

**The 821st Meeting
of
The Board of Trustees
May 26, 2026**



Mission, Vision, and Values Statements

Mission

Oakton is the community's college. By providing access to quality education throughout a lifetime, we empower and transform our students in the diverse communities we serve.

Vision

Dedicated to teaching and learning, Oakton is a student-centered college known for academic rigor and high standards. Through exemplary teaching that relies on innovation and collaboration with our community partners, our students learn to think critically, solve problems, and to be ethical global citizens who shape the world. We are committed to diversity, cultural competence, and achieving the equity in student outcomes.

Values

A focus on Oakton students is at the core of each of these values.

- We exercise **responsibility** through accountability to each other, our community, and the environment.
- We embrace the **diversity** of the Oakton community and honor it as one of our college's primary strengths.
- We advance **equity** by acknowledging the effects of systemic social injustices and intentionally designing the Oakton experience to foster success for all students.
- We uphold **integrity** through a commitment to trust, transparency, and honesty by all members of the Oakton community.
- We cultivate **compassion** within a caring community that appreciates that personal fulfillment and well-being are central to our mission.
- We foster **collaboration** within the college and the larger community and recognize our interdependence and ability to achieve more together.

Ratified by the Board of Trustees on March 21, 2017 and reaffirmed on September 16, 2025.

Land Acknowledgment for Oakton

Oakton is the community's college. We recognize that our community embodies a network of historical connections and contemporary relationships with Native peoples, families, students, and alumni. We continue to live and work on the traditional homelands stolen from many different Native peoples, including but not limited to the Bodéwadomi (Potawatomi), Ojibwe (Chippewa), Odawaa (Ottawa), Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Mamaceqtaw (Menominee), Myaamiaki (Miami), Thakiwaki (Sac and Fox) and Hoocągra (Ho-Chunk) nations. Others have settled and cared for this land from time immemorial. The land of our Des Plaines campus nurtured a large Potawatomi settlement along the Des Plaines River. This was a site of trade, travel, and gathering for many Native people. With the lush forests and vibrant river, these communities flourished in this beautiful land of biodiversity and reciprocity. These lands are still home to many Native people of many nations.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on December 13, 2022.

Anti-Racism Statement

Oakton is an anti-racist, inclusive, transparent institution; invested in and accountable to the communities we serve. We are committed to transforming all curricula, policies, structures and practices to dismantle and eliminate racism and other forms of oppression so all members of our community thrive. Through reflection, empowerment, and accountability to anti-racist people of color, we model the socially just and equitable transformation that we want to see in the world.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on February 15, 2022.

Neurodiversity Statement

Oakton College is committed to recognizing the neurodiversity of our community and developing equitable policies and procedures to enhance the Oakton experience for all students, employees, and community members.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on August 15, 2023.



1600 East Golf Road
Des Plaines, Illinois 60016

Closed Session
5 p.m. – Room 1502

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Consideration of a motion to close the meeting to the public for the purpose of the following:
 - Review closed session minutes of April 21, 2026
 - Consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiation matters; and pending litigation
3. Consideration of a motion for adjournment
4. Adjournment

Open Session
6 p.m. – Room 1506

Individuals who wish to address the Board of Trustees during the Public Participation portion of the meeting should send an email to bsparks@oakton.edu including their name, town/affiliation, and the item they wish to address to the Board, no later than 6 p.m. on May 26, 2026.

The meeting will be broadcast on Oakton TV: <https://play.champds.com/oaktoncollegeil/live/5>

Agenda

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Pledge of Allegiance

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Consent Agenda

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Other Items

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| R | 5/26-9 | Authorization to Approve May Purchases |
- a. Replacement Wi-Fi Access Points and Support Services
 - b. Wellness Kiosks Service Agreement – Three-Year Contract
 - c. Athletics Website Hosting Services – Three-Year Contract Renewal
 - d. Library Services (CARLI and NILRC) – One-Year Contract Renewal
 - e. Transportation Services for Athletic Teams – One-Year Contract Renewal
 - f. Zoom Video Conferencing Services – Three-Year Contract Renewal
 - g. Dell Monitor Hubs
 - h. Lexmark Printers
 - i. Network Access Switches and Hardware Support and Maintenance
 - j. Cisco Systems Hardware and Software Support – One-Year Contract Renewal
 - k. Annual VMware Support and License – One-Year Contract Renewal
 - l. Lightcast Services – Three-Year Contract
 - m. Extreme Networks Wi-Fi SaaS Licenses – One-Year Contract Renewal
 - n. Consulting Services for Environmental Branding Initiative – Outdoor Banner Placement

o. Consulting Services for Competency-Based Education (CBE) Design and Implementation

- 5/26-10 Preview and Initial Discussion of Upcoming Purchases
- 5/26-11 Authorization to Hire Full-Time, Tenure-Track Faculty Members
- 5/26-12 Acceptance of Faculty Resignation
- 5/26-13 First Read of Policy Revisions
- 5/26-14 Notification of Award of Grants

Adjournment



Minutes of the April 21, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535

The 820th meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 was conducted on April 21, 2026 at the Skokie campus of Oakton College, 7701 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, Illinois.

Closed Session – Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Burns called the meeting to order at 5:23 p.m. in room A167. Trustee Stafford called the roll:

Trustee Martha Burns	Chair	Present
Trustee Theresa Bashiri-Remetio	Vice Chair	Present
Trustee William Stafford	Secretary	Present
Trustee Micah Eimer		Present
Trustee Benjamin Salzberg		Present
Trustee Marie Lynn Toussaint		Present
Trustee Wendy Yanow		Present
Trustee Chris AbiNader	Student Trustee	Present

Chair Burns asked for a motion to go into closed session under the exceptions to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, with the purpose of reviewing closed session minutes of March 16, 2026; and considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, collective negotiating matters, and pending litigation.

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio made the motion, seconded by Trustee Salzberg. Trustee Stafford called the roll:

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio	Aye
Trustee Burns	Aye
Trustee Eimer	Aye
Trustee Salzberg	Aye
Trustee Stafford	Aye
Trustee Toussaint	Aye
Trustee Yanow	Aye
Trustee AbiNader	Aye

Also present in room A167 were Dr. Joianne Smith, President; Johanna Fine, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dr. Bernard Little, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Ileo Lott, Vice President for Academic Affairs; and Michele Roberts, Vice President for Administrative Affairs.

At 5:58 p.m., Trustee Salzberg made a motion to adjourn the closed session meeting which was seconded by Trustee Bashiri-Remetio. A voice vote was called and the closed session was adjourned.

Open Session – Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Burns called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 6:09 p.m. in room P103.

Trustee Stafford called the roll:

Trustee Martha Burns	Chair	Present
Trustee Theresa Bashiri-Remetio	Vice Chair	Present
Trustee William Stafford	Secretary	Present
Trustee Micah Eimer		Present
Trustee Benjamin Salzberg		Present
Trustee Marie Lynn Toussaint		Absent for Roll Call
Trustee Wendy Yanow		Present
Trustee Chris AbiNader	Student Trustee	Present

Trustee Burns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Trustee AbiNader read the Land Acknowledgment.

Also present in room P103:

Leadership: Dr. Joianne Smith, President; Johanna Fine, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dr. Bernard Little, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Ileo Lott, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Michele Roberts, Vice President for Administrative Affairs; Katherine Sawyer, Chief Advancement Officer.

Administrators: Robyn Bailey, Dean of Skokie Campus; Dr. Matthew Boutilier, Director of Online Curriculum and Instruction; Stephen Butera, Director of Communications and External Relations; Dr. Sebastian Contreras Jr., Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Leana Cuellar, Dean of Access, Equity and Diversity; Dr. Rick Daniels, Director of Institutional Equity and Inclusion; Kathleen Dunne Balducci, Assistant Vice President for Operations; Thomas Hicks Jr., Director of Student Success and Academic Interventions; Matt Huber, Dean of Enrollment Management; Jake Jeremiah, Dean of Library; Dr. Ashley Knight, Interim Dean of Liberal Arts; Dr. Kanchana Mendes, Dean of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Nathan Norman, Senior Director of Workforce Development; Delia Rodriguez, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education; Jeff Spidle, Director of IT Infrastructure; John Wade, Chief Information Officer; and Aaron Wernick, Chief of Police and Emergency Management.

Union Leaders: Jennifer Crowley, Classified Staff Association; Mary Hope Griffin, Adjunct Faculty Association; and Patrick O'Donnell, Full-Time Faculty Association.

Faculty: Brittany Coleman, Library; Donna Dickson, BNAT/Sterile Processing; Margaret Gas, Nursing; Camille Harrison, Modern Languages; Chris Hirsch, HVAC; David Jakalski, English; and Kate Magnuson, English.

Staff: Princess Escudero, Student Life and Campus Inclusion; Krissie Harris, Student Life and Campus Inclusion; Marcus Hayes, Auxiliary Services; Janeen Jackson, Black Student Success Program; Ewa Lyczewska, Marketing and Communications; Gabby O'Connor, Student Life and Campus Inclusion; Brooke Roche, Advising and Transitions; Vinita Shah, Information Technology; Beatriz Sparks, Office of the President; and Aleda Thompson, Institutional Research.

Students: Kaira Hernandez, Rayyan Muhammad, Joseph Park and Jose San Martin.

Guests: Roger AbiNader and Winnie Lewis.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Burns asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes of the March 16, 2026 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Bashiri-Remetio made the motion which was seconded by Trustee Salzberg. A voice vote was called and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Statement by the President

Condolences

- To Chair and Distinguished Professor of English, Donovan Braud on the passing of his stepfather Gerald "Uncle Jerry" Forstater who served 25 years in the United States Navy and worked as a New York Fire Department EMT .

Congratulations & Recognitions

- Thank you to Chair Burns for her year of service as the Board Chair, and Chris AbiNader who has served as this year's student trustee.
- The Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce presented Oakton College with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of contributions made in the Des Plaines community, in particular for the development of the new Learning Commons. Oakton was presented with the award at the Mayor's Address to the Community, hosted on our campus on March 19.
- Oakton has once again been recognized for its commitment to supporting military-connected students, earning a 2026–2027 Silver Military Friendly School designation. This marks the 11th consecutive year the College has received Military Friendly recognition, reinforcing its role as a trusted resource for veterans, active-duty service members, reservists and their families.
- Ella Whitehead, Director of Admissions and Equity Outreach, and Janeen Jackson, Equity Coordinator for the B.L.A.C.K. Student Success Program (BSSP), have been named Lifetime Honorees by Leo High

School. This prestigious distinction arrived during Women's History Month as Leo High School commemorated its Centennial Anniversary (1926-2026). Ella and Janeen are among 100 extraordinary women recognized for embodying the school's motto: Facta Non Verba (Deeds, Not Words).

- Matthew Boutilier, Ph.D., director of online curriculum and instruction, and Wendy Adele-Marie, Ph.D., distinguished professor of History and coordinator of Jewish Studies, were recognized March 14 at the 2026 Instructional Technology Council (ITC) eLearning Conference. Their awards highlight their leadership in creating more engaging and supportive online learning environments.
- Congratulations to the following students who received the Board of Trustees' Student Leadership Awards and were recognized at the Student Leadership Banquet last week: Anne Marie Gotthelf; Domenika Sass, Dumni Dayo-Kayode, Fadi Mufarreh, and Ana Adamadze.

Happenings

- April is Community College Month. Along with all of the community colleges within the state, we have been highlighting the important role that community colleges play in our communities.
- April is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Events include a meet and greet with Asian-American authors Jane Hseu and David Cho, sushi making lessons, an end of the year celebration for AAPI students, concluding with the Asian Night Market on May 8.
- Oakton's sustainability team has a list of events to celebrate Earth Month including pop-up thrift stores, community garden workdays, fishing lessons, and a native plant walk with Professor Paul Gulezian.
- April is also Autism Awareness Month and the Neurodiversity Working Group is excited to welcome Maureen Dunne, Ph.D., a noted scholar and author, for two inspiring events focused on supporting neurodiverse students and inclusive career pathways on April 23, at 9:30 a.m., Rooms P103-104, Ray Hartstein campus.

Educational Foundation Liaison Report

Fundraising continues to be strong this spring with a number of notable contributions that have been received since our last Board meeting, including:

- An \$80,000 gift from Foundation Board Director and Oakton retiree Linda Korbel.
- A \$10,000 gift from Michael and Christie Suppan to provide additional support to their endowed scholarship.
- A \$22,500 gift from Jan Footlik to add support to the Footlik family scholarships.
- A \$10,000 gift from retiree Bonnie Lucas and her husband Stuart Sondheimer.

The Educational Foundation recently hosted its annual Employee Giving Celebration, marking the end of a one-month campaign. During this time, faculty, staff, and administrators contributed nearly \$8,000 in support of student success and college programs, with participation increasing by an impressive 32% over the previous year. As part of the campaign, employee donors were invited to share what inspires their giving.

The Foundation Board continues to work on their next strategic plan and expects to have a draft for review at their quarterly meeting on June 3.

