COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
JUNE 8, 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, June 8, 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, and Student Trustee Singh.

Trustees absent: Ms. Barbosa-Guzman

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 Parks.

3. Introductions
Introductions were made.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Committee of the Whole, May 11, 2026
Chair Rakow requested approval of the minutes of May 11, 2026.

Motion: Trustee Arroyo moved to approve the minutes as presented.
Second: Trustee Allen seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 5; Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Redmer, and Allen; nay, 0; abstain, 1; Parks. Student Trustee Singh, aye. Motion carried.

5. Presentation

A. Global Engagement and Intensive English Program: The Strategic Impact of International Education at ECC – Dr. Nehlsen and Mr. Pickens
Dr. Nehlsen and Mr. Pickens shared an overview of these two programs and how they serve international students at ECC. Highlights included recruitment strategies, annual enrollment statistics, types of sessions held, populations served, and feedback from students in the programs. Also included was a review of the Homestay program. Current challenges and support was shared. The presentation was concluded with a review of the impact international education has at ECC.

B. Learning Opportunity: Status Updates from MTC Steering Committee
Dr. Wagner and Dr. Schopen shared an overview of the structure, purpose and guiding statements that help direct the steering committee work for the manufacturing technology center and the truck driving building projects. We are on schedule for August classes.

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

- **Renovate Building F, Upgrade Elevator, and Replace Generator**
  The architect requested an extension of a couple of weeks for the first deliverable from the CDB Project Manager. A breakdown of what's needed for the project to stay on budget will be included.
- **Building T - New Truck Driving Classroom Building Project**
  Asphalt to be completed as weather allows within the next two weeks. Landscaping and fencing is near completion. Final inspections are taking place as work is completed. Furniture is set to be delivered the week of June 22.
- **Building S/Manufacturing Technology Center**
  The initial binder course of asphalt was completed this past Saturday meaning all of the moving and rigging activities can begin as planned today. Furniture is scheduled to begin arriving June 22. Landscaping is ongoing and the construction fence has been removed. IT will begin to connect our network infrastructure on June 15.
- **Building O Remodeling**
  As SBCT programs move over to Building S, we will be able to see big picture items like conditions of the floors, power supplies and any residual clean up issues. That evaluation will assist leadership to determine the best programming for the renovation, but also to determine any possible viable interim short-term solutions for other areas such as office space.
- **Building M Water Issue**
  Tuesday June 2, the ECC Building engineer department was contacted about rising water at the west end of Building M. When they arrived they found rapid water coming up from the floor slab in the mens and womens restrooms. Engineers and custodians started to both squeegee and use floor extractors to remove the water since the water rose between one and one and a half inches within 20 minutes in this third of the building. The Campus Emergency Operations Center was activated and in compliance with our campus emergency operations plan, by noon, a declared state of emergency was signed to allow staff to work quickly to procure necessary vendors to assist in remedying the situation. The Operation and Maintenance teams closed the city water valve and worked for two hours to remove all standing water. The main central and east portions of Bldg M were not affected. ServPro was engaged and were on site quickly assessing the work needed. They sent a large crew of techs to start extracting water from carpets and other flooring areas and dry walls. By 6pm most of the moisture was gone from all spaces. ServPro had delivered an industrial dehumidification system to extract moisture from all surfaces including under floor systems. That system runs continuously until all the moisture is out. The next day, the engineers engaged with a plumbing excavation contractor and it was discovered the cause is a break in the 8 inch sprinkler main for this portion of the building. Unfortunately, the break is under the floor slab in the two bathrooms. No other structural damage appeared to be caused by the flood.

Our next step is to return all spaces back to operating condition as soon as possible for the Fall semester while we demo the floor slab in the affected bathrooms. At that point we will determine if there is any additional repairs required.

7. FY 2027 Budget
There were no questions or concerns regarding the FY 2027 Budget.

8. Review Board Actions on the June 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Agenda
A. Purchases
1. Annual Fire Alarm System Testing
2. Building S Interior Signage – Phase I
3. Data Warehouse Maintenance Consultant
4. Snow Removal Services
5. Terminalfour Software Renewal
6. Ratification of Notebook Purchase
7. Ratification of Robotic Welding Purchase

B. Other Agenda Items
There were no questions regarding any of the June 9, 2026 agenda items.

9. Spotlight
Dr. Lauren Nehlsen, Associate Dean of Recruitment, Outreach and Global Engagement, was spotlighted.

10. Audience Wishing to Address the Board
There were no audience members wishing to address the Board.

The Board recessed at 4:20 p.m. and reconvened at 4:27 p.m.

11. Old Business
There was no old business to discuss.

12. New Business
A. Items of Professional Growth
1. **Board Retreat – June 22 & 23, 2026**
   Location and start time reminders were provided.
2. **ACCT Leadership Congress – Chicago – October 21-24, 2026**
   Trustees confirmed attendance.
3. **Community Engagement Events**
   Upcoming community engagement events were reviewed and provided via email. Chair Rakow reminded Trustees about Carol Gieske's reception on Juen 23.

B. President's Remarks
Dr. Heinrich welcomed Sally Berkhia and Michelle Pineda to the College. Dr. Heinrich thanked Ms. Santana and Dr. Garber for their work on the Equity Plan.

C. Chair's Remarks
There were no remarks shared.

D. Announcements
There were no announcements.

E. Issues for Next Month's Agenda
No issues were brought forward for the next agenda.

13. Adjournment

Motion: Trustee Rodriguez moved to adjourn the meeting.
Second: Trustee Arroyo seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Aye, 6; Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Redmer, Parks, and Allen; Nay, 0. Student Trustee Singh; aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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Patricia Arroyo, Board Secretary

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Diane Kerruish, Board Recorder