COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 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, August 10, 2026, in E125, Seigle Auditorium.

1. Call to Order by Presiding Officer

Chair Rakow called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m., indicated that a quorum was present, and asked the recorder to call roll.

Trustees present:	Ms. Rakow, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Barbosa-Guzman, Dr. Redmer, Mr. Parks, and Mr. Allen.
Trustees absent:	Ms. Arroyo arrived at 3:12 p.m. and Ms. Singh arrived at 3:52 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.

A moment of silence was held for Brian Signorella, Shinya "Steve" Takai and Dr. Susan Timm.

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, June 8, 2026

Chair Rakow requested approval of the minutes of June 8, 2026.

Motion:	Trustee Barbosa-Guzman moved to approve the minutes as presented.
Second:	Trustee Redmer seconded the motion.
Roll-Call Vote:	Aye, 6; Rakow, Rodriguez, Barbosa-Guzman, Parks, Redmer, and Allen; nay, 0. Motion carried.

5. Presentation

A. Health Professions – Ms. Denise Kruckenberg

Dean Kruckenberg provided an overview and history of the current health professions programs offered at ECC. She reviewed clinical partnerships, accreditation, and how simulators have changed instruction through the years.

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-Engineer prepared and submitted the first full set of schematic design documents. This included drawings of demolition, HVAC and electrical upgrades and some architectural work such as new ceilings. They also submitted the first full cost estimate which maintains the original budget for the defined scope. Approval was received to move to the next phase; design development. Plans will be refined and an overall schedule will be prepared. The full team will meet later this month to discuss the overall project goals and update the scope as needed. The project schedule is still fluid; but plans for minimizing impact on Building F operations will begin. This project could be slated to begin as early as next year.
- **Building T - New Truck Driving Classroom Building Project**
  The last piece of the project is the permanent area lighting in the new skills lot. These will be installed by the end of August. All the instructors have moved in and the classroom and labs are set up for new instruction in the Fall. An open house and grand opening event are scheduled for November 5.
- **Building S/Manufacturing Technology Center**
  We have met our two-year goal for Building S to be ready for fall term classes on Monday, August 24. The remaining areas for these last two weeks are to connect the existing and new curriculum equipment to compressed air, electrical and natural gas systems. We are hoping for full occupancy once the new elevator is registered with the State. The Dean's office and various instructors have moved into their offices while finishing up the setup of their labs and classrooms. Most of the furniture is delivered and installed throughout the building. IT is installing new computers for classrooms and testing all systems to ensure they are ready for the semester. The landscaping and exterior areas are complete. The Grand Opening is scheduled for September 24, 4-6pm.
- **Building O Remodeling**
  The RFP for the engineering/environmental inspections will be made available this October for a November Board Action. We will target independent firms with previous experience with both environmental testing as well as mechanical, electrical, plumbing and structural evaluation. All equipment and SBCT personnel have moved out of Building O and into Building S. We may use Building O for temporary office space for Building M faculty as we repair that area in the early part of the fall term. Building O will be inactive as we conserve energy costs and focus on the building evaluation.
- **Building M Water Issue**
  On the morning of Tuesday June 2, the west side of Building M experienced a flood due to a break in the 8-inch sprinkler main for this portion of the building. We worked with an outside vendor to remove all the water. The demolition of the walls and floor slab at the sprinkler main began last week. We uncovered the large hole that developed on the 8-inch sprinkler main and will engage with an underground plumbing contractor to perform the repair. The contractor has started the second phase of their work to patch and repair the drywall that was removed to dry out internal walls. IT has developed a preliminary scope of work to replace and repair the underground data wiring that was submerged. We will also refine that scope as we review the use of the spaces impacted

by this event. We will continue to work with our insurance carrier to determine covered claims and our costs.

7. Review Board Actions on the August 11, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Agenda

A. Purchases

1. Building S Interior Signage – Phase II
2. Fire Gear Purchase
3. Global Health and Culture Study Abroad
4. Lift Truck Purchase
5. Renewal of Arts Center Ticketing System
6. Renewal of Google Workspace License
7. Renewal of Microsoft License
8. Tableau Dashboard Optimization and Training
9. Tractor and Trailer Maintenance Services
10. Ratification of Equipment Purchase – Heat Pump

B. Other Agenda Items

There were no questions regarding any of the August 11, 2026 agenda items.

8. Spotlight

Heather Escobar, Senior Director of Nursing Program, was spotlighted.

9. Audience Wishing to Address the Board

There were no audience members wishing to address the Board.

The Board recessed at 3:44 p.m. and reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

10. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

11. New Business

A. Items of Professional Growth

1. **Board Retreat Review – Approval of Board Goals and Strategies for 2026-2027**
   Trustee Redmer provided an overview of the Board Retreat. Dr. Miles' executive summary was shared with the Trustees. Trustees had no changes to the goals document as presented.
2. **Trustee In-State Attendance at ICCTA – Springfield, September 18-19, 2026**
   Trustee Allen confirmed attendance.
3. **Community Engagement Events**
   Upcoming community engagement events were reviewed and provided via email. Chair Rakow reminded Trustees to provide their availability for community engagements so the slated attendee list can be compiled and distributed.

B. President's Remarks

Dr. Heinrich shared the following:

- Reminder about the Foundation's homecoming events.
- An update on the US v. Illinois ruling.

- The presentation proposal submitted to ACCT was accepted. However, due to the assigned time and available trustees, it is recommended that we decline the opportunity to present this year.

C. Chair's Remarks

- Chair Rakow reminded the Board about the employee and new student convocations taking place next week.
- Trustee Allen is now on ICCTA's executive committee as the Vice Chair of the Diversity Committee.
- Trustee Arroyo is being honored at the Kane County Chapter of the National Latina Day in the USA event. Trustee Emeritus Ollayos plans to attend.

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, 7; Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Redmer, Barbosa-Guzman, Parks, and Allen; Nay, 0. Student Trustee Singh; aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Patricia Arroyo, Board Secretary

Diane Kerruish, Board Recorder