



**Board of Trustees
Community College District 535**

Minutes of the June 27, 2023 Decennial Committee Meeting

A Decennial Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 was conducted on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 in Room 1506 at the Des Plaines campus of Oakton College, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Yanow called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Trustee Bush called the roll:

Dr. Wendy Yanow	Chair	Present
Dr. Gail Bush	Vice Chair	Present
Mr. William Stafford	Secretary	Absent
Ms. Theresa Bashiri-Remetio		Present
Ms. Martha Burns		Present
Mr. Benjamin Salzberg		Absent
Ms. Marie Toussaint		Present
Ms. Lydia Cruz	Student Trustee	Present
Mr. Puamuh Ghogomu	Committee Member	Present
Ms. Patricia Harada	Committee Member	Present

Also present in room 1506 at the Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road:

College Leadership: Dr. Joianne Smith, President; Dr. Karl Brooks, CSSO/Vice President for Student Affairs; Edwin Chandrasekar, CFO/Vice President for Administrative Affairs; Dr. Colette Hands, CHRO; Katherine Sawyer, Chief Advancement Officer.

Administrators: Daniel Weber, Registrar; Andy Williams, Controller; Stephen Butera, Director of Communications and External Relations; Ruben Howard, Director of Workforce Curriculum and Instruction.

Faculty: Bill Strond, Biology; Louis Pierozzi, Art and Design.

Staff: Beatriz Sparks, Special Assistant to the Board; Leah Kintner, Workforce Development; Jeffrey Gossrow, Budget and Accounting; Ewa Lyczewska, Marketing and Communications

Students: Chris AbiNade

Other: Christopher Hirst, new faculty hire.

Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Yanow led the pledge.

Land Acknowledgment – Trustee Burns read the land acknowledgment

Public Comments – None

Discussion

The Illinois Public Act 102-1088 requires all local units of government that levy a tax, except municipalities and counties, to convene a Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency to study local efficiencies and report recommendations regarding efficiencies and increased accountability. The Decennial Committee must meet 3 times within 18 months, and must submit a summary report to the County Board.

The Committee will identify documents for review and analysis, and draft a report that includes the committee's charge, what data and information was considered and committee recommendations related to the charge.

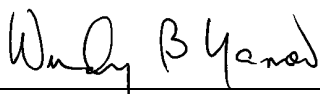
Areas for Consideration for the Committee

- Financial Accountability and Transparency – Oakton is a public institution that relies on funding from local taxpayers, and state and federal grants. As part of the Decennial Review Process, the Committee can review financial reporting documents, FOIA compliance and OMA compliance to ensure that the College is ensuring the highest level of financial stewardship, accountability and transparency to the public. A study of efficiency would include a review of allocation of resources to fulfill the College's mission.
- Intergovernmental Partnerships – As the community's college, Oakton engages in numerous partnerships with other public bodies, including partnerships with K-12 districts, municipalities, and townships. As part of the Decennial Review process the Committee can review existing partnerships to identify areas of increased efficiency, collaboration and accountability. A study of efficiency would include reviewing existing Memoranda of Understanding, Joint Agreements (including the Alliance for Lifelong Learning), and Intergovernmental Agreements to determine their effectiveness in fulfilling the College's mission.

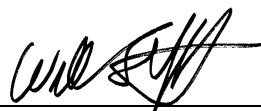
The committee's consensus was to review intergovernmental partnerships to identify efficiencies.

Adjournment

At 6:29 p.m., Chair Yanow asked for a motion for an adjournment. Trustee Bashiri-Remetio made the motion, seconded by Trustee Yanow. Trustee Stafford made the roll call, and the motion passed unanimously.



Wendy B. Yanow, Chair



William Stafford, Secretary

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