



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

The 815<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 was conducted on November 18, 2025 at the Des Plaines campus of Oakton College, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois.

**Closed Session – Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Burns called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. in room 1502. Trustee Stafford called the roll:

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

Also present in room 1502 were 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; and Michele Roberts, Vice President for Administrative Affairs.

Chair Burns 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 October 14, 2025; and considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, collective negotiating matters, and pending litigation.

Trustee Salzberg made the motion, seconded by Trustee Eimer. Trustee Stafford called the roll:

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio	Aye
Trustee Burns	Aye
Trustee Eimer	Aye
Trustee Salzberg	Aye
Trustee Stafford	Aye
Trustee Toussaint	Aye
Trustee Yanow	Aye
Trustee AbiNader	Aye

At 6:03 p.m., Trustee Salzberg made a motion to adjourn the closed session meeting which was seconded by Trustee Bashiri-Remetio. A voice vote was called and the closed session was adjourned.

**Open Session – Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Burns called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:19 p.m. in room 1506.

Trustee Stafford called the roll:

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

Also present in room 1506:

Leadership: Dr. Joianne Smith, President; Dr. Kelly Becker, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning; Johanna Fine, Chief Human Resources Officer; 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.

Administrators: May Alimboyoguen, Dean of Health Careers; Marc Battista, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Matthew Boutilier, Director of Online Curriculum and Instruction; Steve Butera, Director of Communications and External Relations; Dr. Leana Cuellar, Dean of Access, Equity and Diversity; Dr. Rick Daniels, Director of Institutional Equity and Inclusion; Tom Hicks Jr., Director of Student Success and Academic Interventions; Lindsey Hunter, Director of Enrollment Services; Dr. Jesse Ivory, Assistant Vice President of Workforce Innovation and College Partnerships; Jake Jeremiah, Dean of Library; Dr. Mark Kiel, Dean of Counseling, Health and Wellness Services; Dr. Ashley Knight, Interim Dean of Liberal Arts; Dr. Kanchana Mendes, Dean of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Nathan Norman, Senior Director of Workforce Development; Dr. James Rabchuk, Dean of STEM; Dr. Emmanuel Sarris, Interim Dean of Business and Career Technologies; Jeff Spidle, Interim Director of IT Infrastructure; John Wade, Chief Information Officer; Daniel Weber, Registrar and Director of Registrar Services; and Andy Williams, Controller.

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

Faculty: Steve Brody, Athletic Coach; Paul Gulezian, Biology; Lenuta Manu, BNAT; Diana Matthews, Radiography; Kandace McCarthy, Athletic Coach; Michelle Naffziger-Hirsch, Sociology; Aileen Paszek, Athletic Coach; Erick Rohn, Graphic Design; and Samantha Solecki, Biology.

Staff: Steve Aguilar, TRIO; Karina Castillo, Testing Center; Giacomo Cirrincione, Learning Center; Chris Dubé, Information Technology; Joseph Hanafee, Advising and Transitions; Janeen Jackson, Black Student Success Program; Leah Kintner, Workforce Development; Malarie Marquez, Care Coordination; Teresa O'Sullivan, Access and Disability Resource Center; Kushal Patel, Information Technology; Adrienne Smith, Career and Transfer Center; Beatriz Sparks, Office of the President; and Terrence Stevenson, Emory Williams Academy.

Students: Soccer Team, Matthias Balroop, Ximena Barillas, Allison Fradkin, Liz LaPlant, Alexander Merrill, and James Powers

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Chair Burns led the pledge.

**Land Acknowledgment** – Student Trustee AbiNader read the Land Acknowledgment.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Burns asked a motion for the approval of the minutes of the October 14, 2025 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Eimer made the motion. Trustee Salzberg seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Statement by the President**

#### Condolences

- To English professor Steve McNamara on the passing of his mother, Margaret (Peggy) McNamara, on Oct. 20 at the age of 98.
- To Computer Information Systems Chair and Professor, Ragaa Abdallah on the passing of her mother, Fadila Abdelnour.

#### Congratulations

- To Mary Ellen Girgis, Assistant Professor of Surgical Technology on the birth of Baby Eli on Oct. 29.