Pathways to Opportunity Report

The Pathways to Opportunity Team has met twice since the last Board Meeting. The team is exploring intentional pathways, such as a Pre-Med pathway for Early College students. Early College Pathways is on the agenda for the High School Partners meeting next month. The Team reviewed internal visuals to explain pathways; has established a subcommittee to explore credit for prior learning; and is identifying additional opportunities for early career exploration for elementary and middle school students.

On April 10, the Pathways to Opportunity Team also hosted a Health Care Workforce Shortage Webinar presented by UVA Health and attended by leaders from three of the major healthcare employers in our region – Endeavor Health, Northwestern Medicine and Advocate Health Care. The Team is currently scheduling follow-up meetings with each of the health care systems to explore the possibilities of expanding our current partnerships with each of them to address health care shortages through intentional pathways that lead to jobs and/or upward mobility for incumbent workers.

HLC Accreditation Report

Progress has been made in all eight of the federal compliance components, and the criteria teams have started gathering the evidence for the Assurance Argument. In addition, nine administrators and faculty attended the HLC conference at the end of March, attending sessions on federal compliance the criteria for accreditation assessment of learning, and strategic planning.

In January, during opening day, we learned that the first criterion for accreditation is related to the college's mission. This month, we learned more about criterion 2, integrity, ethical and responsible conduct. HLC requires that we demonstrate that in fulfilling its mission, Oakton's conduct is ethical and responsible, and the sub criteria are integrity, transparency, board governance, academic freedom and freedom of expression and knowledge, acquisition, discovery and application. The criteria has specific applications also to our board of trustees, and requires us to demonstrate the ways in which the board follows established policies and procedures as well as acting in the best interest of the institution.

The board will likely be engaged as they collect evidence to support the sub criteria, and will be a critical part of site visit when we meet with peer reviewers. The criterion 2 team is led by Dan Weber, registrar and director of registrar services, John Wade, Chief Information Officer and Martinique Haller, faculty associate Dean of the library.

ICCTA Liaison Report

The Illinois Community College Trustees Association Annual Lobby Day and meeting will be on May 6 and 7 in Springfield, and then on June 5 and 6, the annual ICCTA Convention will take place in Lombard.

Student Trustee Report

- The Campus Activity Board is hosting stress-reliever days.
- 2025-2026 SGA Team's last General Body Meeting is tomorrow.
- Tribute pavers for the courtyard have been purchased by SGA to commemorate both the 2023-2024 and 2025-2026 teams by organization and year.
- Congratulations to the SGA Team who were sworn into office last week, our team wishes them a successful year!

Student Trustee AbiNader expressed his gratitude for the support received from the Board and the College during his year of service.

Student Spotlight

Jose San Martin is the incoming Student Trustee. He holds a student employee position as a Community Service Officer for the campus police department. He identified the Oakton Leadership Summit as his most memorable experience, noting it was a historic collaboration with other local colleges. He credited his advisor, Krissie Harris, as well as Dr. Bernard Little, Beatriz Sparks, and Barb Vazquez, for their support during his transition.

During his term, Jose identified lunch affordability as a major issue, reporting that high prices forced students to leave campus and miss class time. He expressed a commitment to public service and aims to complete his bachelor's degree by 2029.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

4/26-1 Recommendation for Seating of Student Member of the Board of Trustees

Trustee Stafford offered:

SECTION 1: An election for the Student Member of the Board of Trustees was held March 23 through April 3, 2026. The election was conducted in all respects as provided by law and according to Policy 1005. The election was conducted online, using the Simply Voting software purchased by the Student Government Association. Currently enrolled students were provided a ballot via email, and Simply Voting provided a secure method to permit students to vote from their computer or mobile device; 225 students cast ballots in the election.

The returns of the election have been duly canvassed by the Judges of Election. The student meets all qualifications for Trustees as specified in Policy 1004.

SECTION 2: The Board of Trustees declares that Jose San Martin received 147 votes (77.4%) for the office of Student Member of the Board of Trustees. His opponent Akash Patel receiving 43 (22.6%) with 35 (15.6%) abstaining votes cast, thereby declaring Jose San Martin the successful candidate to serve as the Student Trustee with a term commencing on April 21, 2026 and concluding at the Board of Trustees meeting in April 2027.

SECTION 3: This resolution shall be effective from and after its passage as provided by law.

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the resolution passed unanimously.

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio made a motion for a brief adjournment *sine die* with the purpose of seating the new student trustee at the Board table. Trustee Salzberg seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Call to Order and Roll Call with New Student Member

Trustee Stafford called the roll:

Trustee Martha Burns	Chair	Present
Trustee Theresa Bashiri-Remetio	Vice Chair	Present
Trustee William Stafford	Secretary	Present
Trustee Micah Eimer		Present
Trustee Benjamin Salzberg		Present
Trustee Marie Lynn Toussaint		Present
Trustee Wendy Yanow		Present
Trustee Jose San Martin	Student Trustee	Present

4/26-2 Resolution Organizing the Board of Trustees for the Term Commencing April 16, 2024

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio offered:

“WHEREAS, pursuant to college policy and in accordance with the Illinois Public Community College Act, as amended (110 ILCS 805/3-8), the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 elects its officers comprised of a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, from its membership, and appoints a Treasurer, not a member of the Board, at its annual organizational meeting held in April.”

Nomination of Officers:

Chair Burns asked for nominations.

Trustee Burns nominated Trustee Bashiri-Remetio; Trustee Stafford seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, a voice vote was called which passed unanimously.

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio nominated Trustee Stafford; Trustee Yanow seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, a voice vote was called which passed unanimously.

Trustee name nominated Trustee Yanow; Trustee name seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, a voice vote was called which passed unanimously.

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio offered:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 535, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS THAT:

- The Board is hereby organized for the term commencing April 21, 2026.
- Dates for the regular meetings of the Board for the calendar year 2027 shall be fixed as follows:

January 19, February 16, March 16, April 27, May 25, June 29, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 14

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom, 1506, at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois unless otherwise indicated. Time and location of all meetings, as well as meeting agendas, will be posted 48 hours in advance as required by law.

- All Board rules, policies, and procedures in effect during the previous year shall remain in effect.
- Michele Roberts is hereby appointed Treasurer to serve at the pleasure of the Board for no additional compensation, provided that before entering upon her duties, the Treasurer shall execute and deliver to the Board a bond, as required by the Illinois Public Community College Act."

Trustee Stafford seconded the motion, and called the roll:

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio	Aye
Trustee Burns	Aye
Trustee Eimer	Aye
Trustee Salzberg	Aye
Trustee Stafford	Aye
Trustee Toussaint	Aye
Trustee Yanow	Aye

The motion passed. Student Trustee San Martin favored the resolution

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio made a motion for a brief adjournment *sine die* with the purpose of organizing the new officers at the Board table. Trustee Salzberg seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Newly seated Chair Bashiri-Remetio asked for a roll call with the newly organized members of the Board now seated.

Trustee Yanow called the roll:

Trustee Theresa Bashiri-Remetio	Chair	Present
Trustee William Stafford	Vice Chair	Present
Trustee Wendy Yanow	Secretary	Present
Trustee Martha Burns		Present
Trustee Micah Eimer		Present
Trustee Benjamin Salzberg		Present
Trustee Marie Lynn Toussaint		Present
Trustee Jose San Martin		Present

Comments by the Chair

Chair Bashiri-Remetio shared her appreciation for the Board’s executive team’s growth over the past year. She highlighted that the Board has learned to work together more effectively and expressed gratitude for the support received from outgoing Chair Burns and Trustee Stafford.

Trustee Comments

Trustee Eimer addressed a recent request from the Classified Staff Association to designate May 1st as a day of civic action. The proposal suggested closing the college to honor concepts such as labor and civil justice.

After board discussion, the request was unanimously denied for the following reasons:

- Timing: The board felt there was insufficient time to organize the event by May 1.
- Existing Curriculum: Trustees noted that the concepts of civic action and civil justice are already well-covered within Oakton’s current curriculum and campus culture.

- Educational Duty: The board emphasized its primary responsibility as an educational institution, stating it would be inappropriate to halt classes for the day.

Trustee Burns shared that she attended Rev. Jesse Jackson's funeral, and reflected on the significant influence Jackson had on her life.

Public Participation

Newly elected President of the Student Government Association, Rayyan Muhammad thanked outgoing Student Trustee Chris AbiNader for his service to Oakton students during his tenure.

Board Report: Operations

Michele Roberts (Vice President for Administrative Affairs) and Kathleen Dunne Balducci (Assistant Vice President for Operations) presented an overview of Oakton's operational foundation, talked about the Administrative Affairs area reorganization, and shared operational process improvement plans including technology and process mapping. They also touched on procurement, and provided an FY27 Master Plan update, and a Preliminary Timeline for the FY28-FY32 Master Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

4/26-3a Approval of Consent Agenda

Trustee Stafford offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves adoption of the Consent Agenda."

Trustee Salzberg seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

4/26-3b Approval of Consent Agenda Items 4/26-4 through 4/26-8

Trustee Stafford offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the following items 4/26-4 through 4/26-8 as listed in the Consent Agenda."

4/26-4 Ratification of Payment of Bills for March 2026

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 hereby ratifies expenditures and release of checks by the Treasurer of Community College District 535 in the amount of \$8,028,866.49 for all check amounts as listed and for all purposes as appearing on a report dated March 2026."

4/26-5 Acceptance of Treasurer's Report for March 2026

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 receives for filing as a part of the College's official records, the report of the Treasurer for the month of March 2026."

4/26-6 Acceptance of Quarterly Report on Investments

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 accepts the Quarterly Report on Investments for filing."

4/26-7 Supplemental Authorization to Pay Professional Personnel – Spring 2026

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves an adjustment of \$634,042.19 to the total amount of part-time teaching salaries paid during the spring 2026 semester; the revised total payment amount is \$4,634,539.75."

"Be if further resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves an adjustment of \$119,347.02 to the total amount of faculty overload salaries paid during the spring 2026 semester; the revised total payment amount is \$928,057.11."

4/26-8 Approval of Clinical Practice Agreements

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the following cooperative agreements:

Cardiac Sonography/Radiography/Surgical Technology (1)
 Physical Therapy Assistant (1)
 Sterile Processing Technician (1).”

Trustee Yanow seconded the motion, and called the roll:

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio	Aye
Trustee Burns	Aye
Trustee Salzberg	Aye
Trustee Eimer	Aye
Trustee Stafford	Aye
Trustee Toussaint	Aye
Trustee Yanow	Aye

The motion carried. Student Trustee San Martin abstained.

4/26-9 Authorization to Approve April Purchases

Trustee Toussaint offered: “Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the approval of the attached resolutions, as stipulated in the following agenda items, for the purchase of the following:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor / Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4/26-9a	Maintenance and Restoration Services of Natural Areas – Two-Year Contract	Semper Fi Land, Inc Sugar Grove, IL	\$169,409.00
4/26-9b	Security Guard Services – Two-Year Contract	HLSA, Inc Chicago, IL	\$631,983.00
4/26-9c	Reimbursement Payment for the Blackbaud Awards Management Essentials Software – Three-Year Contract Renewal	Oakton College Educational Foundation Des Plaines, IL	\$47,481.50
4/26-9d	Digital and Traditional Marketing Services – One-Year Contract Renewal	VisionPoint Marketing, LLC Raleigh, NC	\$490,000.00
4/26-9e	Leica Microscopes	North Central Instruments, Inc Brooklyn Park, MN	\$46,090.74
4/26-9f	Multimedia Projectors	JensenIT, Inc Des Plaines, IL	\$119,256.96
4/26-9g	Multifactor Authentication (MFA) Services – One-Year Renewal	Duo Security Ann Arbor, MI	\$54,000.00
4/26-9h	Portable Electric Vehicle Training Aids	NADA Scientific, Ltd Rouses Point, NY	\$35,899.00
4/26-9i	Portable Training Systems	Automotive Vide Innovations, Inc Fort Myers, FL	\$29,100.00
		GRAND TOTAL:	\$1,623,220.20.”

Trustee Salzberg seconded the motion. Trustee Yanow called the roll:

- Trustee Bashiri-Remetio Aye
- Trustee Burns Aye
- Trustee Salzberg Aye
- Trustee Eimer Aye
- Trustee Stafford Aye
- Trustee Toussaint Aye
- Trustee Yanow Aye

The motion carried. Student Trustee San Martin favored the resolution.

4/26-10 Preview and Initial Discussion of Upcoming Purchases

The following purchases will be presented for approval at an upcoming Board of Trustees meeting:

- a. Library Services (CARLI and NILRC)
- b. Athletics Website Hosting Services
- c. Wellness Kiosk
- d. Transportation Services for Athletics Teams
- e. Zoom Video Conferencing Services
- f. Cisco Systems Hardware and Software Support
- g. Replacement Wi-Fi Access Points
- h. Dell Monitor Hubs
- i. Lexmark Printers
- j. Network Access Switches and Hardware Support
- k. Annual VMWare Support and License Renewal
- l. Lightcast Renewal

4/26-11 Notification of Award of Grants

Funding has been made available to Oakton College:

- a. ICCB Advanced Manufacturing Program..... \$66,000.00
- b. DCEO Skokie Learning Commons\$125,000.00
- TOTAL:\$191,000.00**

Adjournment

Chair Bashiri-Remetio announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Oakton Community College, District 535, will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at the Des Plaines Campus.

