

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF
APRIL 28, 2025**

The Board of Trustees of Community College District 509, Counties of Kane, Cook, DuPage, McHenry and DeKalb, State of Illinois, convened a special meeting on Monday, April 28, 2025, in Building E, Room E125, Seigle Auditorium.

Call to Order

Chair Redmer called the special meeting to order at 5:31 p.m., indicated that a quorum was present, and asked the recorder to call roll.

1. Preliminary Matters

A. Roll Call

Trustees present: Dr. Redmer, Ms. Rakow, Mr. Nowak, Ms. Arroyo, Dr. Ollayos, Mr. Parks, Mr. Rodriguez and student trustee, Mr. Gidlund

Trustees absent: None

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Student Trustee Gidlund.

C. The Board Purpose

Trustee Ollayos read the Board Purpose.

Introductions were made.

2. President's Comments

- Dr. Heinrich acknowledged Ms. King, SSECCA president in the audience.
- Dr. Heinrich welcomed new Student Trustee Gidlund to the Board and thanked Mr. Nowak and Dr. Ollayos for their years of service.

3. Audience Wishing to Address the Board

There were no audience members wishing to address the Board.

4. Board Action No. 197-A-25, Resolution Adopting Results of the Consolidated Election Held April 1, 2025

Motion: Trustee Nowak moved to approve the resolution.

Second: Trustee Arroyo seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, Redmer, Rakow, Nowak, Arroyo, Ollayos, Parks, Rodriguez, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried

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5. Consideration of and Possible Actions on Any Requests for a Board Member's Electronic Participation in a Meeting

Motion: Trustee Rodriguez made a motion to allow Trustee Barbosa-Guzman to attend the meeting via phone due to personal illness.

Second: Trustee Arroyo seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, Redmer, Rakow, Arroyo, Parks, Rodriguez and Allen, 6; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried

Trustee Barbosa-Guzman confirmed her attendance by phone, could hear and be heard.

6. Affirmation of Service – All Trustees

In unison, the Board stated the Elgin Community College Board of Trustees Affirmation of Service. Trustee Barbosa-Guzman participated via phone.

7. Board Action No. 198-A-25, Resolution of Appreciation, Trustee Shane Nowak

Trustee Nowak's Resolution of Appreciation was read by Trustee Parks.

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

Second: Trustee Arroyo seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, Redmer, Rakow, Arroyo, Parks, Rodriguez, Allen and Barbosa-Guzman, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried

8. Election of Officers

A. Board Action No. 199-A-25, Election of Board Chair

Dr. Heinrich opened the floor to nominations for the office of Board Chair.

Motion: Trustee Redmer moved to nominate Trustee Rakow for Board Chair.

Second: Trustee Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, Redmer, Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Parks, Allen and Barbosa-Guzman, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried

B. Board Action No. 200-A-25, Election of the Board Secretary

Dr. Heinrich opened the floor to nominations for the office of Board Secretary.

Motion: Trustee Rakow moved to nominate Trustee Arroyo for Board Secretary.

Second: Trustee Allen seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, Redmer, Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Parks, Allen and Barbosa-Guzman, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried

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C. Board Action No. 201-A-25, Election of Vice Chair

Dr. Heinrich opened the floor to nominations for the office of Board Vice Chair.

Motion: Trustee Parks moved to nominate Trustee Rodriguez for Board Vice Chair.

Second: Trustee Rakow seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, Redmer, Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Parks, Allen and Barbosa-Guzman, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried

9. Reorganization of the Board of Trustees

A. Approval of Chair Rakow's Appointments

- 1. Board Action No. 202-A-25, Appointment of the Treasurer,** approves the appointment of Dr. Kimberly Wagner as treasurer for a one-year term and affixes her compensation at \$1 per year.

Motion: Trustee Parks moved to approve the appointment.

Second: Trustee Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, Redmer, Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Parks, Allen and Barbosa-Guzman, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried

- 2. Board Action No. 203-A-25, Appointment of Audit Firm Fiscal Year 2025,** approves the chair's reappointment of Sikich LLP to conduct the annual audit for fiscal year 2025. The fee for preparation of the fiscal year 2025 audit and financial statements should not exceed \$92,940.

Motion: Trustee Rodriguez moved to approve the appointment.

Second: Trustee Arroyo seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, Redmer, Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Parks, Allen and Barbosa-Guzman, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried

- 3. Board Action No. 204-A-25, Appointment of Legal Counsel,** approves the appointment of law firms to act as legal counsel for the college.

Motion: Trustee Parks moved to approve the appointment.

Second: Trustee Allen seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, Redmer, Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Parks, Allen and Barbosa-Guzman, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried

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4. Board Action No. 205-A-25, Appointment of Board Representatives and Liaisons, approves the Board Chair's appointments to various committees of the college and external organizations as follows:

- Committee of the Whole; Entire Board of Trustees
- Finance Committee; Chair, Trustee Parks; Members, Trustees Allen and Barbosa-Guzman
- Legislative Liaison, Trustee Rodriguez
- Foundation Liaison, Trustee Allen
- Retreat Leader, TBD at a later date
- ICCTA Representative, Trustee Allen; Alternate, Trustee Arroyo
- ACCT Representative, Trustee Arroyo

Motion: Trustee Rodriguez moved to accept the appointments.

Second: Trustee Arroyo seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, Redmer, Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Parks, Allen and Barbosa-Guzman, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried

B. Board Action No. 206-A-25, Confirmation of 2025 Schedule of Board Meetings, Elgin Community College, Regular, Committee of the Whole and Finance Committee

Motion: Trustee Allen moved to accept the recommendation.

Second: Trustee Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, Redmer, Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Parks, Allen and Barbosa-Guzman, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried

C. Board Action No. 207-A-25, Administrative Line of Succession During the President's Absence

Motion: Trustee Parks moved to accept the recommendation.

Second: Trustee Allen seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, Redmer, Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Parks, Allen and Barbosa-Guzman, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried

10. Old Business

There was no old business brought forward.

11. New Business

There was no new business brought forward.

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12. Recess to Closed Session

Chair Rakow asked for a motion to recess immediately to closed session under the following exceptions to the *Illinois Open Meetings Act*:

A. To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in an educational setting...

B. To discuss litigation, when an action...has been filed...or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent...

all pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes Sections 120/2 (c) (1 and 11 respectively)

Motion: Trustee Redmer moved to recess to closed session.

Second: Trustee Allen seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, Redmer, Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Parks, Allen and Barbosa-Guzman, 7; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried at 5:55 p.m.

The closed-session concluded at 6:34 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 6:35 p.m. in E100.01.

13. Adjournment

Motion: Trustee Parks moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Second: Trustee Arroyo seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Aye, 6; nay, 0; student trustee, aye; motion carried

Patricia Arroyo, BA, Board Secretary

Diane Kerruish, Board Recorder