

**The 820th Meeting
of
The Board of Trustees
April 21, 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.



7701 Lincoln Ave
Skokie, Illinois 60077

Closed Session
5 p.m. – Room A167

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 March 16, 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 P103

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 April 21, 2026.

Agenda

- Call to Order and Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Land Acknowledgement
- Approval of minutes of the March 16, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
- Statement by the President
- Educational Foundation Liaison Report
- Pathways to Opportunity Liaison Report
- HLC Accreditation Report
- ICCTA/ACCT Liaison Report
- Student Trustee Report
- Student Spotlight

Board Reorganization:

- V 4/26-1 Recommendation for Seating of Student Member of the Board of Trustees
- V Adjournment *Sine Die*
- R Call to Order and Roll Call with New Student Member
- R 4/26-2 Resolution Organizing the Board of Trustees for the Term Commencing April 21, 2026
- V Adjournment *Sine Die*
- R Call to Order and Roll Call

Comments by the Chair

Trustee Comments

Public Participation

Report: Operations

New BusinessConsent Agenda

- V 4/26-3a Approval of Adoption of Consent Agenda
- R 4/26-3b Approval of Consent Agenda Items 4/26-2 through 4/26-5
- 4/26-4 Ratification of Payment of Bills for March 2026
- 4/26-5 Acceptance of Treasurer's Report for March 2026
- 4/26-6 Acceptance of Quarterly Report on Investments
- 4/26-7 Supplemental Authorization to Pay Professional Personnel – Spring 2026
- 4/26-8 Approval of Clinical Practice Agreements

Other Items

- R 4/26-9 Authorization to Approve April Purchases
- a. Maintenance and Restoration Services of Natural Areas
 - b. Security Guard Services – Two-Year Contract
 - c. Reimbursement Payment for the Blackbaud Awards Management Essentials Software – Three-Year Contract Renewal
 - d. Digital and Traditional Marketing Services – One-Year Contract Renewal
 - e. Leica Microscopes
 - f. Multimedia Projectors
 - g. Multifactor Authentication (MFA) Services – One-Year Renewal
 - h. Portable Electric Vehicle Training Aids
 - i. Portable Training Systems
- 4/26-10 Preview and Initial Discussion of Upcoming Purchases
- 4/26-11 Notification of Award of Grants

Adjournment



Minutes of the March 16, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535

The 819th meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 was conducted on March 16, 2026 at the Des Plaines campus of Oakton College, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Closed Session – Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Burns called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. in room 1502. 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

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.

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 February 17, 2026; and considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, collective negotiating matters, and pending litigation.

Trustee Salzberg made the motion, seconded by Trustee Bashiri-Remetio. 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

At 6:05 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 6:14 p.m. in room 1506. 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

Trustee Burns led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Trustee Toussaint read the **Land Acknowledgement**.

Also present in room 1506:

Leadership: Dr. Joianne Smith, President; Dr. Kelly Becker, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning; 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; and Katherine Sawyer, Chief Advancement Officer.

Administrators: May Alimboyoguen, Dean of Health Careers; Marc Battista, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Matthew Boutilier, Director of Online Curriculum and Instruction; Steve Butera, Director of Communications and External Relations; Kathleen Dunne Balducci, Assistant Vice President for Operations; Julia Gray, Interim Director of User Support Services; Tom 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. Andrea Lehmacher, Director of Marketing; Dr. Kanchana Mendes, Dean of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Janet Nester Olszewski, Director of Grant Strategy and Development; Nathan Norman, Senior Director of Workforce Development; Dr. James Rabchuk, Dean of STEM; John Wade, Chief Information Officer; Dan Weber, Registrar/Director of Registrar Services; Aaron Wernick, Chief of Campus Police and Emergency Management; Ella Whitehead, Director of Admission and Equity Outreach; and Andy Williams, Controller.

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

Faculty: Maria Antonopoulos, Mathematics; Christy Carter, Speech and Theater; Mary Obernesser, Biology; and Phil Prale, Education.