Trustee Yanow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Trustee Toussaint. A voice vote was called and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Theresa Bashiri-Remetio, Chair

Wendy B. Yanow, Secretary

Minutes recorded by:
Beatriz Sparks
4/2026



**Board of Trustees of Community College District 535
Minutes of April 21, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 was held on April 21, 2026 in Room P103 at the Skokie campus of Oakton College, 7701 Lincoln Ave, Skokie, Illinois.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Burns called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m. Trustee Stafford called the roll:

Ms. Martha Burns	Chair	Present
Ms. Theresa Bashiri-Remetio	Vice Chair	Present
Mr. William Stafford	Secretary	Present
Dr. Micah Eimer		Present
Mr. Benjamin Salzberg		Present
Ms. Marie Lynn Toussaint		Present
Dr. Wendy Yanow		Present
Mr. Chris AbiNader	Student Trustee	Absent

Also present in Room P103:

Dr. Joianne Smith, President; Dr. Kelly Iwanaga Becker, Associate Vice President for Strategic Planning; Johanna Fine, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dr. Ashley Knight, Interim Dean for Liberal Arts; Dr. Ileo Lott, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Michele Roberts, Vice President for Administrative Affairs; and Beatriz Sparks, Assistant to the Board.

Discussion

The Board discussed the rotation of their executive committee for the 2026-2027 academic year, and the Board will vote to choose the new Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary during the regular meeting at 6 p.m. today.

The Board discussed the need for more frequent Committee of the Whole meetings – It was decided to hold these meetings quarterly in June, October, February and April.

The Board agreed that there was need for more discussion related to the structure of meetings, including reading of the Land Acknowledgement and the Pledge of Allegiance. This will be a topic for the June Committee of the Whole.

Day of Civic Action requested by the Classified Staff Association – The Board had consensus that due to the current situation with the river flooding, the College has already been closed for almost a week, and it isn't advisable to have more closures; this time is needed to help students prepare for the end of the semester. The College embeds opportunities for civic action and engagement through programming and curriculum.

The Board also discussed the need for more opportunities for Board representation in the community.

Adjournment

Chair Burns asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee name made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Salzberg. A voice vote was called and the meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Theresa Bashiri-Remetio, Chair

Wendy B. Yanow, Secretary

Minutes recorded by: Beatriz Sparks
4/2026

Approval of Adoption of Consent Agenda

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves adoption of the Consent Agenda.”

Approval of Consent Agenda Items 5/26-2 to 5/26-7

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the following items 5/26-2 through 5/26-7 as listed in the Consent Agenda:

- 5/26-2 Ratification of Payment of Bills for April 2026
- 5/26-3 Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report for April 2026
- 5/26-4 Compliance with Open Meetings Act, Closed Session Minutes
- 5/26-5 Action on Recordings of Closed Session Minutes
- 5/26-6 Supplemental Authorization to Pay Professional Personnel – Spring 2026
- 5/26-7 Approval of Clinical Practice Agreements.”

Ratification of Payment of Bills for April 2026

The check register detailing the regular monthly bills for April 2026 was sent out May 20, 2026. The totals by fund are on page 2. This includes approval of travel reimbursements for April 2026.

Board Chair

Board Secretary

MR:js
5/2026

President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 hereby ratifies expenditures and release of checks by the Treasurer of Community College District 535 in the amount of \$9,833,637.30 for all check amounts as listed and for all purposes as appearing on a report dated April 2026.”

OAKTON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 535

I hereby certify that materials and/or services for the Education Fund; Operation and Maintenance Fund; Operation and Maintenance Fund (Restricted); Bond and Interest Fund; Auxiliary Enterprises Fund; Restricted Purposes Fund; Working Cash Fund; Trust and Agency Fund; Audit Fund; Liability, Protection and Settlement Fund; Social Security/Medicare Fund; Loan fund; including approval of travel reimbursements to April 2026, represented by checks on pages 1-19 numbered !0006738 - !0006765, !0006767 - !0006796, !0006798 - !0006843, !0006845 - !0006876, !0006878 - !0006916, !0006918 - !0006924, A0175955 - A0175956, A0175958 - A0176051, A0176053 - A0176115, A0176117 - A0176163, A0176165 - A0176174, A0176176 - A0176286, A0176288 - A0176327, A0176329 - A0176348 and A0176350 - A0176425 on the check register, have been received, supporting invoices audited and that these checks were in order for issuance and are hereby listed for ratification by the Board of Trustees.

Michele C Roberts
Treasurer, Community College District 535

RECAPITULATION Fund	Gross Checks Issued				
	Payroll	Accounts Payable	Sub-Total	Voided Checks	Total
Education	\$ 5,108,363.33	\$ 1,166,022.19	\$ 6,274,385.52	\$ (1,282.92)	\$ 6,273,102.60
Operation and Maintenance	\$ 429,986.50	\$ 286,398.59	\$ 716,385.09	\$ -	\$ 716,385.09
Operation and Maintenance (Restricted)	\$ -	\$ 985,912.53	\$ 985,912.53	\$ -	\$ 985,912.53
Bond and Interest	\$ -	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$ -	\$ 2,550.00
Auxiliary Exterprises	\$ 288,756.90	\$ 816,704.63	\$ 1,105,461.53	\$ -	\$ 1,105,461.53
Restricted Purposes	\$ 319,856.37	\$ 401,637.17	\$ 721,493.54	\$ (36,313.62)	\$ 685,179.92
Working Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Trust and Agency	\$ -	\$ 1,800.90	\$ 1,800.90	\$ -	\$ 1,800.90
Audit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Liability, Protection and Settlement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Social Security/Medicare	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Loan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 6,146,963.10	\$ 3,661,026.01	\$ 9,807,989.11	\$ (37,596.54)	\$ 9,770,392.57
STUDENT GOVERNMENT	\$ -	\$ 25,648.19	\$ 25,648.19	\$ -	\$ 25,648.19
TOTAL PER REPORT	\$ 6,146,963.10	\$ 3,686,674.20	\$ 9,833,637.30	\$ (37,596.54)	\$ 9,796,040.76

STUDENT GOVERNMENT AFFIDAVIT
OAKTON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 535

Certification of Treasurer

I hereby certify that materials and/or services represented by checks on pages 1-19 numbered !0006791, !0006799, !0006830, !0006902, !0006904, A0175982, A0176012, A0176015, A0176053, A0176092, A0176094, A0176165, A0176196, A0176215, A0176220, A0176232, A0176350, A0176364, A0176373, A0176387 and A0176410 have been received, supporting invoices audited and that these checks were in order for issuance and are hereby listed for ratification by the Student Government.

Michele C Roberts
Treasurer, Community College District 535

Approval of Expenditures

The Student Government of Community College District 535 hereby ratifies expenditures in the amount of \$25,648.19 for student activities as listed, and ratifies release of these checks as listed above by the Treasurer of Community College District 535 for all purposes as appearing on a report dated April 2026.

Student Government Association

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report for April 2026

The Treasurer's comments that highlight the significant areas for this report are on page 3. The President asks that questions on the general significance of this month's report be directed to her with the understanding that she will refer questions of detail to the Treasurer or Controller for amplification.

MR:js
5/2026

President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 receives for filing as a part of the College's official records, the report of the Treasurer for the month of April 2026."

OAKTON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 535
TREASURER'S REPORT

April 2026

Michele C Roberts
Vice President for Administrative Affairs/Treasurer
W. Andy Williams
Controller, Budget and Accounting Services

Treasurer's Comments on April 2026 Financial Statements

Page 4. Financial Position Statement

Cash and investments

Monthly collections included \$22.5 million in property taxes, \$2.3 million in tuition and fees, \$741,000 for the credit hour grant, \$402,000 in interest earnings, \$125,000 in replacement taxes, \$44,000 for the Perkins grant, \$33,000 for MAP grants, and \$25,000 in Adult Education grants.

Robust tax revenues were recorded in April, which means that the collections delay is ending. Property taxes on a cash basis were \$62.8 million at the end of April 2026, compared to \$63.8 million at the end of April 2025.

Net cash and investments increased by \$15.4 million from the previous month, as expected.

Page 5. Summary of Education and Operations and Maintenance Funds Revenues and Expenditures

Revenues

At the end of April, revenues were \$94.8 million or 99% of the prorated budget, compared to \$97.2 million, or 105% for the previous year. Tuition and fees totaled \$21.8 million year to date, or 107% of the prorated budget. Last year, tuition and fees totaled \$21.5 million or 102% of the prorated budget. Revenues from tuition and fees are recorded as billed.

Expenditures

The current year's total actual operating expenditures were \$72.7 million. The operating expenditures are \$3.5 million (5.1%) above prior year's actual expenditures of \$69.2 million for the same period. Net transfers total \$4.6 million as budgeted.

OAKTON COLLEGE
FINANCIAL POSITION OF FUNDS AS OF
APRIL 30, 2026
(IN THOUSANDS)

	Education	Operations & Maintenance	Operations & Maintenance (Restricted)	Bond And Interest	General Long term Debt	Working Cash Auxiliary Agency Restricted	Investment In Plant	Social Security Medicare Audit Tort	Retiree Health Ins.	Total All Funds
ASSETS										
Cash	\$ 3,925	\$ 802	\$ 300	\$ 618	\$ -	\$ 1,752	\$ -	\$ 606	\$ 680	\$ 8,683
Taxes Receivable	29,030	4,086	-	2,026	-	-	-	52	-	35,194
Student Tuition Receivable	6,836	1	5	-	-	1,274	-	-	-	8,116
Government Funds Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	1,157	-	-	-	1,157
Lease Receivable	12,296	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,296
Accrued Interest	420	63	219	-	-	16	-	5	202	925
Other Receivables	(23)	4	-	-	-	125	-	-	-	106
Investments										
Short-term	79,239	11,349	45,308	7,119	(2,367)	2,707	(3,123)	819	37,647	178,698
Long-term	22,906	3,149	4,053	-	-	376	-	128	7,567	38,179
Due from (to) Other Funds	(14,500)	-	-	-	-	14,500	-	-	-	-
Inventories - Prepaids	462	4	-	-	(427)	155	-	-	-	194
Total Current Assets	140,591	19,458	49,885	9,763	(2,794)	22,062	(3,123)	1,610	46,096	283,548
Net Investment in Plant	-	-	-	-	-	-	102,515	-	-	102,515
Intangible Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,596	-	-	3,596
Total Assets	<u>\$ 140,591</u>	<u>\$ 19,458</u>	<u>\$ 49,885</u>	<u>\$ 9,763</u>	<u>\$ (2,794)</u>	<u>\$ 22,062</u>	<u>\$ 102,988</u>	<u>\$ 1,610</u>	<u>\$ 46,096</u>	<u>\$ 389,659</u>
Deferred Outflows - CIP and College Plan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,103	2,103
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 140,591</u>	<u>\$ 19,458</u>	<u>\$ 49,885</u>	<u>\$ 9,763</u>	<u>\$ (2,794)</u>	<u>\$ 22,062</u>	<u>\$ 102,988</u>	<u>\$ 1,610</u>	<u>\$ 48,199</u>	<u>\$ 391,762</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION										
Payables	\$ 309	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (117)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 192
Accrued Interest Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Tuition Revenue	5,843	-	62	-	-	89	-	-	-	5,994
Accruals	3,858	251	-	-	4,832	279	-	-	-	9,220
Bonds Payable	-	-	-	-	54,037	-	-	-	-	54,037
Lease Liability	-	-	-	-	1,832	-	-	-	-	1,832
Subscriptions Liability	-	-	-	-	3,229	-	-	-	-	3,229
OPEB Liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,470	15,470
Total Liabilities	<u>10,010</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,930</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,470</u>	<u>89,974</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Property Taxes	29,268	4,077	-	1,984	-	-	-	49	-	35,378
Deferred Inflows - CIP and College Plan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,891	16,891
Deferred Inflows - Leases	12,296	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,296
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>51,574</u>	<u>4,328</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>1,984</u>	<u>63,930</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>32,361</u>	<u>154,539</u>
Net Position										
Unrestricted	89,017	15,130	49,822	-	-	3,343	-	-	15,837	173,149
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	18,469	-	1,562	-	20,031
Debt Service	-	-	-	7,779	(66,724)	-	-	-	-	(58,945)
Plant	-	-	-	-	-	-	102,987	-	-	102,987
Total Net Position	<u>89,017</u>	<u>15,130</u>	<u>49,822</u>	<u>7,779</u>	<u>(66,724)</u>	<u>21,812</u>	<u>102,987</u>	<u>1,562</u>	<u>15,837</u>	<u>237,222</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	<u>\$ 140,591</u>	<u>\$ 19,458</u>	<u>\$ 49,884</u>	<u>\$ 9,763</u>	<u>\$ (2,794)</u>	<u>\$ 22,063</u>	<u>\$ 102,987</u>	<u>\$ 1,611</u>	<u>\$ 48,198</u>	<u>\$ 391,761</u>