#### Athletics Recognitions

- Women's Cross Country – Ximena Barillas placed on the All-Region team finishing 5th at the regional race and attended the National Championships in Fort Dodge, Iowa.
- Skyway Champions, Men's Soccer
  - Skyway Player of the Year: Stefan Zelenovic

- Skyway Coach of the Year: Steve Brody
- NJCAA Region IV All-Region First Team: Stefan Zelenovic and Joseph Gonzalez
- NJCAA Region IV All-Region Second Team: Alejandro Soto and Kurmanbek Madaripov
- All-American Nominee: Stefan Zelenovic
- Honorable Mention All Conference: Guilherme Teixeira, Kurmanbek Madaripo

### Student Recognitions

- Oakton participated in the Skyway Writers Festival hosted at Prairie State College. Of the 12 medals awarded to students from the 8 Skyway institutions, our students took home 6!
  - Liz LaPlant, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Poetry
  - Allison Fradkin, 1<sup>st</sup> in Drama
  - Alexander Merrill, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Drama and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fiction
  - James Powers, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Drama.
  - Special Recognition: Danielle Aquiline, English professor, for her induction into the Illinois Skyway Conference Hall of Fame for her commitment to the Skyway Writers Festival and her mentorship and support of students.

### Employee Recognitions

- Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Bernard Little received the Region IV-East Fred Turner Award for Outstanding Service to NASPA. This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding achievement to the student affairs profession and Region IV-East over an extended period of time.
- To Malarie Marquez, Senior Student Care Coordinator, received a 40 under 40 award from the American Association of Women in Community Colleges.
- Oakton College was presented with the Caring Campus - Data Driven Culture of Care Award at the Caring Campus Conference last week in recognition of our exceptional commitment to fostering a culture of care and belonging that supports student success.
- Oakton College has been recognized by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program as one of 200 institutions eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. The highly coveted award celebrates high achievement and performance among two-year colleges.
- On Nov. 6, the Employee Recognition Dinner celebrated milestone anniversaries and recognizes excellence in teaching, leadership and community engagement. In addition to employment anniversaries, including 35 years, we recognized colleagues who make Oakton a better place every day!
  - Ray Hartstein Award for Teaching Excellence
    - Part-Time Faculty: Michael Doocy, Paramedic Program Coordinator
    - Full-Time Faculty: Ji-Hyae Park, English professor
  - Staff Excellence Award: J Byrd, IT Help Desk Assistant
  - Living Diversity Award: Cameron Carrara, academic advisor
  - High Impact Practice Awards
    - Liberal Arts Adjunct Faculty: Keiko Anno
    - Library Adjunct Faculty: Jimmy Gonzalez Vicker
    - Liberal Arts (Full-Time): Donovan Braud, English chair and distinguished professor
    - STEM (Full-Time): Olga Cedrina, Mathematics professor
  - High Impact Practices Team Award
    - Paul Gulezian, Biology distinguished professor
    - Patrick O'Donnell, Philosophy associate professor
    - Amanda Krause, naturalist

### Happenings

- Nov. 17-20 marks International Education Week – themed “Thriving Together: The Power of Human Connection” and there are a number of events taking place throughout the week.
- The Koehonline Museum of Art is showcasing the artwork of Oakton Faculty in our Annual ID show. The Exhibit runs through Nov. 28.
- Oakton College is participating in the ICCB “Feed the Need Challenge” collecting food donations for those who are food insecure. Food Collections run through Dec. 1.

- Registration for the Spring 2026 semester began this week.
- As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, President Smith expressed her gratitude to the Board and to the College community for the many ways that they help to support our students and community.

### **Educational Foundation Liaison Report**

The foundation's fundraising progress stands at 35% to goal 4 months into the fiscal year.

Recent contributions of note include:

- A \$20,000 contribution from retiree Gail Cohen to add support to the two endowed scholarships in her name and her late husband's name.
- A \$10,000 gift from the Gene Haas Foundation to launch a scholarship for students in CNC certificate and degree programs.
- A \$9,700 gift from Oakton retiree and Foundation Board Director Carl Costanza and his wife Debbie.
- A \$15,000 matching gift from Deloitte Foundation to match contributions made previously by Foundation Board Director Scott Hurwitz and his wife Kelly.
- A \$15,000 gift from the Abbey Family Fund to renew annual support for their scholarship.

