

WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #512
COUNTIES OF COOK, KANE, LAKE, AND McHENRY, STATE OF ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Harper College Legislative Breakfast Meeting on Wednesday, December 5, 2024

I CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 512 was called to order by Chair Kelley on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 8:04 a.m. in the Wojcik Conference Center.

Member Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II ROLL CALL

Present: Student Member Liman Lei, Members Pat Stack, Walt Mundt, Bill Kelley

Absent: Greg Dowell, Nancy Robb, Herb Johnson, Diane Hill

Also present: Erika Hartman, Administrative Coordinator; Dr. Tamara Johnson, Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Jeff Julian, Chief of Staff and Vice President of External Affairs; Dr. Avis Proctor, President; Dr. Michelé Smith, Vice President of Workforce Solutions; Ruth Williams, Provost; Heather Zoldak, Chief Advancement Officer.

Guests: Larry Alcaraz, Office of State Representative Jennifer Sanalidro; Mary Beth Canty, State Representative; Andrew Goczkowski, Office of US Representative Jan Schakowsky; Nicolle Grasse, State Representative; Maureen Juhas, Office of State Senator Seth Lewis; Tracy Katz Muhl, State Representative; Julia Larkin, Cornerstone Government Affairs; Michelle Mussman, State Representative; Nestor Padilla, Office of US Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi; Pooja Rai, Office of State Representative Nabeela Syed; Mark Walker, State Senator; Megan Yerger, Office of State Representative Nabeela Syed.

III AGENDA APPROVAL

Member Stack moved, Member Mundt seconded, approval of the agenda.

Ayes: Members Pat Stack, Walt Mundt, Bill Kelley

Nays: None

Motion carried. Student Member Liman Lei advisory vote: aye

IV PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

V COLLEGE UPDATE &
OVERVIEW OF
LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES

Dr. Avis Proctor, supported by Harper College leaders and Board members, presented an update on the college's accomplishments, legislative priorities, and ongoing initiatives to community stakeholders. Harper College remains committed to transforming higher education


through innovative programming, partnerships, and advocacy, with a focus on serving the community's diverse needs and promoting equity in education and workforce opportunities.

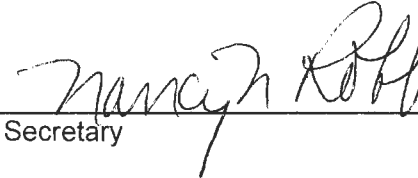
Highlights included the launch of new programs in cybersecurity and AI, offering both credit and non-credit pathways, and a milestone-based student success initiative that achieves a 75% graduation rate. Harper has received national recognition for diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI), and apprenticeships, while making significant progress on construction and accessibility improvements. The college continues to advocate for community college bachelor's degrees, expanded Pell Grant access, and workforce development funding, encouraging stakeholders to support these efforts.

VI ADJOURNMENT

Member Mundt moved, Member Stack seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

In a voice vote, motion carried at 9:19 pm.


Chair


Secretary