**OAKTON COLLEGE
EDUCATION AND OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS
SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 2026**

	Operating Budget (000)	Prorated Budget (000)	Actual (000)	As a % of Prorated Budget	
				Current	Last Year
REVENUES (cash and accrual basis)					
Property Taxes	\$ 67,004	\$ 66,718	\$ 62,837	94%	102%
Replacement Tax	1,200	1,000	1,168	117%	70%
State Revenue	5,407	4,506	5,073	113%	123%
Tuition and Fees	20,047	20,418	21,818	107%	102%
Other	3,947	3,289	3,882	118%	201%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 97,605	\$ 95,931	\$ 94,778	99%	105%
EXPENDITURES (accrual basis)					
Instructional	\$ 34,321	\$ 28,601	\$ 29,944	105%	104%
Academic Support	22,824	19,020	19,861	104%	95%
Student Services	9,739	8,116	7,415	91%	87%
Public Services	1,697	1,414	1,124	79%	88%
Operations and Maintenance	9,716	8,097	7,252	90%	89%
General Administration	10,072	8,393	7,224	86%	90%
General Institutional	(72)	(60)	(121)	202%	455%
Contingency	3,778	3,148	-	0%	0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 92,075	\$ 76,729	\$ 72,699	95%	96%
Revenues over (under) expenditures	5,530	19,202	22,079		
Net Fund transfers					
To O & M Fund (Restricted)	(1,000)	(833)	(833)		
To Auxiliary Fund & Adult/Cont Ed/Work	(2,800)	(2,333)	(2,333)		
To Restricted Purpose Fund	(100)	(83)	(83)		
To Liability, Protection & Settlement Fund	(898)	(748)	(748)		
To Social Security/Medicare Fund	(995)	(829)	(829)		
From Working Cash Fund: Interest	290	242	242		
Total Transfers	\$ (5,503)	\$ (4,586)	\$ (4,586)		
Net Revenue over (under) expenditures	\$ 27	\$ 14,616	\$ 17,493		

**OAKTON COLLEGE
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 2026**

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND (Restricted)	Budget (000)	Actual (000)	Actual as a % of Budget
REVENUES			
Construction Fee	295	306	104%
Interest and Investments Gain/Loss	25	1,707	6828%
Total revenues	<u>320</u>	<u>2,013</u>	<u>629%</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Project Management Service	-	178	0%
Learning Commons RHC	-	8	0%
DP Workplace - Critical Adjacencies	1,900	361	19%
Learning Commons DP - Enabling Proj	-	2,232	0%
TenHoeve Wing Remodeling	500	9	2%
Oakton College Health Education Center	50	311	622%
Exterior Lighting Project	1,750	2,541	145%
Learning Commons - Des Plaines	5,033	3,902	78%
Baseball Parking Lot	1,500	542	36%
Skokie Emergency Power Generator	400	188	47%
Enrollment Center Elevator Project	-	34	0%
Founders Wall Project	135	112	83%
Environmental Branding Project	200	145	73%
Enrollment Ctr Workspace Renovation	83	-	0%
Welcome Center Project	-	6	0%
Capital Equipment	654	541	83%
Hardware Replacement/Master Keying	1,283	-	0%
Camera Replacement	500	115	23%
Baseball Complex Renovation	500	5	1%
Washroom Upgrades Phase I	1,000	264	26%
Contingency	-	-	0%
Total expenditures	<u>15,488</u>	<u>11,494</u>	<u>74%</u>
Transfer in	1,000	833	83%
Net	<u>\$ (14,168)</u>	<u>\$ (8,648)</u>	<u>61%</u>

AUXILIARY ENTERPRISE FUND (excluding Adult, Continuing Ed, Workforce)	Budget (000)	Actual (000)	Actual as a % of Budget	
			Current	Last Year
REVENUES				
Bookstore Sales	\$ 1,332	\$ 1,878	141%	130%
Workforce Development	210	74	35%	19%
Copy Center	110	110	100%	83%
Athletics	42	37	88%	105%
Child Care	413	453	110%	98%
PAC Operations	6	4	67%	0%
Other	34	66	194%	91%
Interest and Investments Gain/Loss	188	56	30%	42%
Total revenues	<u>2,335</u>	<u>2,678</u>	<u>115%</u>	<u>104%</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Bookstore Operating Expenses	\$ 1,865	\$ 1,431	77%	56%
Workforce Development	200	136	68%	53%
Copy Center	524	340	65%	83%
Athletics	1,302	18	1%	90%
Child Care	570	481	84%	80%
PAC Operations	105	85	81%	96%
Auxiliary Services Administration	360	356	99%	88%
Other	479	138	29%	30%
Total expenditures	<u>5,405</u>	<u>2,985</u>	<u>55%</u>	<u>70%</u>
Transfers in (out)	2,272	1,893		
Net	<u>\$ (798)</u>	<u>\$ 1,586</u>		

**ADULT, CONTINUING EDUCATION, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 2026**

	<u>Operating Budget (000)</u>	<u>Prorata Budget (000)</u>	<u>Actual (000)</u>	<u>Actual As a% Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>					
State Revenue	\$ 600	\$ 500	\$ 497	83%	87%
Tuition and Fees	2,687	2,239	1,120	42%	40%
Sale of Materials	1	1	-	0%	0%
Institutional Support					
Evening High School	133	111	93	70%	74%
Other Revenues	45	38	25	56%	71%
Total revenues	<u>3,466</u>	<u>2,888</u>	<u>1,735</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>49%</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
Administrative Support	\$ 1,428	1,190	1,124	79%	0%
Instructional Programs					
Allied Health	59	49	23	39%	28%
Job-related	1,561	1,301	382	24%	24%
Personal	29	24	24	83%	79%
Emeritus Programs	66	55	17	26%	24%
High School Programs	98	82	64	65%	48%
Kids/Youth Programs	53	44	37	70%	69%
ESL Programs	66	55	47	71%	86%
Total Programs	<u>1,932</u>	<u>1,610</u>	<u>594</u>	<u>31%</u>	<u>28%</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,360</u>	<u>2,800</u>	<u>1,718</u>	<u>51%</u>	<u>17%</u>
Revenue over (under) expenditures	<u>\$ 106</u>	<u>\$ 88</u>	<u>\$ 17</u>		
Transfer in	52	43	43		
Net	158	132	60		

OAKTON COLLEGE
STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUND
SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 2026

	<u>Program Generated Revenue</u>	<u>Revenue Allocated to Programs</u>	<u>Total Revenue and Allocation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Program Net Fav (Unfav)</u>
Activity fees	\$ 441,925				
Interest income	-				
Sub total revenues	<u>441,925</u>				
369901 Student Government Association	22,750	110,000	132,750	(96,930)	35,820
369910 Ourrence	-	7,000	7,000	(100)	6,900
369911 Oakton Auto Club	-	600	600	(368)	232
369912 Politics Club	-	521	521	(337)	184
369919 Campus Activities Board	80	100,000	100,080	(50,577)	49,503
369920 Star Wars Club	-	900	900	-	900
369922 IEEE	-	3,003	3,003	(251)	2,752
369923 Students for Global Health Sustain	773	3,340	4,112	(772)	3,340
369924 Anime Club	-	800	800	(154)	646
369926 Diversability Club	120	1,082	1,202	(378)	824
369927 Film Club	-	100	100	-	100
369929 Asian American Unity Club	178	731	909	(345)	564
369931 Stitch Happens	-	1,100	1,100	(17)	1,083
369932 Ceramics Club	-	-	-	(68)	(68)
369934 International Students Club	510	731	1,241	(372)	868
369935 Honors Student Organization	-	1,600	1,600	(44)	1,557
369937 Oakton Future Educators	-	730	730	(181)	549
369939 Psychology Club	-	700	700	(57)	643
369940 Card and Board Game Club	-	-	-	(16)	(16)
369941 Oakton Math Team	-	700	700	(114)	586
369942 Oakton Visual Organization	-	600	600	-	600
369943 Japanese Culture Club	322	872	1,194	(100)	1,094
369944 South Asian Club	310	990	1,300	(700)	600
369945 Physical Therapy Assist.	-	3,435	3,435	(52)	3,383
369946 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)	2,770	17,000	19,770	(17,287)	2,483
369948 Finance Club	-	-	-	(7)	(7)
369949 Mission Bible Club	-	788	788	(512)	276
369953 Polish Club	-	600	600	-	600
369955 Environmental Club	-	2,224	2,224	(452)	1,773
369957 Future Health Careers	-	300	300	(54)	246
369958 Coding Club	-	500	500	-	500
369959 Black Student Union	78	1,652	3,383	(170)	3,213
369960 Muslim Student Association	554	719	1,273	(1,197)	75
369961 DECA	639	1,237	1,876	(13)	1,863
369963 Fine Arts Club	-	1,607	1,607	(52)	1,555
369965 Financial and Investment Assoc	-	300	300	-	300
369967 Creative Writing Club	-	900	900	-	900
369969 Great Books Club	-	984	984	-	984
369972 PAYO	274	-	274	(180)	94
369973 Oakton Student Dance Club	-	777	777	-	777
369975 Pre-Law Club	-	300	300	-	300
Sub Totals	<u>29,357</u>	<u>269,422</u>	<u>300,432</u>	<u>(171,855)</u>	<u>128,577</u>
Fund Summary					
Total Revenues	\$ 471,282				
Total Expenditures		(171,855)			
Total Transfers to other funds		(8,500)			
Excess revenues over expenditures		<u>290,927</u>			
Net Position 6/30/25		1,709,605			
Net Position, end of period		<u>\$ 2,000,532</u>			

**OAKTON COLLEGE
AUTOMATIC CLEARING HOUSE (ACH) WIRE TRANSFERS & PAYMENTS
Apr-26**

GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS/PAYMENTS

DATE	AMOUNT	REFUNDS/ STUDENT- DISBURSEMENTS	ILLINOIS SALES TAX	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CCHC	CHASE CREDIT CARD	BOND HOLDER & MISC
	\$ -					
4/16/2026	\$ 992,803.12			\$ 992,803.12		
4/14/2026	\$ 1,409.00		\$ 1,409.00			
	\$ -					
TOTAL	\$ 994,212.12	\$ -	\$ 1,409.00	\$ 992,803.12	\$ -	\$ -

PAYROLL TAXES - TRANSFERS/PAYMENTS

DATE	AMOUNT	FEDERAL PAYROLL TAXES	STATE PAYROLL TAXES	SURS	CREDIT UNION AND TAX SHELTERS
4/10/2026	\$ 830,512.08	\$ 323,821.75	\$ 117,875.25	\$ 297,266.21	\$ 91,548.87
	\$ -				
4/24/2026	\$ 950,366.88	\$ 384,937.83	\$ 134,454.59	\$ 338,430.60	\$ 92,543.86
	\$ -				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 1,780,878.96	\$ 708,759.58	\$ 252,329.84	\$ 635,696.81	\$ 184,092.73

Compliance with Open Meetings Act, Closed Session Minutes

The Illinois Open Meetings Act requires that public bodies shall periodically, but no less than semiannually, review minutes of all closed meetings to determine if the contents of such minutes continue to require confidentiality, or if they may be made available for public inspection.

The President and the Secretary of the Board have reviewed, and hereby recommend that the minutes of the Board of Trustees closed session meetings held on October 24, 2009; October 1, 2011; and January 21, 2020 (special meeting), should be made available for public inspection and no longer require confidential treatment.

JLS:bs
5/2026

President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution (*if not adopted in the Consent Agenda*):

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 hereby determines that the minutes of the Board closed session meetings on October 24, 2009; October 1, 2011; and January 21, 2020 no longer require confidential treatment and are released for public inspection."

Action on Recordings of Closed Session Minutes

The Illinois Open Meetings Act authorizes the destruction of verbatim records of closed meetings no less than 18 months after the completion of the meeting recorded. Written minutes of these meetings are retained in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

In accordance with these provisions, the audio recordings of closed meetings held on March 19, 2024; April 6, 2024; April 16, 2024, May 21, 2024; June 25, 2024; August 20, 2024; and September 17, 2024 meet the following criteria:

1. At least 18 months have passed since the date of the meetings involved;
2. The Board of Trustees has approved written minutes of the closed meetings; and
3. There is no lawsuit pending regarding the legality of the closed sessions involved.

JLS:bs
5/2026

President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution (*if not adopted in the Consent Agenda*):

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 recommends the destruction of the verbatim audio recordings of meetings held on March 19, 2024; April 6, 2024; April 16, 2024, May 21, 2024; June 25, 2024; August 20, 2024; and September 17, 2024.”

