

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES  
APRIL 20, 2026**

The Board of Trustees of Community College District 509, Counties of Kane, Cook, DuPage, McHenry and DeKalb, State of Illinois, held a meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Monday, April 20, 2026, in E125, Seigle Auditorium.

**1. Call to Order by Presiding Officer**

Chair Rakow called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m., indicated that a quorum was present, and asked the recorder to call roll.

*Trustees present:* Ms. Rakow, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Arroyo, Dr. Redmer, Mr. Parks, Mr. Allen, Ms. Barbosa-Guzman and Student Trustees Gidlund and Singh.

*Trustees absent:* None.

*ECC Staff present:* Dr. Heinrich, President; Dr. Schopen, VP, Teaching, Learning and Student Developments; Dr. Wagner, VP, Business & Finance; Dr. Garber, VP, Planning, Institutional Effectiveness & Technology; Mr. Vazquez, General Counsel; and Ms. Kerruish, Recorder; ECC staff and visitors.

Dr. Heinrich welcomed President Emeritus, Dr. David Sam.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Sam.

**3. Introductions**

Introductions were made.

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Committee of the Whole, March 9, 2026**

Chair Rakow requested approval of the minutes of March 9, 2026.

*Motion:* Trustee Rodriguez moved to approve the minutes as presented.

*Second:* Trustee Parks seconded the motion.

*Roll-Call Vote:* Aye, 7; Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Redmer, Parks, Barbosa-Guzman, and Allen; nay, 0; abstain, Student Trustees Gidlund and Singh; 2.  
Motion carried.

**5. Presentation**

**A. College Transitions and Secondary Partnerships – Ms. Sandra Gonzalez**

Ms. Gonzalez provided an overview and purpose of the department. Information regarding the Alliance for College and Career Student Success (ACCSS) was shared. Dual Credit enrollment highlights were provided. An overview of Transitional Math and Science was highlighted. TRiO and Upward Bound programs and necessary funding for those programs was shared.

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## 6. Construction Update

Dr. Wagner provided an overview of the current construction projects on campus.

- **Building S (Manufacturing and Technology Center) Building Project**

Installation of interior doors and windows is nearing completion. Terrazzo tile flooring is being installed throughout the student atrium. Crews are grading the new lot to match our existing lot height and widening Hoffer Drive to accommodate the increased traffic. The outdoor instructional pads for HVAC and Welding are being prepped for concrete pouring this week. The GeoThermal Well is being installed this week. Curb and gutter forming will begin this week. Deliveries of purchased equipment are scheduled to begin May 15 and continue throughout the summer. Furniture is set to be delivered at the end of June. We are on target for our Fall 2026 opening.

- **Building T - New Truck Driving Classroom Building Project**

The interior of the building is in the final stages of drywall hanging. The site work is the largest remaining part of the job. The fence is scheduled to begin in the coming weeks, followed by the completion of the perimeter landscaping, and finally the top course of asphalt.

- **Building O Remodeling**

As we move from Building O to Building S, we will have a better understanding of the mechanical systems and the condition of the overall building. This will help identify the next steps.

- **Building F Renovation (Upgrade Elevator and Replace Generator)**

Engineers and architects have been onsite over the past two weeks assessing the condition of the building's mechanical systems. Next steps include the State's A&E team designing the improved systems. This is a Capital Development Board (CDB) project, and the pace of the project is determined by the CDB's schedule.

- **Exterior Digital Signage**

This project is complete.

## 7. Review Board Actions on the April 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Agenda

### A. Purchases

1. Billboard Advertising Services
2. Copier Agreement Accessories
3. Digital Advertising Services
4. Equipment Purchase – Bandsaw
5. Equipment Purchase – Coordinate Measuring Machines
6. Equipment Purchase – Combination Oven
7. Equipment Purchase – Cryostat Analyzer
8. Equipment Purchase – Deburring and Finishing Machine
9. Equipment Purchase – HVAC Training
10. Equipment Purchase – Metalworking
11. Equipment Purchase – Precision Measurement
12. Equipment Purchase – Servers
13. Equipment Purchase – Welding
14. Equipment Purchase – Welding Carts
15. Equipment Purchase – Workbench
16. LinkedIn Learning Renewal

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17. Software Renewal – Adobe Suite
18. Software Renewal – Ellucian Colleague
19. Software Renewal – Workfront
20. Spring Impact Magazine
21. TV Advertising Services
22. Ratification of Building S Furniture Purchase
23. Ratification of Building S Office Furniture Purchase
24. Ratification of Equipment Purchase – CNC Turning Center
25. Ratification of Equipment Purchase – Gator
26. Ratification of Equipment Purchase – Press Brake
27. Ratification of Equipment Purchase – Stereo Microscopes
28. Ratification of Equipment Purchase – Training Systems

**B. Other Agenda Items**

There were no questions regarding any of the April 21, 2026 agenda items.

**8. Spotlight**

Ms. Kayla Beadles, Manager of Upward Bound, was spotlighted.

**9. Audience Wishing to Address the Board**

Dr. Sam offered memories and reflections of Mr. Duffy and Ms. Stover. He shared information about Bermuda College and how his time at ECC has helped with positive changes in Bermuda.

*The Board recessed at 3:53 p.m. and reconvened at 3:59 p.m.*

**10. Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**11. New Business**

**A. Items of Professional Growth**

**1. Learning Opportunity: Legislative State Agenda**

- a. ICCTA Lobby Day – Springfield, IL – May 6 & 7, 2026

Ms. Ballesteros-Gonzalez shared the drafted agenda and talking points for the Lobby Day visit with the Board.

**2. 2026 ACCT Leadership Congress, Presentation Proposal**

Dr. Heinrich provided an overview of the recommended topic for an ACCT presentation submission. The Board was in support of the recommendation.

**3. Economic Interest Statements Due – May 1, 2026**

**4. Review Proposed Updates to Board Policies GP 7.1 and GP 7.2.c**

Chair Rakow indicated that concerns regarding these policies were brought to her attention following last month's meeting. Conversations and clarification was provided. GP 7.1 will include the proposed wording for social media best practices. Discussion regarding GP 7.2.c included a review of the three proposed options presented. Trustees discussed the conflict of interest that may result should a Trustee enroll in a credit-bearing class. Following discussion, it was determined to include

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the wording from option 1 for inclusion in the policy; replacing the current wording. Both of these items will be brought for action in May.

**5. Community Engagement Events**

Upcoming community engagement events were reviewed and provided via email.

**B. President's Remarks**

Dr. Heinrich provided an overview of the naming standards proposed and discussed for Building S. No concerns were brought forward at this time. Naming opportunities will be shared with the Board for action as they come forward.

**C. Chair's Remarks**

Chair Rakow reminded the Board of the importance of their attendance at the commencement ceremonies.

**D. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**E. Issues for Next Month's Agenda**

No issues were brought forward for the next agenda.

**12. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Trustee Rodriguez moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Second:** Trustee Allen seconded the motion.

**Voice Vote:** Aye, 7; Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Redmer, Parks, Barbosa-Guzman and Allen; Nay, 0. Student Trustees Gidlund and Singh; 2. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

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Patricia Arroyo, Board Secretary

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Diane Kerruish, Board Recorder