The annual Donor Appreciation Brunch took place on November 8 at the DoubleTree in Skokie with more than 160 donors, guests, and student recipients in attendance. Trustee Stafford was joined by Trustees Bashiri-Remetio and AbiNader, as well as emeritus Trustees DiLeonardi and Wadhwa, for a celebratory and moving program.

The End-of-Year giving appeal will soon be in the mail. As you consider your year-end giving, now is a particularly strategic time to support Oakton students. Due to recent federal tax law changes, you may be able to maximize your charitable deduction and avoid new limits that could reduce the tax benefit of giving in future years.

The Foundation is partnering with Oakton's Ceramics Club to produce this year's Empty Bowls event on Saturday, December 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Gym. All are welcome attend. Proceeds will benefit 7 area food pantries as well as Oakton's Caring Closet.

The Foundation Board's next quarterly meeting will take place on December 3.

### **Founders Wall Liaison Report**

The committee met with consultants on Tuesday, October 28 to review additional design options and selected a final design direction.

- The design prominently displays the names of the 49 college founders, a brief history of the college's founding, and will highlight 6 founders across staggered pieces of frosted glass that include images of our campuses and photos from the archives.
- A touch screen, digital display is also included in the display to share the stories and photos of all founders.
- Final design drawings for fabrication are in process and installation will take place in the new year.

A dedication of the new Founders Wall will take place in conjunction with the next group of courtyard tribute pavers in spring 2026.

### **Pathways to Opportunity Liaison Report**

Although the Pathways to Opportunity Task Force has not met since the last Board meeting, there have been two meetings with external stakeholder groups to learn more about their workforce needs, current programs and potential opportunities for collaboration: Endeavor Health and Northwestern Medicine.

At the next Task Force Meeting on December 5, there will be an update on the progress on several micro-pilots that are being implemented between the College and external partners, as well as exploring models of pathways work implemented at other institutions.

### **ACCT/ICCTA Liaison Report**

Trustee Stafford attended the ICCTA Governance Leadership Institute in Naperville. He participated in panels and took questions from new trustees. The governor's staff are working on gathering support for the 2026 campaign for community college baccalaureate. Legislative priorities include community college workforce degrees, evidence-based processes to demonstrate workforce student demand, student transfer and articulation policies, and more workforce skills.

### **Student Trustee Report**

- SGA organized "Foods-giving," an event aimed to assist students impacted by the suspension of federal SNAP benefits. The event will have two starting times at 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. until food runs out. The event will be held on both campuses Skokie on Wednesday, Nov. 19 and Des Plaines on Thursday, Nov. 20.
- SGA President, Ana Adamaze is spearheading the Oakton Leadership Summit, scheduled for Friday, February 27, 2026. This will mark the first time that student leaders from Skyway will meet and share opinions, goals, and network with each other.
- SGA Vice-President Joseph and Senator Rayyan hosted an engaging roundtable and organized a successful Club Recruitment Fair, highlighted by Oakly winning the U.S. Map game. Student leaders felt heard and inspired through these events, which strengthened campus involvement. Meanwhile, Senator Andrew has been preparing flyers and signage to explain SGA's role and provide lasting resources for future teams.
- The entire SGA team including their advisors attended the Friendsgiving event last Thursday to celebrate by eating good food, drinking boba, playing games, taking pictures at the photobooth, winning prizes, and networking with fellow students.

### **Student Spotlight**

Matthias is a student employee for the TRIO department at Skokie. While at Oakton, he has been able to take advantage of different opportunities that have helped him figure out his next steps beyond Oakton. His biggest turning point was when he decided to join TRIO where he was exposed to resources he didn't know were available. Matthias indicated that his faith is an important part of his life, and he found the Mission Bible Club at Oakton very valuable. His most memorable experiences have been the campus visits sponsored by TRIO where he was able to connect to his peers. The Oakton connection that has had the most impact for him is with his TRIO advisor Steve Aguilar who has been supportive and encouraging. Matthias plans to transfer to a four-year college, and he is looking at options.

### **Chair/Trustee Comments**

Chair Burns gave a shoutout to Janeen Jackson for her work with the Black Student Success Program. She also indicated that she appreciated the intercultural connection work during the Friendsgiving event that included BSSP, ANDALE and the AAPI students.

Chair Burns also shared that ICCTA is looking for a regional vice chair, and Trustee Stafford indicated he is willing to collaborate.