Supplemental Authorization to Pay Professional Personnel – Spring 2026

Comparative figures:

Spring 2026 Adjunct Faculty \$4,231,287.27	Spring 2025 Adjunct Faculty \$3,962,709.73
Spring 2026 ACEWD \$465,063.25	Spring 2025 ACEWD \$527,839.50
Spring 2026 Overload \$1,121,098.98	Spring 2025 Overload \$811,540.78

IL:jg
5/2026

President’s Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves an adjustment of \$185,463.25 to the total amount of part-time teaching salaries paid during the spring 2026 semester; the revised total payment amount is \$4,820,003.27.”

“Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves an adjustment of \$193,041.87 to the total amount of faculty overload salaries paid during the spring 2026 semester; the revised total payment amount is \$1,121,098.98.”

Approval of Clinical Practice Agreements

The College would like to execute clinical practice agreements as follows:

Medical Laboratory Technology

Renewal: This is a Renewal Agreement for the Medical Laboratory Technology program. It has been reviewed and approved by the College faculty and administration This is a 1-year agreement which commences on May 26, 2026 and terminates on May 26, 2027.

Physical Therapy Assistant

Amendment: This is an Addendum for the Physical Therapy Assistant program. It has been reviewed and approved by the College faculty and administration. This is an auto renewal which commences on May 26, 2026.

IL:ds
5/2026

President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the following cooperative agreements:

Medical Laboratory Technology (1)
Physical Therapy Assistant (1)."

Authorization to Schedule a Budget Hearing and Publish a Notice Placing Fiscal Year 2027 Budget on Public Display

A copy of the notice placing the Fiscal Year 2027 budget document on display beginning on May 27, 2026 is presented for approval prior to publication.

The notice indicates that the public hearing on the tentative annual Fiscal Year 2027 budget will be held on June 30, 2026. Following the hearing, the Board of Trustees may amend the budget, after which it may choose to accept the budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

AW:jg
5/2026

President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535, authorize the budget hearing and approval to publish the notice placing the Fiscal Year 2027 budget on public display.”

NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 535, County of Cook and State of Illinois, that commencing at 10:00 a.m. on May 27, 2026, a tentative budget for said Community College District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027 will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the offices of Administrative Affairs of said District, 1600 E. Golf Road, Room 1220, Des Plaines, Illinois, during usual and customary business hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on said budget at 6:00 p.m. on the 30th day of June 2026, at 1600 E. Golf Road, Room 1506, Des Plaines, Illinois.

DATED at Des Plaines, Illinois this 26th day of May 2026.

Board of Trustees
Community College District 535
County of Cook and State of Illinois

By: _____
Wendy B. Yanow, Secretary

Authorization to Approve May Purchases

Any purchase exceeding \$25,000 requires Board approval. The following purchases meet that criterion. If the Board so desires, this resolution will enable the Board to approve all of the following purchases in a single resolution.

Item “a” was previewed at the February 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting. Items “b – l” were previewed at the April 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting. Items “m – o” have not been previewed.

MR:tt
5/2026

President’s Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the approval of the attached resolutions, as stipulated in the following agenda items, for the purchase of the following:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor / Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/26-9a	1	Replacement Wi-Fi Access Points and Support Services	American Digital Corporation Schaumburg, IL	\$468,917.60
5/26-9b	1	Wellness Kiosks Service Agreement – Three-Year Contract	Simplichek, Inc. Coeur d’ Alene, ID	\$41,400.00
5/26-9c	1	Athletics Website Hosting Services – Three-Year Contract Renewal	SIDEARM Sports, LLC Syracuse, NY	\$28,000.00
5/26-9d	1	Library Services (CARLI and NILRC) – One-Year Contract Renewal	CARLI Champaign, IL	\$100,000.00
5/26-9e	1	Transportation Services for Athletic Teams – One-Year Contract Renewal	Bestway Charter Transportation, Inc. Bensenville, IL	\$85,000.00
5/26-9f	1	Zoom Video Conferencing Services – Three-Year Contract Renewal	Zoom Communications, Inc. San Jose, CA	\$129,600.00
5/26-9g	1	Dell Monitor Hubs	JensenIT, Inc. Des Plaines, IL	\$207,000.00
5/26-9h	1	Lexmark Printers	JensenIT, Inc. Des Plaines, IL	\$33,230.82
5/26-9i	1	Network Access Switches and Hardware Support and Maintenance	JensenIT, Inc. Des Plaines, IL	\$1,126,880.64
5/26-9j	1	Cisco Systems Hardware and Software Support – One-Year Contract Renewal	CompuCom Systems, Inc. Fort Mill, SC	\$35,353.13
5/26-9k	1	Annual VMware Support and License – One-Year Contract Renewal	JensenIT, Inc. Des Plaines, IL	\$213,885.44
5/26-9l	1	Lightcast Services - Three-Year Contract	Economic Modeling, LLC dba Lightcast Moscow, ID	\$118,225.00

<u>Item</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor / Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/26-9m	1	Extreme Networks Wi-Fi SaaS Licenses – One-Year Contract Renewal	Sentinel Technologies, Inc. Downers Grove, IL	\$57,484.00
5/26-9n	1	Consulting Services for Environmental Branding Initiative – Outdoor Banner Placement	Greenlight Team, LLC Chicago, IL	\$88,000.00
5/26-9o	2	Consulting Services for Competency-Based Education (CBE) Design and Implementation	Competency-Based Education Network, Inc. Franklin, TN	\$48,125.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,881,101.63.”

IN DISTRICT	\$1,580,996.90
CONSORTIUM	\$241,400.00
BID	\$85,000.00
BID EXEMPT	\$973,704.73
QBS	\$0.00
CERT. MBE	\$0.00
CERT. WBE	\$88,000.00
NON-CERT. MBE	\$0.00
NON-CERT. WBE	\$41,400.00

Authorization to Purchase Replacement Wi-Fi Access Points and Support Services

In Spring 2019, the College upgraded to Wi-Fi 6 (802.11ax) and purchased and installed 257 Wi-Fi access points. Since then, with remodeling, adding exterior coverage, building the Evanston site, and expanding capacity, the Wi-Fi network has grown to 362 access points supporting over 2,300 simultaneous Wi-Fi clients on the average day. Since 2019, two new Wi-Fi standards have been released: Wi-Fi 6 Wave 2 and Wi-Fi 7. New equipment using these standards adds capability, performance, and new 6GHz frequencies.

After 7 years, most of the original Wi-Fi access points (APs) will reach the end of support on Jun 15, 2026. The fiscal year 2026 budget includes funds to replace these devices with current Wi-Fi 7 devices. After reviewing options for a partial replacement, as previewed in February, the current planned purchase will replace all indoor and outdoor access points across all three campuses and add additional APs for the ongoing remodeling projects and to enhance coverage.

Following extensive evaluation and negotiations, the College has selected HPE/Aruba as the vendor for the Wi-Fi Access Point upgrade and replacement project. The total cost for 379 Wi-Fi access points, guest access software, five years of cloud management, and full software and hardware support is \$468,917.60, reflecting a 65% discount off the list price.

The current trend in the information technology industry allows manufacturers to give one preferred reseller special, discounted pricing, effectively eliminating the motivation for other companies to submit pricing. In the past, the College has received unsatisfactory bid responses for these types of bids because vendors are reluctant to submit a bid after the manufacturer has already selected and identified the supplier. In addition, according to ILCS-805/3-27.1 item f, "purchases and contracts for the use, purchase, delivery, movement, or installation of data processing equipment, software, or services and telecommunications and inter-connect equipment, software, and services: are exempt from the bidding process." For these reasons, it is in the best interests of the College to work directly with the manufacturer and their preferred reseller, American Digital Corporation of Schaumburg, IL.

JMW:tt
5/2026

President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the purchase of Replacement Wi-Fi Access Points and Support Services from American Digital Corporation, 1450 American Lane, Suite 550, Schaumburg, IL 60173 for a total amount of \$468,917.60."

Authorization to Purchase Wellness Kiosks Service Agreement – Three-Year Contract

SB1907 mandates that all public colleges and universities in the state install at least one vending machine on campus that sells emergency contraception. The bill—referring to these machines as “wellness kiosks”—also sets requirements for how the products are packaged, stored, priced, and distributed.

“Wellness kiosks” are defined as retail vending machines that offer health-related items, including condoms, menstrual cups, tampons, pads, pregnancy tests, and over-the-counter medications. Under SB1907, these kiosks must include discounted emergency contraception. All products must be sold in clearly labeled, original, sealed, tamper-evident packaging with visible expiration dates, must not be expired, and must be stored according to manufacturer guidelines.

Each public higher education institution in Illinois, including community colleges, must have at least one wellness kiosk on campus. These machines must be accessible to students outside of regular class hours and on weekends, though community colleges are only required to provide access during class hours. Additionally, each kiosk must display the owner’s information, a toll-free customer service number, and a reminder for consumers to check expiration dates before use.

By making emergency contraception available through vending machines, the policy aims to give students greater control over their reproductive health. It reduces common barriers—such as cost, timing, and privacy—by offering a convenient, affordable, and discreet way to access the medication.

To comply with the mandate, Oakton seeks approval to enter into a three-year (July 16, 2026 – July 15, 2029) service agreement with Simplichek, Inc. for Wellness Kiosks in the total amount of \$41,400.00. Simplichek is a non-certified woman-owned business that emphasizes compliance and privacy, offering solutions that support informed decision-making, reduce stigma, and provide 24/7 access to healthcare products. Simplichek currently contracts with eighteen higher education institutions, of which fourteen are community colleges.

This purchase is bid-exempt in accordance with the Illinois Public Community College Act, Chapter 110, Act 805 (110ILCS 805/3-27.1), which states that purchases made through a consortium are exempt from formal bidding. Under the Consortium, no further advertisement, public notice, or competition is required, as the Consortium has already conducted the bidding process.

RJ:tt
5/2026

President’s Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the purchase of the Wellness Kiosks Service Agreement – Three-Year Contract from Simplichek, Inc., PO Box 2259, Coeur d’ Alene, ID 83816, for a total amount of \$41,400.00.”

Authorization to Purchase Athletics Website Hosting Services – Three-Year Contract Renewal

SIDEARM Sports, LLC currently hosts the Oakton Department of Athletics website (oakton-owls.com). The website provides the public with information on upcoming games, results, recruitment, sports, and all related information about the Athletics department.

The College has used SIDEARM since July 1, 2020, and the current contract expires on June 30, 2026. Therefore, the Administration seeks approval to purchase website hosting services from SIDEARM Sports for a total amount of \$28,000.00 over a three-year period (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029).

SIDEARM Sports, a comprehensive, effective, flexible, and productive athletics website platform, is a trusted choice utilized by many of the College's peer institutions. Their reputation and track record in the industry provide the College with confidence in their services.

This purchase is bid-exempt in accordance with ILCS-805/3-27.1 item f, "purchases and contracts for the use, purchase, delivery, movement, or installation of data processing equipment, software, or services and telecommunications and inter-connect equipment, software, and services: are exempt from the bidding process."

CP:tt
5/2026

President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the purchase of Athletics Website Hosting Services – Three-Year Contract Renewal from SIDEARM Sports, LLC, 109 S Warren Street, Suite 600, Syracuse, NY 13202, for a total amount of \$28,000.00."

Authorization to Purchase Library Services (CARLI and NILRC) – One-Year Contract Renewal

In keeping with past practice, the College Library is renewing, canceling, and adding online databases and reference resources to support the institution's curriculum. All databases are accessible to Oakton students and employees from any computer through internet access using a proxy service maintained by the Library and Oakton's IT department. The library has licenses for over 75 databases and 430 online reference resources. Most of these online resources are licensed through two statewide consortia groups: NILRC (the Network of Illinois Learning Resources in Community Colleges) and CARLI (the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois).

The Administration seeks approval to renew the purchase of Library Services (CARLI and NILRC) for a total not to exceed \$100,000.00 each for FY27.

This purchase is bid-exempt in accordance with the Illinois Public Community College Act, Chapter 110, Act 805 (110ILCS 805/3-27.1), which states that purchases made through a consortium are exempt from formal bidding. Under the Consortium, no further advertisement, public notice, or competition is required, as the Consortium has already conducted the bidding process.

JJ:tt
5/2026

President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the purchase renewal for the following annual Library Services:

1. Library services from CARLI, 100 Trade Centre Drive, Suite 303, Champaign, IL 61820, for a total not to exceed \$100,000.00,
2. Library Services from NILRC, PO Box 5365, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089, for a total not to exceed \$100,000.00,

for a grand total of \$200,000.00."

Authorization to Purchase Transportation Services for Athletic Teams – One-Year Contract Renewal

The College's passenger transportation fleet includes one twelve-passenger van and two eight-passenger vans for college business use. One of the user groups is the Athletic Department. However, these vehicles do not accommodate the transportation needs of the larger athletic teams, such as soccer or baseball, where the rosters range from 20 to 50 student-athletes and coaches. Contracting with a transportation service company provides safe, single-unit, appropriately sized vehicles and professional drivers for each team, rather than using multiple College vehicles driven by team coaches.

