

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 14, 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, September 14, 2026, in E125, Seigle Auditorium.

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

Chair Rakow called the meeting to order at 3:00 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, Mr. Allen and Ms. Singh.

*Trustees absent:* Ms. Arroyo.

*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 to remember all who were lost or impacted by September 11, 2001.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Student Trustee Singh.

**3. Introductions**

Introductions were made.

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Committee of the Whole, August 10, 2026**

Chair Rakow requested approval of the minutes of August 10, 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; and Student Trustee Singh, aye. Motion carried.

**5. Presentation**

**A. ECC Foundation – Ms. Sally Berkhia**

Ms. Berkhia and her staff gave an overview of their positions and shared the work they are doing within their department and throughout the College.

**6. Construction Update**

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

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

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Staff met with the design team to finalize the schematic design with some comments from our team about scope for lighting and controls. The next phase should be completed by November.

- **Building S/Manufacturing Technology Center**

Contractors are finishing up connecting instructional equipment to building systems for the second session of classes this semester. Maintenance staff and Faculty training is beginning this week for all major systems. Our Engineers are now watching the building through the building automation system. Lamp Inc., is working on a solution for rebuilding the air compressors that were flooded in August.

- **Building O Remodeling**

Purchasing and Operations is developing the scope of a request for proposal for environmental assessment of the building as well as documenting structural, plumbing and electrical system status.

- **Building M Water Issue**

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 on June 2. Staff worked with an outside vendor to remove all the water. ServPro is finishing up the second phase of drywall replacement. We have replaced the sprinkler main that broke causing the flood. Purchasing and our IT department are working together on a bid package for the underground wiring affected by the flood. Purchasing and Operations are also working on the scope of a bid project to replace the walls and finishes in the restrooms that were affected by the flood.

**7. Review Board Actions on the September 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Agenda**

**A. Purchases**

1. Automatic Tissue Processor Purchase
2. Boiler Purchase
3. Fall Impact Magazine
4. Locks and System Components Purchase – Phase II
5. Renewal of Network Software
6. Renewal of Service Management Licenses
7. Ratification of Notebooks Purchase
8. Ratification of Remediation Services – Building M
9. Ratification of Time and Attendance Software Services

**B. Other Agenda Items**

There were no questions regarding any of the September 15, 2026 agenda items.

**8. Spotlight**

Sally Berkhia, Chief Advancement Officer & Executive Director of Foundation, was spotlighted.

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

There were no audience members wishing to address the Board.

*The Board recessed at 3:39 p.m. and reconvened at 3:45 p.m.*

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**10. Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**11. New Business**

**A. Items of Professional Growth**

**1. Learning Opportunity: Financial Statement Review and Discussion by Dr. Kim Wagner**

Dr. Wagner provided an in-depth review of the monthly treasurer's report. The Board of Trustees is responsible for approving monthly reports, audits and the budget.

**2. ACCT Leadership Congress Voting Delegate and Alternate**

Trustee Arroyo is the voting delegate and Trustee Allen is the alternate.

**3. Community Engagement Events**

Upcoming community engagement events were reviewed and provided via email.

**B. President's Remarks**

Dr. Heinrich shared the following:

- Pending Board approval tomorrow evening, ECC has received a \$1 Million grant from the Gene Haas Foundation for the Gene Haas CNC Machining Laboratory within the Manufacturing and Technology Center. This funding can support such things as CNC-focused student programming, manufacturing summer camps and youth outreach, student manufacturing competitions and technical showcases, SkillsUSA participation, CNC-related scholarships, enhanced metrology and complementary instructional equipment, and manufacturing career awareness events.
- Dr. Heinrich thanked the board for attending opening day convocation while we discussed community college 3.0 with our plenary speaker from the Aspen Institute, Pascale Charlot, setting the stage for our focus on not only enrollment and completion outcomes but also post-completion outcomes.

**C. Chair's Remarks**

- Chair Rakow reminded the Board about the opportunity to apply to serve on ACCT committees and that the deadline is November 1.
- An update was given on the handbook reorganization process. Chair Rakow and Vice Chair Rodriguez will provide a status update in November.

**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:** Student Trustee Singh moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

**Voice Vote:** Aye, 6; Rakow, Rodriguez, Redmer, Barbosa-Guzman, Parks, and Allen; Nay, 0. Student Trustee Singh; aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.