Staff: Giacomo Cirrincione, Learning Center; John Donoghue, Facilities; Krissie Harris, Student Life and Campus Inclusion; Marcus Hayes, Auxiliary Services; Tamara Laws, Accounting Services; Ewa Lyczewska, Marketing and Communications; Caitlin Meltzer, Enrollment Services; Esperanza Salgado-Rodriguez, TRIO Student Support Services; Vinita Shah, Media Services; Francisco Sosa, Information Technology; and Beatriz Sparks, Office of the President.

Students: Ana Adamadze, Rayyan Muhammad, Jose San Martin, and Tekecia Smith-Means.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Burns asked a motion for the approval of the minutes of the February 17, 2026 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Eimer made the motion. Trustee Bashiri-Remetio seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Statement by the President

Condolences

- To Distinguished Professor of Physics, John Carzoli on the passing of his father Richard on March 10.

Congratulations & Recognitions

- Oakton College's designation as an Achieving the Dream Leader College has been extended for the 2026–2029 term. The ATD network recognizes institutions that have demonstrated sustained, evidence-based improvements in student outcomes.
- Dean of STEM, Dr. James Rabchuk; Dean of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Dr. Kanchana Mendes; and TRIO Manager, Esperanza Salgado-Rodriguez have been selected to participate in the AACU New Leadership Academy Fellows Program. This is a six-month leadership program designed to provide experienced professionals with the knowledge, tools, and confidence to navigate the complexities of today's evolving academic landscape.
- Our Marketing and Communications team earned 14 awards at the 41st Annual Educational Advertising Awards. This competition includes more than 1,000 universities, colleges, and secondary schools from all 50 states and several countries, with over 2,000 submissions received. Oakton earned 9 gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze awards.

- 10 Oakton students participated in the Skyway Art Competition that was held at Elgin Community College on March 11. The Skyway Art Competition is an annual juried exhibition that brings together outstanding student artwork from community colleges across the region.
- The women's basketball team finished 4th in the conference. They won the first round of the Region 4 District B tournament vs Milwaukee Area Technical College, and lost in the semi-final vs Madison College.
 - 2nd Team All Skyway conference: Jaylen Zachary, sophomore.
 - Honorable Mention: Arianna Labeau, Daphne Brown, Cassie Krause, Ashlie Riley, Ari Milam-Pryor (these ladies are all freshmen).

Happenings

- Eid Al-Fitr celebration on March 30 in Des Plaines, and April 6 in Skokie.
- On March 24, the Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies Dept and the International Students Club are hosting a panel in honor of International Women's Day featuring voices and perspectives of female identifying international students and on March 25, the pop-up library will center the voices, leadership and contributions of women throughout history.
- The All-College Open House takes place Saturday April 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is an opportunity to showcase our programs and campus to our community and to prospective students and their families.
- The Six piano Ensemble will take place on April 26 and features the following works: *Samba triste from Four Piece Suite* by Richard Rodney Bennett; *Suite in C Minor for Two Keyboards* by Handel; *Sonata in D Major, K.381* by Mozart; *Ain't Misbehavin'* by Thomas Waller; *The Strenuous Life Rag* by Scott Joplin as well as other selections. A reception will follow the concert.

Educational Foundation Liaison Report

Fundraising momentum continues to grow in the second half of the fiscal year with a number of recent contributions of note:

- A \$10,000 pledge from Dr. Joan DiLeonardi, Trustee Emerita, to grow the endowments of the Michael J. Wall Memorial Scholarship and the Emory Williams Scholarship.
- An \$54,000 gift from Learning Center Tutor Jan Abramowitz to launch the Learning Opportunity and Value in Education Scholarship.
- A \$1,000 from the Oakton Community College Faculty Association to provide annual support to the Faculty Memorial Scholarship.
- A \$6,000 gift from the Seabury Foundation to renew their annual scholarship support.
- A \$6,000 gift from Foundation Director Murray Sprung and his wife Arla to grow the endowments of the scholarships in their parent's names.
- A \$10,000 gift from tennis coach David Kaufman and his wife Connie to launch an endowed scholarship for student athletes in the tennis program.
- A \$5,000 gift from Alan and Claudia Kooperman to build the endowment of the Jo Anne D. Waltman Nursing Scholarship.