Trustee Toussaint shared that several board members attended the ACCT Leadership Congress in New Orleans, Louisiana, and they had the opportunity to visit Delgado Community College.

### **Public Participation – None**

### **Board Report: Accreditation & Oakton**

Dr. Kelly Iwanaga Becker, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning

#### Accreditation

- Long-standing, peer review process for assessing and ensuring institutional and programmatic quality
- Demonstrates that programs and offerings are guided by principles of quality and integrity
- Exists at the institutional and programmatic level (e.g., automotive, nursing, etc.)

- A primary signal to the public of the basic soundness and legitimacy of the college, encourages public confidence in the institution
- Provides institutional and student access to public funds, including student grants and loans and public institutional grants
- Enables student mobility and the successful transfer of credit to another college or university

### Higher Learning Commission

Mission: Advance the common good through quality assurance of higher education as the leader in equitable, transformative and trusted accreditation in the service of students and member institutions

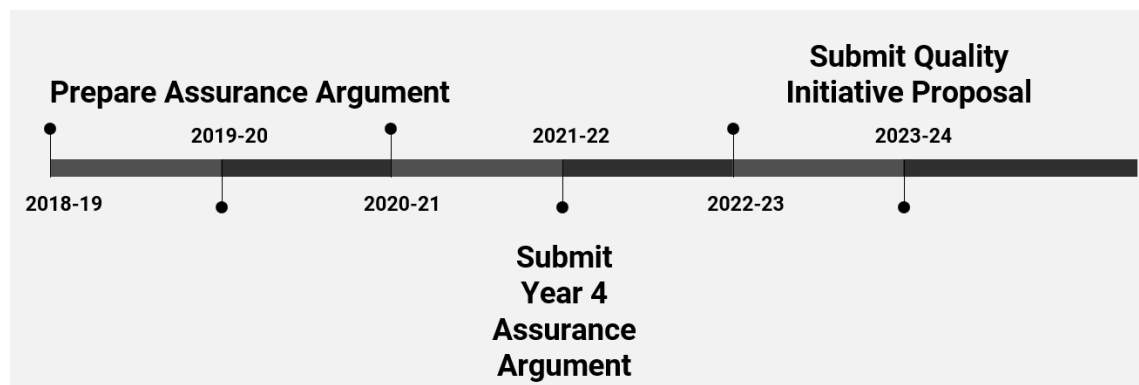
### Institutional Accreditor

- 950 member colleges & universities
- 130 years of experience
- Recognized by the US Department of Education

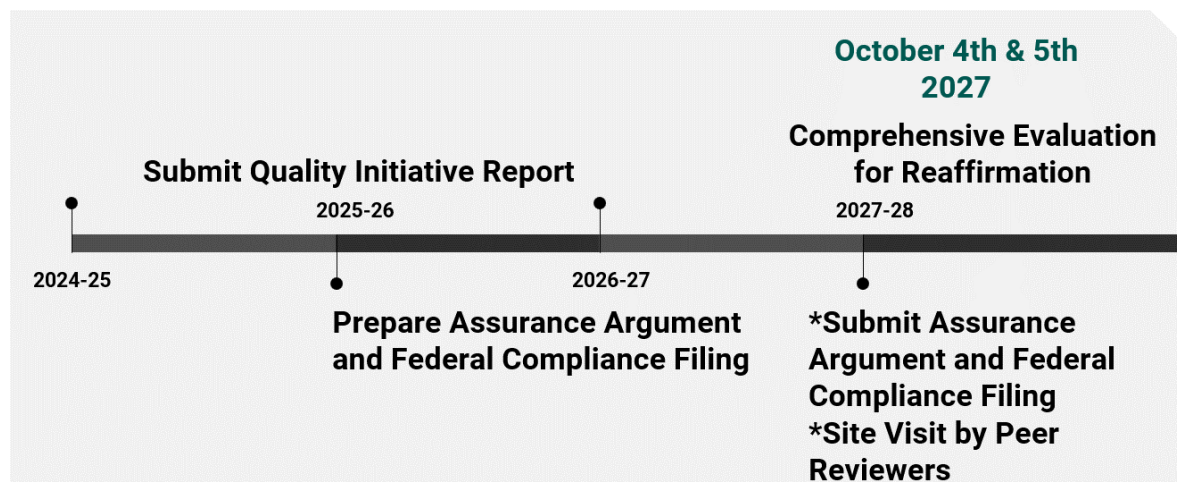
### Ongoing Accreditation Processes

- Annual Institutional Updates
- Certificate and Degree Applications and Evaluations
- Additional Location Applications, Visits, and Evaluations
- 10-Cycle of Accreditation
  - Quality Initiative Application and Report
  - 4-Year and 10-Year Assurance Argument
  - 10-Year Comprehensive Evaluation
  - Interim Reporting (as needed)