Through a competitive public bid process, the Board approved an award in May 2024 to Bestway Charter Transportation, Inc. for a one-year contract with an expiration date of June 30, 2025. The bid covered transportation for Men's and Women's Soccer, Men's and Women's Basketball, Women's Volleyball, Men's Baseball, and Women's Softball. In addition, the bid included the option to renew the transportation services for two additional one-year periods at the College's discretion. The Board approved the first renewal in May 2025, and it will expire on June 30, 2026.

The Administration is satisfied with the services provided by Bestway Charter Transportation, Inc., and seeks approval for a one-year contract extension for the 2026-2027 athletic season, not to exceed \$85,000.00. The College is confident that Bestway Charter Transportation, Inc. will continue to provide the quality of service required by the College.

MR:tt
5/2026

President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the purchase of Transportation Services for Athletic Teams – One-Year Contract Renewal from Bestway Charter Transportation, Inc., 710 Larsen Lane, Bensenville, IL 60106, for an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00."

Authorization to Purchase Zoom Video Conferencing Services – Three-Year Contract Renewal

The College uses Zoom video conferencing for both interactive video conferences for meetings and classes, and also for Webinars. In 2020, the Board approved a three-year enterprise contract with Zoom. In 2023, the Board approved a three-year renewal, and the current contract expires on June 24, 2026. Zoom is currently available to all employees and students and is used extensively by faculty. This purchase will renew the Zoom Software as a Service (SaaS) for an additional three years.

The purchase includes 650 Zoom Workplace for Education Enterprise Essentials Annual licenses, 1 – 1000-person webinar license, 5 additional TB of cloud storage for recordings, and 8,500 free student licenses for Credit and Non-Credit students.

The total annual cost for these Zoom licenses is \$43,200.00, for a total three-year cost of \$129,600.00. The term of service will be from June 25, 2026 through June 24, 2029.

This is a bid-exempt purchase according to ILCS-805/3-27.1 item f, “purchases and contracts for the use, purchase, delivery, movement, or installation of data processing equipment, software, or services and telecommunications and inter-connect equipment, software, and services: are exempt from the bidding process.”

JMW:tt
5/2026

President’s Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the purchase of Zoom Video Conferencing Services – Three-Year Contract Renewal from Zoom Communications, Inc., 55 Almaden Boulevard, 6th Floor, San Jose, CA, 95113 for a total amount of \$129,600.00.”

Authorization to Purchase Dell Monitor Hubs

In early 2021, the College began issuing “mobility” laptops to most full-time staff and administrators. To support their use in employee offices, docking stations were installed to enable connectivity to the network, peripherals, and power. Many of these setups relied on existing 22” and 24” monitors, some of which are now up to 17 years old.

After evaluating several brands and docking solutions, the College selected Dell Monitor Hubs for deployment in the office. These devices upgrade office displays to higher-resolution monitors and serve as integrated docking stations, reducing cable clutter and simplifying connectivity. The College plans to implement a phased rollout over the next four years to equip all offices.

The College obtained quotes from multiple distributors, with the lowest price quote submitted by JensenIT, Inc., Des Plaines, IL. The cost for the equipment is \$207,000.00. JensenIT, Inc. is an in-district reseller that the College has used for recent purchases, and the Administration is confident that they can meet the College's needs.

Due to volatile pricing driven by Dynamic Random-Access Memory (DRAM) market fluctuations, the exact quantities of each computer type will be determined at a later time.

This is a bid-exempt purchase according to ILCS-805/3-27.1 item f, “purchases and contracts for the use, purchase, delivery, movement, or installation of data processing equipment, software, or services and telecommunications and inter-connect equipment, software, and services: are exempt from the bidding process.”

JMW:tt
5/2026

President’s Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the purchase of Dell Monitor Hubs from JensenIT, Inc., 1689 Elk Boulevard, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016 for an amount not to exceed \$207,000.00.”

Authorization to Purchase Lexmark Printers

The College has an aging fleet of printers used in smaller offices and computer lab classrooms, and is looking to adopt a proactive replacement cycle based on total page count and/or printer age. Many of these printers are no longer manufactured, making it difficult to find replacement parts and toner.

The Information Technology department is recommending standardizing on Lexmark networked laser printers for smaller offices and computer lab classrooms. Oakton has been buying Lexmark printers for several years and has found them highly reliable at their price point.

The Administration seeks approval to purchase Lexmark printers for an amount not to exceed \$33,230.82. The printer purchase includes high-yield toner cartridges to ensure each unit is fully operational upon installation.

This is a bid-exempt purchase according to ILCS-805/3-27.1 item f, “purchases and contracts for the use, purchase, delivery, movement, or installation of data processing equipment, software, or services and telecommunications and inter-connect equipment, software, and services: are exempt from the bidding process.”

JMW:tt
5/2026

President’s Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the purchase of Lexmark Printers from JensenIT, Inc., 1689 Elk Boulevard, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016 for a total amount not to exceed \$33,230.82.”

Authorization to Purchase Network Access Switches and Hardware Support and Maintenance

The College's local area networks and wide area networks are built with a combination of four core switch/routers, 158 edge switches, and two border routers providing over 7,000 network ports for computers, phones, wireless access points, digital signs, building management system controllers, security cameras, and numerous other network devices. The fiscal year 2026 capital equipment budget allocates funding to replace 108 network access switches that have reached end-of-life and will lose support after October 2027.

This purchase includes 108 Cisco C9350-48HX Catalyst edge switches, along with maintenance support and ancillary components such as power supplies, stacking modules, and uplink modules, for a total cost of \$1,126,880.64. These switches are expected to provide an estimated service life of approximately 15 years.

The current trend in the information technology industry allows manufacturers to give one preferred reseller special, discounted pricing, effectively eliminating the motivation for other companies to submit pricing. In the past, the College has received unsatisfactory bid responses for these types of bids because vendors are reluctant to submit a bid after the manufacturer has already selected and identified the supplier. In addition, according to ILCS-805/3-27.1 item f, "purchases and contracts for the use, purchase, delivery, movement, or installation of data processing equipment, software, or services and telecommunications and inter-connect equipment, software, and services: are exempt from the bidding process." For these reasons, it is in the best interests of the College to work directly with the manufacturer and its preferred reseller, JensenIT, Inc., Des Plaines, IL.

JensenIT, Inc. is an in-district reseller that the College has used for recent purchases, and the Administration is confident that they can meet the College's needs.

JMW:tt
5/2026

President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the purchase of Network Access Switches and Hardware Support and Maintenance from JensenIT, Inc., 1689 Elk Boulevard, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016, for a total amount of \$1,126,880.64."

Authorization to Purchase Cisco Systems Hardware and Software Support – One-Year Contract Renewal

The College uses 162 Cisco Systems network switches and routers and 20 Cisco Systems Blade Servers to provide the College's data and voice networks across both campuses. The equipment is supported with annual hardware and software maintenance contracts from the manufacturer in combination with the hardware warranties.

This purchase provides 24/7/4-hour response (24x7x4) SmartNet support for the Cisco UCS Blade Servers, including associated chassis and fabric interconnects in the data centers, as well as two of the four core network switches. It also includes 8x5 Next Business Day (8x5xNBD) SmartNet support for the two redundant core switches and a subset of edge switches. The total cost for this contract will not exceed \$35,353.13 with a term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

The current trend in the information technology industry allows manufacturers to give one preferred reseller special, discounted pricing, effectively eliminating the motivation for other companies to submit pricing. In the past, the College has received unsatisfactory bid responses for these types of bids because vendors are reluctant to submit a bid after the manufacturer has already selected and identified the supplier. In addition, according to ILCS-805/3-27.1 item f, "purchases and contracts for the use, purchase, delivery, movement, or installation of data processing equipment, software, or services and telecommunications and inter-connect equipment, software, and services: are exempt from the bidding process." For these reasons, it is in the College's best interests to work directly with the manufacturer and its preferred reseller, CompuCom Systems, Inc., of Fort Mill, SC, to secure pricing.

JMW:tt
5/2026

President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the purchase of Cisco Systems Hardware and Software Support – One-Year Contract Renewal from CompuCom Systems, Inc., 8106 Calvin Hall Road, Fort Mill, SC 29707, for an amount not to exceed \$35,353.13."

Authorization to Purchase Annual VMware Support and License – One-Year Contract Renewal

The fiscal year 2027 budget includes funds for VMware software maintenance and support. VMware is a server and desktop virtualization product that enables server consolidation in a private cloud. The College has used VMware since 2007; however, recent extraordinary price increases from VMware following Broadcom's acquisition have prompted a plan to reconfigure the network to manage these costs and transition away from VMware in favor of other tools. This migration is in process and should be completed in fiscal year 2027.

This purchase includes renewing annual software maintenance and support for a subset of existing VMware servers for one more year, for a total amount of \$213,885.44.

The current trend in the information technology industry allows manufacturers to give one preferred reseller special, discounted pricing, effectively eliminating the motivation for other companies to submit pricing. In the past, the College has received unsatisfactory bid responses for these types of bids because vendors are reluctant to submit a bid after the manufacturer has already selected and identified the supplier. In addition, according to ILCS-805/3-27.1 item f, "purchases and contracts for the use, purchase, delivery, movement, or installation of data processing equipment, software, or services and telecommunications and inter-connect equipment, software, and services: are exempt from the bidding process." For these reasons, it is in the best interests of the College to work directly with the manufacturer and its preferred reseller, JensenIT, Inc., Des Plaines, IL.

JensenIT, Inc. is an in-district reseller that the College has used for recent purchases, and the Administration is confident that they can meet the College's needs.

JMW:tt
5/2026

President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the purchase of Annual VMware Support and License – One-Year Contract Renewal from JensenIT, Inc., 1689 Elk Boulevard, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016, for a total of \$213,885.44."

Authorization to Purchase Lightcast Services – Three-Year Contract

Lightcast is the premier source of labor market data that supports higher education institutions in being responsive to workforce needs. Oakton has used two major products that are now both part of the Lightcast umbrella. For almost a decade, Oakton has leveraged the Analyst tool, which provides the College with labor market data that supports academic program development and program review processes, particularly for career and technical education programs. Their labor market data are refreshed regularly from national and local sources, including job postings and relevant skills and salaries.

Since 2023, Oakton has also instituted the use of Career Coach. The Career Coach tool provides an online interest assessment for undecided students or those exploring a new career, as well as a skills inventory for learners seeking careers that match their existing skill set and interests. Career Coach has also enabled the College to make labor market data available to prospective and current students, as well as community members, on each academic program's website. These data include median salaries, job openings, the number currently employed in the role, the top required skills, and the projected outlook. Those using the tool can decide whether to look at data for the local or national labor market. There is evidence that when students, particularly adult students, see how their academic investment connects to career opportunities, they're more likely to enroll, persist, and complete their degrees.

The College seeks to enter into a three-year contract with Lightcast for both the Analyst and Career Coach tools. The cost for the three-year contract is as follows:

Year	Cost
Year 1 (July 3, 2026 – July 2, 2027)	\$37,859.00
Year 2 (July 3, 2027 – July 2, 2028)	\$38,996.00
Year 3 (July 3, 2028 – July 2, 2029)	\$41,370.00
Grand Total	\$118,225.00

This is a bid-exempt purchase according to ILCS-805/3-27.1 item f, “purchases and contracts for the use, purchase, delivery, movement, or installation of data processing equipment, software, or services and telecommunications and inter-connect equipment, software, and services: are exempt from the bidding process.”

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President’s Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the purchase of Lightcast Services - Three-Year Contract from Economic Modeling, LLC dba Lightcast, 232 N. Almon Street, Moscow, ID 83843, for a total amount of \$118,225.00.”

Authorization to Purchase Extreme Networks Wi-Fi SaaS Licenses – One-Year Contract Renewal

The College currently operates 379 Extreme Networks wireless access points (APs), delivering indoor and outdoor Wi-Fi coverage across the Des Plaines, Skokie, and Evanston campuses. These APs are managed by a cloud-based Software as a Service (SaaS) platform, ExtremelQ, which is licensed on a per-AP basis. The existing one-year contract is set to expire on June 30, 2026.

This purchase is for a one-year renewal (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) of the service covering all 379 APs for a total cost of \$57,484.00. The renewal period will ensure continuity of wireless operations during the transition from Extreme Networks to HPE Aruba Networking solutions.

The current trend in the information technology industry allows manufacturers to give one preferred reseller special, discounted pricing, effectively eliminating the motivation for other companies to submit pricing. In the past, the College has received unsatisfactory bid responses for these types of bids because vendors are reluctant to submit a bid after the manufacturer has already selected and identified the supplier. In addition, according to ILCS-805/3-27.1 item f, “purchases and contracts for the use, purchase, delivery, movement, or installation of data processing equipment, software, or services and telecommunications and inter-connect equipment, software, and services: are exempt from the bidding process.” For these reasons, it is in the best interests of the College to work directly with the manufacturer and its preferred reseller, Sentinel Technologies, Inc., to secure pricing.

