the office of Chair of the Board. Trustee Stafford nominated Benjamin Salzberg for Chair of the Board; the nomination was seconded by Trustee Kotowski. Vice Chair Salzberg called for a roll call in favor of accepting the nomination:

Mr. Salzberg	Aye
Mr. Stafford	Aye
Dr. Bush	Aye
Ms. Burns	Aye
Mr. Kotowski	Aye
Dr. Yanow	Aye
Ms. Toussaint	Aye

Motion carried; Student Trustee Ozegovic favored the resolution.

Chair Salzberg asked for nominations for the office of Vice Chair of the Board. Trustee Kotowski nominated Martha Burns for Vice Chair of the Board; the nomination was seconded by Trustee Stafford. Chair Salzberg called for a roll call in favor of accepting the nomination:

Mr. Stafford	Aye
Ms. Toussaint	Aye
Mr. Salzberg	Aye
Ms. Burns	Aye
Mr. Kotowski	Aye
Dr. Yanow	Aye
Dr. Bush	Aye

Motion carried; Student Trustee Ozegovic favored the resolution.

Chair Salzberg asked for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board. Trustee Burns nominated Paul Kotowski for Secretary of the Board; the nomination was seconded by Trustee Stafford. Chair Salzberg called for a roll call in favor of accepting the nomination:

Mr. Salzberg	Aye
Ms. Toussaint	Aye
Mr. Stafford	Aye
Ms. Burns	Aye
Mr. Kotowski	Aye
Dr. Yanow	Aye
Dr. Bush	Aye

Motion carried; Student Trustee Ozegovic favored the resolution.

Trustee Stafford 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 23, 2019.
2. The time and place for the regular meetings of the Board for the calendar year 2020 shall be fixed as follows:

January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21, May 12, June 30, August 18, September 15, \*October 20, November 17, and December 15.

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.

\*The October 20 meeting will be held at the Skokie campus of Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in room P104, which time and place will be 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.”

Chair Salzberg asked for a roll call:

Mr. Salzberg	Aye
Ms. Toussaint	Aye
Mr. Kotowski	Aye
Dr. Bush	Aye
Mr. Stafford	Aye
Ms. Burns	Aye
Dr. Yanow	Aye

Motion carried; Student Trustee Ozegovic favored the resolution.

### Adjournment

Before adjourning, Chair Salzberg thanked the new trustees for their upcoming service to the College and also thanked the new executive leadership of the Board, which he is a part of. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at 7:30 p.m. this evening in room 1506. Chair Salzberg asked for a motion to adjourn; the motion was made by Trustee Kotowksi, seconded by Trustee Burns .A voice vote was called and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

*Benjamin Salzberg*  
Benjamin Salzberg, Chair

*Paul Kotowski*  
Paul Kotowski, Secretary

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