### 10-Year Cycle



### 10-Year Timeline



Preparing for October 2027

- Working groups formed to ensure federal compliance filing will be accurate and complete
- Shared governance groups convening to collect evidence for each criteria in the assurance argument
- Community sessions over the next 18 months to gather evidence and share out the key points within the assurance argument
- Preparing for the site visit

Accreditation & Oakton

- Opportunity to demonstrate and document our commitment to our Mission, Vision and Values
- Tell Oakton's story of our work and outcomes
- Engage the broad college community in these efforts

**NEW BUSINESS****11/25-1a      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 Stafford seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

**11/25-1b      Approval of Consent Agenda Items 11/25-2 through 11/25-9**

Trustee Eimer offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the following items 11/25-2 through 11/25-9 as listed in the Consent Agenda."

**11/25-2      Ratification of Payment of Bills for September 2025**

"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 \$8,661,933.13 for all check amounts as listed and for all purposes as appearing on a report dated September 2025."

**11/25-3      Acceptance of Treasurer's Report for September 2025**

"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 September 2025."

**11/25-4      Acceptance of Quarterly Report on Investments**

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 accepts the Quarterly Report on Investments for filing."

**11/25-5      Action on Recordings of Closed Session Minutes**

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 recommends the destruction of the verbatim audio recordings of meetings held on September 19, 2023; October 2, 2023; October 17, 2023; November 14, 2023; December 12, 2023; January 16, 2024; and February 20, 2024."

**11/25-6      Ratification of Payment of Professional Personnel – Fall 2025**

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves an adjustment of \$519,037.62 to the total amount of part-time teaching salaries paid during the fall 2025 semester; the revised total payment amount is \$4,259,336.71."

"Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves an adjustment of \$92,032.79 to the total amount of faculty overload salaries paid during the fall 2025 semester; the revised total payment amount is \$779,002.30."

**11/25-7 Approval of Clinical Practice Agreements**

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

Nursing (1)

Physical Therapy Assistant (2)."

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

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

The motion carried. Student Trustee AbiNader favored the resolution.

**11/25-8 Approval of Revised Memorandum of Understanding between the Oakton Community College Educational Foundation and Community College District 535**

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the revised Memorandum of Understanding with the Oakton Community College Educational Foundation (attached hereto)."

**11/25-9 Approval of Intergovernmental Agreements between Oakton College and the City of Des Plaines**

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College 535 hereby approves the intergovernmental agreements between Oakton College and the City of Des Plaines, attached hereto."

**11/25-10 Appointment of Members to Career Program Advisory Committees for 2025-2026**

Trustee Yanow offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the appointment of members on the attached lists to the below named Career Program Advisory Committees for 2025-2026."

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

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

The motion carried. Student Trustee AbiNader favored the resolution.

**11/25-11 Adoption of Resolution Setting Forth Tax Levies for 2025**

Trustee Stafford offered: "Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 535, County of Cook and State of Illinois, as follows:



**SECTION 1:** That the following sums be and hereby are levied as taxes for the year 2025 (to be collected in 2026) for the purposes set forth below, on the equalized assessed value of the taxable property of Community College District No. 535: the sum of Sixty Million Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-One Dollars (\$60,214,381) as a tax for Educational purposes; and the sum of Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) as a tax for Operations and Maintenance purposes; and the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) as a special tax for Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act purposes; and the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) as a special tax for Social Security and Medicare purposes; and the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) as a special tax for Financial Audit purposes.

**SECTION 2:** That the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535, County of Cook and State of Illinois, is hereby authorized and directed to file a Certificate of Tax Levy in substantially the form that is attached hereto with the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, before the last Tuesday of December 2025.

**SECTION 3:** That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and filing, as provided by law.

**SECTION 4:** That the Chair is authorized to execute the attached Certificate of Compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law."

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

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

The motion carried. Student Trustee AbiNader favored the resolution.