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President’s Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the purchase of Extreme Networks Wifi SaaS Licenses – One-Year Renewal from Sentinel Technologies, Inc, 2550 Warrenville Road, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515, for a total of \$57,484.00.”

Authorization to Purchase Consulting Services for Environmental Branding Initiative – Outdoor Banner Placement

Oakton College continues to advance its Environmental Branding Initiative as part of its commitment to fostering a welcoming, cohesive campus environment that reflects institutional values and enhances the experience of students, employees, and the community. Following Board approval in December 2025, the College engaged Greenlight Team, LLC, a Chicago-based, BEP-certified women-owned firm, to support implementation across the Des Plaines and Skokie campuses.

As part of the College’s master plan, new light poles along streets and pedestrian walkways are creating expanded opportunities for outdoor banner placement, an extension of the College’s Environmental Branding work. This expansion requires a coordinated, intentional approach to ensure that outdoor banners enhance the campus environment and function as a cohesive system.

Greenlight’s expertise and familiarity with Oakton’s environmental branding work will support thoughtful placement in key areas, including the new Welcome Center parking lot and surrounding spaces. Greenlight will provide professional services, including strategic banner placement recommendations, an implementation roadmap, material specifications and cost guidance, input on the RFP for installation vendor selection, and consultation during installation to ensure alignment with design intent.

The Administration is seeking Board approval to extend the agreement with Greenlight for continued professional services by an additional \$20,000.00, bringing the total to \$88,000.00.

This purchase is exempt from bidding per the 110 Illinois Compiled Statutes 805/3-27.1, Contracts, part (a) contracts for the services of individuals possessing a high degree of professional skill where the ability or fitness of the individual plays an important part.

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President’s Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the purchase of Consulting Services for Environmental Branding Initiative – Outdoor Banner Placement from Greenlight Team, LLC, 3723 N Paulina Street, Chicago, IL 60613, for an amount not to exceed \$88,000.00.”

Authorization to Purchase Consulting Services for Competency-Based Education (CBE) Design and Implementation

Oakton College is seeking to design and implement a high-quality competency-based education (CBE) ecosystem to provide flexible, learner-centered academic programs that meet both institutional goals and regional workforce needs. To support this initiative, the College intends to engage the Competency-Based Education Network, Inc. (C-BEN), a member-based organization and the established national leader in the CBE movement. C-BEN provides expert guidance to postsecondary institutions, navigating complex accreditation, federal regulatory processes, and academic design to move CBE models from concept to functional reality. C-BEN will provide comprehensive consulting, training, and coaching services over an estimated six-month engagement scheduled from June 17, 2026, to December 18, 2026. The scope of work includes:

- Project Preparation & Readiness Assessment: Facilitating initial stakeholder alignment, conducting up to ten interviews or focus groups to assess institutional change management capacity, reviewing strategic documents, and delivering a comprehensive readiness report tied to C-BEN's 26-point rubric.
- Project Planning & Leadership Consulting: Providing ongoing expert counsel and bi-weekly advisory support for the Oakton CBE leadership team to guide decision-making and stakeholder engagement strategies.
- 2-Day Onsite CBE Design Charrette: Facilitating an intensive, bootcamp-style discovery and visioning workshop on campus for 30 to 60 attendees to align on the institution's CBE model and value proposition.
- CBE Implementation Roadmap: Delivering a curated set of over 150 pre-vetted milestones to help Oakton establish a customized implementation timeline.
- Curriculum Training & Coaching Services: Supporting faculty in developing up to two inaugural CBE programs using backward design principles through four virtual seminars and eight shared hours of individualized or small-group coaching.
- Academic Model Workshop & Training Services: Guiding faculty through a virtual workshop covering over 30 key decision areas to establish a consistent learning and assessment model, alongside delivering three live, one-hour virtual training sessions on core CBE principles.

Because Oakton College is an active C-BEN Member, the College receives a 15% discount on consulting services. The total cost for the holistic custom consulting package is \$48,125.00 (discounted from the non-member rate of \$56,620.00), which is fully inclusive of all travel and service deliverables. The funds for this purchase will be allocated from the Perkins Leadership Grant to support the grant's third objective: Expanding Innovative Delivery Models.

This purchase is exempt from bidding per the 110 Illinois Compiled Statutes 805/3-27.1, Contracts, part (a) contracts for the services of individuals possessing a high degree of professional skill where the ability or fitness of the individual plays an important part.

President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the purchase of Consulting Services for Competency-Based Education (CBE) Design and Implementation from Competency-Based Education Network, Inc., 1417 Hanson Drive, Franklin, TN 37067, for an amount not to exceed \$48,125.00.”

Preview and Initial Discussion of Upcoming Purchases

The following purchases will be presented for approval at an upcoming Board of Trustees meeting:

- a. **Natural Gas Commodity Purchase – Three-Year Agreement** – The College requires a reliable and cost-effective supply of natural gas to support ongoing campus operations, including heating and facility-related needs. Entering into a multi-year agreement, commencing July 1, 2026, provides greater stability in pricing and supply, while reducing exposure to short-term market volatility.

The proposed approach reflects standard practice for utility procurement and aligns with the College's objective to manage operating costs effectively. Annual expenditures will vary based on usage and market pricing, but will be managed within the College's operating budget for utilities.

This purchase will be presented to the Board at the June 2026 Meeting.

- b. **Continued Expense Authority – SIG Consulting** – SIG Consulting has partnered with the College to assess current-state processes, identify gaps, and begin implementing improvements in several high-impact operational areas. Their work has focused on increasing efficiency, strengthening internal controls, improving service delivery, and aligning processes with best practices.

Initial efforts have included:

- Review and refinement of IT service workflows and prioritization processes
- Evaluation of payroll procedures to enhance accuracy, compliance, and timeliness
- Identification of cross-functional process inefficiencies impacting daily operations

These efforts have already surfaced actionable opportunities and established a foundation for broader organizational improvements.

Sustained progress in these areas requires continuity, subject matter expertise, and dedicated capacity. Continued engagement with SIG Consulting will allow the College to continue advancing the implementation of identified process improvements, ensure consistency and follow-through across departments, support change management, and adoption of new processes, and maintain momentum on initiatives that are critical to operational stability and Oakton's strategic plan of operational foundation. Approval of continued expense authority will allow for SIG Consulting to support operational improvement initiatives across IT, Payroll, and other administrative functions under established contractual terms.

This purchase will be presented to the Board at the June 2026 Meeting.

- c. **Services for Temporary Staffing and Recruitment** – The College has engaged third-party staffing firms to fill temporary staffing needs and to recruit candidates for positions where we have had difficulty finding qualified candidates. The administration is seeking renewed approval of a preferred third-party vendor list to use for filling temporary positions and/or when Oakton's standard recruiting process does not yield a pool of qualified candidates. All of the newly added vendors are either in the district, minority-owned, or women-owned, or specialize in fields that are difficult to recruit for (i.e., IT and Finance).

This purchase will be presented to the Board at the June 2026 Meeting.

- d. **Ellucian Software Subscription and Maintenance Contract** – In June 2004, the Board authorized the initial purchase of Banner software for the College's student information system. Over the years, additional products were added, and most products were moved to a subscription model. The current subscription includes Banner Student, Banner Finance, and Human Resources, Banner

Financial Aid, and the related self-service products, along with Degreeworks, Ellucian Experience Premium, and the Intelligent Learning Platform. Ellucian also acquired CampusLogic, and the CampusLogic products, now named Student Forms and Campus Communication, are also included in the Ellucian subscriptions. Maintenance for perpetual licenses is included for the Oracle Database and security products. This subscription and maintenance include all general releases and enhancements to the baseline component systems that comprise Oakton's essential administrative applications, as well as vendor support. The current maintenance/subscription period for most products ends July 31, 2026. The Administration is currently negotiating the terms of the Ellucian agreement, which will cover a five-year term.

This purchase will be presented to the Board at the June 2026 Meeting.

- e. Desire2Learn Brightspace Software as a Service Subscription Contract** – A Learning Management System (LMS) is a software application used to support online, on-campus, and hybrid courses. The LMS provides faculty with a set of tools to manage online course content, assessments, and communication efficiently. In 2010, Oakton selected Desire2Learn as our learning management platform. The product has subsequently been renamed as D2L Brightspace. In January, 2017, the Board approved the migration of our D2L services from a self-hosted to a cloud-based Software as a Service (SaaS). The current contract was renewed most recently in 2023. The current subscription period for D2L Brightspace ends July 28, 2026. The Administration is currently negotiating the terms of the D2L agreement, which will cover a three-year term.

This purchase will be presented to the Board at the June 2026 Meeting.

- f. Google Workspace Software as a Service Subscription Contract** – Oakton College has been using Google Workspace for Education as its enterprise-wide communication and collaboration tool. Google Workspace Plus for Higher Education is a premium version of the Google Workspace suite of productivity and collaboration tools that is designed specifically for colleges and universities. It offers a range of advanced features and security measures that are tailored to the needs of higher education institutions. Its features include Gmail, Calendar, Meet, Docs, Sheets, Drive, the AI Tools Notebook, LM, Gemini, and many others. The Board originally approved a three-year contract with Google in August 2020. The current three-year contract was renewed in 2023 and expires July 30, 2026. Beginning in 2024, Google Workspace for Education transitioned to a per-user licensing model in which all active users, including all credit and non-credit students and staff in a domain, must be assigned a license. This results in a significantly higher cost to the College. The Administration is currently negotiating the terms of the Google agreement, which will cover a three-year term.

This purchase will be presented to the Board at the June 2026 Meeting.

- g. Education Advisory Board – Community College Executive Forum (EAB-CCEF) Program – Five-Year Contract** – The College accesses the Education Advisory Board (EAB) to assist with student success initiative planning, including implementation and scaling, from a research lens to improve student outcomes and enrollment and to maintain fiscal stability. Membership with EAB also gives Oakton access to evidence-based student success initiatives and research on best practices.

The EAB-CCEF Program provides the following services and benefits:

- Oakton leadership to attend executive leadership roundtables and conferences
- Oakton employees have access to webinars and Forum research on best practices diagnostic and implementation resources, and executive briefings

- Oakton research staff, institutional priority teams, and other teams focusing on student success outcomes have access to EAB staff to assist with institutional research associated with student success initiatives. Assistance is provided virtually and on campus.
- Oakton is assigned a strategy leader to maximize the use of services.

This purchase will be presented to the Board at the June 2026 Meeting.

- h. Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) – One-Year Renewal** – Oakton has been a longstanding member of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA). ICCTA provides community college advocacy and supports trustee development through continuing education seminars and trained retreat facilitators. Membership in the ICCTA is a valuable resource for the College, and the Administration recommends a membership renewal for FY27. The estimated annual membership renewal and dues are \$35,000. This figure includes membership to the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents (ICCCP).

This purchase will be presented to the Board at the June 2026 Meeting.

- i. Master Plan Design Consulting Services (FY2028–FY2032)** – The current master plan has guided campus development, capital investments, and strategic use of facilities. As the College approaches the end of the current master plan, it is necessary to establish a new, forward-looking framework to ensure that facilities and infrastructure align with institutional priorities, enrollment trends, and evolving programmatic needs.

A comprehensive master plan will provide a roadmap for decision-making related to capital improvements, deferred maintenance, space utilization, and long-term campus development. Development of a master plan requires specialized expertise in campus planning, architecture, engineering, and stakeholder engagement. Engaging an experienced consulting firm will allow the College to:

- Conduct data-driven assessments of existing facilities and infrastructure
- Facilitate inclusive stakeholder engagement across campus and the community
- Align physical planning with academic, operational, and strategic priorities
- Identify and prioritize capital projects and funding strategies
- Incorporate best practices in sustainability, accessibility, and space optimization
- External expertise ensures a comprehensive, objective, and industry-informed planning process.

This purchase will be presented to the Board at the August 2026 Meeting.

- j. Furniture for the Adjacencies Project – Phase 2** – As part of the approved Master Plan, multiple enabling projects must be completed in preparation for the Adjacencies Phase 3 project at the Des Plaines campus. Phase 2 includes the interior build-out and renovation of the former IT Help Desk office areas to establish new office space for Student Affairs, Workforce Development, and Continuing Education on the first floor. To furnish these renovated areas, the College will procure furniture from Forward Space, LLC. The furnishings are intended to create flexible, functional, and collaborative work and learning environments for students, faculty, and staff.

This purchase will be presented to the Board at the June 2026 Meeting.

Authorization to Hire Full-Time, Tenure-Track Faculty Members

The College recommends hiring Ms. Anna Kowalik, Ms. Ling Yu, and Dr. Nuri Zeytinoglu for full-time, tenure-track positions starting in August 2026 for the 2026–2027 academic year. This recommendation follows a review of faculty needs in the Basic Nursing Assistant Training (BNAT), Computer Science, and Engineering departments.

