

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2026**

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 Wednesday, January 14, 2026, in Building E, Room E100.01.

1. Call to Order and Preliminary Matters

A. Roll Call

Chair Rakow called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., indicated that a quorum was present, and asked the recorder to call roll.

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

Trustees absent: Mr. Parks and Student Trustee Mr. Gidlund

ECC staff and

Others: Dr. Heinrich, President; Dr. Schopen, VP, Teaching, Learning and Student Development; Dr. Wagner, VP, Business & Finance, Dr. Phil Garber, VP, Planning, Institutional Effectiveness & Technology; Mr. Vazquez, General Counsel; Ms. Guengerich, Chief Human Resources Officer; and Ms. Kerruish, Recorder.

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

No requests were made.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was led by Trustee Rodriguez

2. Audience Wishing to Address the Board

There were no audience members wishing to address the Board.

3. Recess to Closed Session

A. To consider collective negotiation matters...for one or more classes of employees... pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes Section 120/2 (c) (2)

Motion: Trustee Redmer moved to recess to closed session.

Second: Trustee Allen seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote: Aye, 6; Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Allen and Barbosa-Guzman, Redmer; nay, 0; motion carried at 6:02 p.m.

4. Reconvene Open Session

The closed session concluded at 7:13 p.m. The board reconvened in open session.

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5. Adjournment

Motion: Trustee Barbosa-Guzman moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Trustee Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Aye, 6; Rakow, Rodriguez, Arroyo, Allen, Barbosa-Guzman, Redmer;
nay; 0; meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m..

Patricia Arroyo, Board Secretary

Diane Kerruish, Board Recorder