**11/25-12**

**Adoption of Resolution Setting Forth Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) Reduction Designation**

Trustee Stafford offered:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY CLERK REGARDING TAX LEVY EXTENSION SUBJECT TO THE PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION LAW:**

"WHEREAS, on November 18, 2025, the Board of Trustees ("Board") of Community College District No. 535, Cook County, Illinois ("College District") did adopt its 2025 tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has notified each Cook County taxing district subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) that it may direct the County Clerk's Office, by proper resolution, to make specific and necessary reductions to its tax levy for the 2025 levy year in accordance with the requirement of Section 18-195 of the PTELL, 35 ILCS 200/18-195;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 535, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

**Section 1.** That if the County Clerk is required to reduce the aggregate extension of the College District's 2025 tax levy to meet PTELL requirements, the Board hereby authorizes and directs the County Clerk to make the necessary reductions, as follows:

100% of such reductions shall be made from the levy for Educational purposes  
 0% of such reductions shall be made from the levy for Operations and Maintenance purposes  
 0% of such reductions shall be made from the levy for Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act purposes  
 0% of such reductions shall be made from the levy for Social Security and Medicare purposes  
 0% of such reductions shall be made from the levy for Financial Audit purposes

Section 2. That the Chair and Secretary of the Board be and are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Resolution on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. That the President of the College District is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the County Clerk on or before the last Tuesday in December.

Section 4. That all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its passage."

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

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

The motion carried. Student Trustee AbiNader favored the resolution.

### **11/25-13 Authorization to Approve November 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:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor / Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11/25-13a	1	YuJa Panorama: Digital Accessibility Software Solution – One-Year Contract	YuJa, Inc. San Jose, CA	\$32,245.29
11/25-13b	2	Continuation of Employee Medical, Dental, and Vision Insurance	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Illinois Chicago, IL	\$11,829,780.00
			Delta Dental Naperville, IL	\$446,780.00
			Vision Service Plan, Inc. Ranch Cordova, CA	\$51,792.00
11/25-13c	2	Travel Services for Summer 2026 Study Abroad Program in Ghana	EDU Africa Cape Town, South Africa	\$59,640.00
11/25-13d	1	Travel Services for Summer 2026 Study Abroad Program in India	iEXP 360 Mumbai, India	\$36,000.00
11/25-13e	1	Athletics Website Hosting Services	SIDEARMS Sports, LLC Syracuse, NY	\$27,050.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$12,483,287.29."</b>

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

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

The motion carried. Student Trustee AbiNader favored the resolution.

#### **11/25-14 Preview and Initial Discussion of Upcoming Purchases**

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

- a. Auditing Services
- b. GreenLight Professional Services
- c. Fabrication and Installation of Environmental Design Elements
- d. Portable Electric Vehicle Training Aid Simulator
- e. Printing of the Oakton Non-credit Class Schedule
- f. Travel for Men's Baseball Team
- g. Ford Truck for Grounds Department
- h. High Speed Internet Hotspot Data Plans
- i. Salesforce Customer Relationship Management Consulting Services

#### **11/25-15 Approval of Settlement Agreement with Former Teacher**

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the Settlement Agreement between the College and former teacher Ms. Tina Beins-Gillette, as discussed in closed session with the Board of Trustees."

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

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

The motion carried. Student Trustee AbiNader favored the resolution.

#### **11/25-16 First Read of Policy Revisions**

Trustee Eimer offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 hereby accepts for review Board Policy 3011, 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 anonymously.

#### **11/25-17 Notification of Award of Grants**

Funding has been made available to Oakton College:

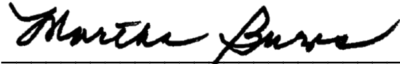
- a. ICCB AEFLA State Basic and State Performance FY26 .....\$1,281,248.00
- b. ICCB Workforce Empowerment Initiative (WEI) FY26 Continuation .....\$930,371.00
- c. NSF Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) IFLIP .....\$95,225.00

d. ICCB Noncredit Strategies at Work (NSAW) FY26 .....\$110,000.00  
**TOTAL: .....\$2,416,844.00**

### Adjournment

Chair Burns 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, December 16, 2025 at the Des Plaines Campus.

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Yanow. A voice vote was called and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Martha Burns, Chair



William Stafford, Secretary

Minutes recorded by:  
Beatriz Sparks  
11/2025