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President’s Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the attached resolutions for Ms. Anna Kowalik, Ms. Ling Yu, and Dr. Nuri Zeytinoglu for full-time, tenure-track faculty hires for the 2026-2027 academic year, beginning August 2026. They will receive the salary associated with the lane and step described as follows:

Name	Academic Rank and Assignment	Lane-Step	Base Salary
Ms. Anna Kowalik	Associate Professor, Nursing BNAT	D-7	\$85,424
Ms. Ling Yu	Instructor, Computer Science	A-1	\$62,419
Dr. Nuri Zeytinoglu	Professor, Engineering	D-7	\$85,424.”

Authorization to Hire a Full-time, Tenure-Track Faculty Member

The recommendation to hire Ms. Anna Kowalik for a full-time, tenure-track faculty position for the 2026-2027 academic year, beginning in August 2026, was made after reviewing the College’s need for faculty in the Nursing BNAT department.

The search began on July 10, 2025 with postings on the Oakton College website, LinkedIn, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (hbcuconnect.com), Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (hacu.net), Diverse Jobs (diversejobs.net), Inside Higher Education (insidehighered.com), Higher Education Jobs (higheredjobs.com), Illinois Unemployment (illinoisjoblink.illinois.gov), NACUBO (National Association of College & University Business Officers), and the Chronicle of Higher Education (jobs.chronicle.com).

There were eighteen (18) applicants for the BNAT Nursing faculty position. The search committee conducted five (5) semi-finalist interviews for this search and selected two (2) finalists to interview with Dr. Ileo Lott, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Maribel Alimboyoguen, Dean of Health Careers. A recommendation of hire was made to Anna Kowalik for a full-time, tenure-track Nursing BNAT faculty position.

Ms. Kowalik is currently an Adjunct Faculty member at Oakton College in the Nursing Department where she is responsible for clinical instruction and supervision of nursing students, enduring safe patient care, reinforce evidence-based practice and evaluating student performance. Anna is also currently a Unit-Based Per Diem RN at Rush University Medical Center in the level IV Neonatal ICU. Ms. Kowalik earned her Master’s in Nursing at Capella University.

President’s Recommendation:

That the Board adopt the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 hereby authorizes the employment of Ms. Anna Kowalik for the 2026-2027 academic year, beginning August 2026:

Name	Academic Rank and Assignment	Lane-Step	Base Salary
Ms. Anna Kowalik	Associate Professor, Nursing BNAT	D-7	\$85,424.”

Authorization to Hire a Full-time, Tenure-Track Faculty Member

The recommendation to hire Ms. Ling Yu to a full-time, tenure-track faculty position for the 2026-2027 academic year, beginning in August 2026, was made after reviewing the College’s need for faculty in the Computer Science department.

The search began on September 12, 2025 with postings on the Oakton College website, LinkedIn, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (hbcuconnect.com), Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (hacu.net), Diverse Jobs (diversejobs.net), Inside Higher Education (insidehighered.com), Higher Education Jobs (higheredjobs.com), Illinois Unemployment (illinoisjoblink.illinois.gov), NACUBO (National Association of College & University Business Officers), and the Chronicle of Higher Education (jobs.chronicle.com).

There were sixty-three (63) applicants for the Computer Science position. The search committee conducted six (6) semi-finalist interviews for this search and selected four (4) finalists to interview with Dr. Ileo Lott, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. James Rabchuk, Dean of STEM. A recommendation of hire was made to Ms. Ling Yu for a full-time, tenure-track Computer Science faculty position.

Ms. Ling Yu comes to Oakton as a recent Masters graduate from the University of Illinois at Chicago in Mathematics and Computer Science, and has completed her first semester as an adjunct, teaching Computer Science at Oakton College.

President’s Recommendation:

That the Board adopt the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 hereby authorizes the employment of Ms. Ling Yu for the 2026-2027 academic year, beginning August 2026:

Name	Academic Rank and Assignment	Lane-Step	Base Salary
Ms. Ling Yu	Instructor, Computer Science	A-1	\$62,419.”

Authorization to Hire a Full-time, Tenure-Track Faculty Member

The recommendation to hire Dr. Nuri Zeytinoglu to a full-time, tenure-track faculty position for the 2026-2027 academic year, beginning in August 2026, was made after reviewing the College’s need for faculty in the Engineering department.

The search began on September 9, 2025 with postings on the Oakton College website, LinkedIn, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (hbcuconnect.com), Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (hacu.net), Diverse Jobs (diversejobs.net), Inside Higher Education (insidehighered.com), Higher Education Jobs (higheredjobs.com), Illinois Unemployment (illinoisjoblink.illinois.gov), NACUBO (National Association of College & University Business Officers), and the Chronicle of Higher Education (jobs.chronicle.com).

There were forty-four (44) applicants for the Engineering position. The search committee conducted four (4) semi-finalist interviews for this search and selected two (2) finalists to interview with Dr. Ileo Lott, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Rabchuk, Dean of STEM. A recommendation of hire was made to Dr. Nuri Zeytinoglu for a full-time, tenure-track Engineering faculty position.

Dr. Nuri Zeytinoglu is retired from a distinguished 39-year career as a full-time faculty member at Purdue University Northwest. Dr. Zeytinoglu taught all levels of Engineering while at Purdue, successfully mentored many students and colleagues, and supported program requirements such as accreditation and program assessment. Dr. Zeytinoglu received his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Wichita State University.

President’s Recommendation:

That the Board adopt the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 hereby authorizes the employment of Dr. Nuri Zeytinoglu for the 2026-2027 academic year, beginning August 2026:

Name	Academic Rank and Assignment	Lane-Step	Base Salary
Dr. Nuri Zeytinoglu	Professor, Engineering	D-7	\$85,424.”

Acceptance of Faculty Resignation

Under the provisions of the current Oakton College contract (Contract) between the Board of Trustees and the Oakton Community College Faculty Association (OCCFA-IEANEA), the following faculty member provided notice of resignation to Oakton College effective July 31, 2026:

Faculty Member	Discipline	Resignation Date
Christine Hoang	Instructor/Chair Medical Laboratory Technology	July 31, 2026

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President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 accepts the resignation of Christine Hoang effective July 31, 2026.”

First Read of Policy Revisions

As part of a comprehensive review of Board policies, the following changes are recommended to reflect current organizational titles, structure and process. In accordance with College policy, action on the proposed revisions to this policy will take place at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 hereby accepts for review Board Policies 2011, 4000, 4004, 4305, 4313, 4320, 4321, attached hereto, with action to take place at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting."

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Policy No. 2011
2/10/1995
Revised 8/18/1998
Renumbered 7/1/2001
Revised 1/27/2009
Reviewed 1/20/2015
Revised 6/30/2026

ADMINISTRATION

Oakton College Police Department, ~~Metropolitan Alliance of Police Fraternal Order of Police~~

Oakton College police officers are appointed by the Board of Trustees as “conservators of peace.” Within the intent of the Illinois Community College Act (Chapter 110, Illinois Compiled Statutes, Section 805/3-42.1), members of Oakton College Police Department shall be conservators of the peace and as such shall have all the powers possessed by policemen in cities, and sheriffs in counties, including the power to make arrest on view or warrants of violations of state statutes and city or county ordinances of the county in which Oakton is located. Campus police shall be appropriately trained and equipped as required to insure for the protection of the college properties and interests, and its students and personnel. Police Department Personnel cooperate with all law enforcement agencies and investigate crime reports from members of the college community.

The President and Board of Trustees recognize the existence of the ***Metropolitan Alliance of Police Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council***/Oakton College Police Department Officers as the group elected by the members of the Police Department Officers to represent them and speak for them in discussions with the administration and Board of Trustees.

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Policy No. 4000

5/22/1973

Revised 6/28/1988

Reviewed 1/20/2015

Revised 6/30/2026

ALL PERSONNEL

General Personnel Policy Statement

Through its personnel policies, the Board of Trustees wishes to establish conditions that will attract and retain the best qualified people for all positions throughout Oakton College. The Board expects that they will devote themselves to the education and welfare of Oakton Students ***and employees***.

The Board directs the administration to establish necessary procedures to keep the College's personnel policies--and corresponding administrative regulations--in the highest state of effectiveness to achieve these purposes.

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Policy No. 4004
5/21/2013
Revised 6/30/2026

ALL PERSONNEL

Employment in Multiple Part-time Positions

Individuals may not be employed simultaneously in two or more part time positions without prior authorization of the associated Vice President(s) and the Office of Human Resources. Included in the part-time positions category are the 19 hour or less, 20-hour and 25-hour staff positions; ***Adult, Continuing Education, and Workforce Development Alliance*** faculty positions; part-time and adjunct faculty positions and any contingent positions.

An individual may be assigned to a second part-time position when the average total hours worked does not equal or exceed thirty (30) hours per week. When the second assignment results in the average hours per week exceeding 30 hours, the position requires authorizations as stipulated above together with evidence that the additional assignment meets a demonstrated institutional need.

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Policy No. 4305
10/17/1978
Revised 10/1990
Revised 10/20/1992
Renumbered 7/1/2001
Revised 12/9/2014
Revised 6/30/2026

PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATION

Orientation

The President and ***President's Council members*** ~~Vice Presidents~~ will provide for the proper orientation of all administrators, both at the beginning of their respective periods of employment and from time to time thereafter.

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Policy No. 4313
9/27/1981
Revised 10/1990
Revised 10/19/1993
Renumbered 7/1/2001
Revised 3/19/2002
Revised 6/23/2015
Revised 6/30/2026

PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATION

Personal Activities

During the period of an administrator's employment contract, an administrator will devote their time, energy and attention to employment and/or activities directly beneficial to the institution. The administrator may engage in consulting, lecturing, speaking, writing or similar activities for compensation or not, that can be accomplished without impairing effective performance of the assigned duties. Any activity which requires significant administrator involvement during normal business hours must have the written approval of the President. There will be no restrictions on the administrator's activities during vacation periods or other such times when the administrator is not required to be at the College to perform assigned duties.

Notwithstanding the provisions stated above, the administrator may, at the convenience of the College and with the permission of the President and or their area ***President's Council member*** ~~Vice President~~, teach one college credit course (no more than 5 LHEs) per term and/or summer term and be paid at the applicable rate established for the part-time faculty. An administrator who is given permission to exercise this option will use vacation/personal time to accommodate the teaching schedule.

If the teaching occurs during the administrator's regular work day, the administrator and the President and/or area ***President's Council member*** ~~Vice President~~ must agree in writing either to require the make-up of missed time, to reduce the regular nonteaching appointment line, or to develop an alternative solution mutually satisfactory to the administrator and the President and/or area ***President's Council member*** ~~Vice President~~. The President and/or area ***President's Council member*** ~~Vice President~~ responsible for the administrator's department must approve the written agreement and a copy of the agreement must then be forwarded to Human Resources before the teaching assignment begins.

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the employee may, at the convenience of the College and with the permission of the President, coach one intercollegiate sport per term and be paid at the applicable rate. The assignment would be included in the total 5 LHE limit.

An administrator may request up to three days per fiscal year for professional consulting activities.

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Policy No. 4320
9/18/1979
Revised 10/20/1992
Renumbered 7/1/2001
Revised 12/9/2014
Revised 6/30/2026

PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATION

Tuition Waiver for Administrators and Members of their Immediate Families

Members of the administration and their immediate families (spouse or children) may enroll in Oakton credit courses at no cost for tuition. This privilege does not include ***Adult, Continuing Education, Workforce Development, Alliance for Lifelong Learning*** and other noncredit courses, seminars, and workshops. All fees are to be paid by the administrator.

The Chief Human Resources Officer ***or designee*** will administer tuition waiver procedures.

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Policy No. 4321
1/17/1978
Revised 10/1990
Revised 10/20/1992
Revised 9/18/2000
Renumbered 7/1/2001
Reviewed 12/9/2014
Revised 6/30/2026

PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATION

Leaves

Leaves for personal reasons may be approved by the respective ***President's Council member*** ~~Vice President~~ or the President. Personal leaves of absence may be charged to any accrued vacation, personal or holiday time, or if none available, are unpaid.

Notification of Award of Grants

Funding has been made available to Oakton College:

- a. CARLI Open Educational Resources (OER) Initiative..... \$29,718.04
- TOTAL:..... \$29,718.04**

a. Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) Open Educational Resources (OER) Initiative

Oakton College was awarded \$29,718.04 through the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) Member Open Educational Resources (OER) Initiative. The award will support efforts to expand awareness, adoption, and use of OER across the college, helping to increase equitable and affordable access to course materials for students while advancing faculty innovation in teaching and learning.

The CARLI OER Initiative provides funding to member institutions to develop and strengthen sustainable OER programs and promote open educational practices throughout Illinois higher education. Oakton will use the funds to support OER development and implementation in courses within Political Science, Dance, and Environmental Science, reducing textbook costs and enhancing access to high-quality instructional resources for students.

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