



**Board of Trustees of Community College District 535
Minutes of November 18, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oakton Community College, District 535 was held on November 18, 2025 in Room 1506 at 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair Bashiri-Remetio called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m. Trustee Stafford called the roll:

Ms. Martha Burns	Chair	Absent
Ms. Theresa Bashiri-Remetio	Vice Chair	Present
Mr. William Stafford	Secretary	Present
Dr. Micah Eimer		Present
Mr. Benjamin Salzberg		Present
Ms. Marie Lynn Toussaint		Absent
Dr. Wendy Yanow		Present
Mr. Chris AbiNader	Student Trustee	Present

Trustees Burns and Toussaint walked in at 4:16 p.m.

Also present in Room 1506:

Dr. Kelly Becker, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning; Steve Butera, Director of Communications and External Relations; Johanna Fine, Chief Human Resources Officer; Matt Huber, Dean of Enrollment Management; Dr. Bernard Little, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Ileo Lott, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Michele Roberts, Vice President for Administrative Affairs; Katherine Sawyer, Chief Advancement Officer; Beatriz Sparks, Special Assistant to the Board of Trustees; and Terrence Stevenson, Emory Williams Academy Coordinator.

Discussion

1. Access and Equity Work in a Changing Policy Environment

Trustees engaged in a discussion related to the current policy climate and the steps Oakton may take in order to continue providing services to the student population without disruption. Oakton can be impacted by withholding of federal funding, and the administration is trying to be proactive if there are law changes that Oakton should comply with.

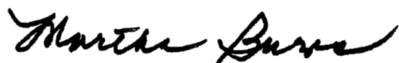
2. Discussion of Emory Williams Academy Report

A report about the Emory Williams Academy was shared with Board members in September 2025. Trustees had questions related to the outreach of the program in the community, and the advertising that is done. Coordinator Terrence Stevenson provided information and shared specific ways in which Oakton is reaching out to the community working with area high schools and community organizations.

No official action was taken during this meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Burns asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Bashiri-Remetio made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Salzberg. A voice vote was called and the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Martha Burns, Chair



William Stafford, Secretary

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