

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MAY 11, 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, May 11, 2026, in E125, Seigle Auditorium.

1. Call to Order by Presiding Officer

Chair Rakow called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., indicated that a quorum was present, and asked the recorder to call roll.

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

Trustees absent: Ms. Arroyo and Mr. Parks were absent. Ms. Singh arrived at 4:09 p.m. Dr. Redmer left the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

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.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Rodriguez.

3. Introductions

Introductions were made.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Committee of the Whole, April 20, 2026

Chair Rakow requested approval of the minutes of April 20, 2026.

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

Second: Trustee Barbosa-Guzman seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 5; Rakow, Rodriguez, Redmer, Barbosa-Guzman, and Allen; nay, 0. Motion carried.

5. Presentation

A. Communications & Behavioral Sciences “Education in Action” by Mr. Robertson

Dean Robertson and Associate Dean Bass provided an overview of the Grow Your Own Teachers (GYO-IL) \$50,000 grant ECC received. They shared the Purpose and Practicum objectives of the Education in Action cohort consisting of 15 students. This cohort had the opportunity to tour civil rights landmarks, museums, memorials and various sites throughout Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee, as well as Illinois. These opportunities align directly with ECC’s outcomes and guiding philosophies.

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6. Construction Update

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

- **Renovate Building F, Upgrade Elevator, and Replace Generator**

The Architects and Engineers are wrapping up their existing documentation of the building including electrical and mechanical systems including developing CAD models for all systems. They will use this information to refine the project scope for the first of several cost estimates to be developed with each phase of the project schedule. The CDB will call for a meeting with us to review this additional information in the next several weeks.

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

The completion date remains early summer 2026. Ceiling grid and painting will begin in the next two weeks and also includes other finish items like flooring and plumbing fixtures will be installed. The new fence around the site is being installed now and the exterior finishes will be completed before the end of the month. We are on track for the final asphalt paving and striping to occur in the first weeks of June.

- **Building S/Manufacturing Training Center**

The terrazzo work including the new steps on the Lobby monument stairs will be finished in the next week. Most of the labs and public areas are getting final coats of paint, and any touchups needed. All ceiling grids are installed and the electricians are installing the new lighting and controls in all individual spaces. The labs are getting finished to the point where we will be able to start moving in some new and existing equipment as early as this month. Once the instructional equipment is placed, the construction team will begin to provide electrical, plumbing and gas connections as quickly as possible. Most of the HVAC systems overall are slated to be in operation the week of May 18. A core team has been working to plan the move from Building O to S. All the curb and gutter are installed, with sidewalks and concrete steps also being poured this week. The first course of asphalt paving will likely occur towards the end of May or early June.

- **Building O Remodeling**

As we move from Building O to Building S this summer, we will learn more and begin to develop early assessments of the building. This will help identify the next steps.

7. Review Board Actions on the May 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Agenda

A. Purchases

1. Annual Trane HVAC Equipment Maintenance (Buildings E & K)
2. Arts Center 2026-2027 Season Brochure
3. Continuing Ed/Career Training Schedule Booklets
4. Culinary Arts Study Abroad
5. Equipment Purchase – Boiler Lab
6. Equipment Purchase – Energy Management
7. Equipment Purchase – HVAC
8. Pace Bus Advertising Services
9. Renewal of Computer Backup Software
10. Renewal of Network WiFi Software
11. Ratification of Instructional & Office Notebook Purchase

B. Other Agenda Items

There were no questions regarding any of the May 12, 2026 agenda items.

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8. Spotlight

Ms. Sara Bass, Associate Dean of Communications & Behavioral Sciences (CABS), was spotlighted.

9. Audience Wishing to Address the Board

There were no audience members wishing to address the Board.

The Board recessed at 4:11 p.m. and reconvened at 4:19 p.m.

10. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

11. New Business

A. Items of Professional Growth

1. Learning Opportunity: FY27 College Goals

Dr. Garber reviewed the four FY 2027 goals for the College that tie in with our Key Imperatives.

2. ICCTA Annual Meeting – Lombard, IL – June 5 & 6, 2026

A reminder was provided for those attending.

3. Board Retreat – June 22 & 23, 2026

The Board was requested to complete the Top 5 CliftonStrengths assessment by May 28.

4. ACCT Leadership Congress – Chicago – October 21-24, 2026

Trustees to confirm attendance in June to take advantage of lower costs.

5. Community Engagement Events

Upcoming community engagement events were reviewed and provided via email.

B. President's Remarks

Dr. Heinrich provided an update on the number of students planning to attend May commencement ceremonies; 358 students for the Career Tech ceremony and 438 for University Transfer ceremony.

C. Chair's Remarks

Chair Rakow reminded the Board to be checking their emails from Ms. Kerruish and Ms. McConnell for all upcoming events.

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 Barbosa-Guzman seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Aye, 4; Rakow, Rodriguez, Barbosa-Guzman and Allen; Nay, 0. Student Trustee Singh; aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.