The Foundation Board reviewed and affirmed their mission, vision and values during their March 4 board meeting. This re-affirmation is a stepstone in building their next strategic plan.

They also approved their budget and endowment spend rate for the next fiscal year. Given current gift commitments and strong financial performance, the Foundation expects to make more than \$2 million available to support scholarships and college initiatives in the coming fiscal year.

The Foundation has recently added a new Board Director. Mark Harris currently serves as the Director of Pritzker Tech Talent Labs at the Discovery Partners Institute for the University of Illinois. His professional work focuses on building inclusive education-to-career pathways that connect learners to high-demand industries. As a Park Ridge resident, he is motivated to contribute to an institution that serves our local community. With the addition of Mark Harris, the Foundation Board stands at 24 voting members.

The Foundation Board's next quarterly meeting will take place on June 3.

Student Trustee Report

- The Oakton Leadership Summit was attended by more than 60 student leaders from different colleges. It was facilitated by the SGA, and it touched on subjects like board-level representation, governance structures and regional advocacy. The summit provided a networking opportunity between Oakton College, Northeastern Illinois University, McHenry County College, College of Lake County, Waubesa Community College, and College of DuPage.
- Information about the SGA election is being broadly shared with the student community, and candidates have had opportunities to display their goals across campus. Results will be announced on April 6.
- The Annual Student Leadership Banquet will take place on April 16. This event recognizes the achievement of students and advisors, and their contribution to student life.
- Events: Spirit Week, March 30 – April 3; Eid Party on March 30 at Des Plaines, and April 6 at Skokie.

Student Spotlight

Tekecia Smith-Means is a first-generation student pursuing her associate's degree in Human Services with a concentration in Social Work. She shared that she has faced and overcome adversity with the support of people who saw her potential. Oakton staff Janeen Jackson (Coordinator of the Black Student Success Program), Krissie Harris, Princess Escudero and Gabby O'Connor (Student Life) have been instrumental with their constant encouragement, investing in students' growth. Professors Nicholas Larkin and Anika Jones have gone above and beyond offering guidance, accommodations and genuine interactions. Tekecia said these individuals have helped her strengthen her ethics, boundaries and ability to listen without judgement which are essential skills in human services.

Tekecia's involvement on campus have shaped her into an accountable, confident and prepared leader. She currently serves as a senator in the Student Government Association, she is a committee member of the Instructional Materials Affordability Taskforce (IMAT), and she serves as an event director for CAB. She became a RICE fellow in fall 2025 researching "African Americans, Mindfulness, Therapy and Spirituality," which later led her to become a RICE Fellow Ambassador and being inducted into Phi Theta Kappa in spring 2026. These experiences deepened her commitment to advocacy, expanded her professional skills, and taught her how to show up fully in academic and community settings.

Her main concern is the excessive cost of instructional materials. This is why she joined IMAT where she works with faculty to bring forward the students' perspective and push for real solutions. She has worked closely with Michele Oh (library faculty) to gather data in order to advocating for change.

Tekecia said: *"As I move forward, I am committed to growing, learning, and serving with purpose. Oakton has given me the foundation, confidence, and community I needed to step boldly into my future, and I intend to carry these lessons with me as I work to uplift others. I am determined to leave every space I enter better than I found and to use my education, my voice, and my lived experiences to create meaningful change. My journey is far from over, and I am ready for the next chapter ready to lead, to serve, and to shine."*

Public Participation

Jennifer Crowley, Health Careers Advisor

Board Report: Information Technology at Oakton

John Wade, Chief Information Officer, and Julia Gray, Interim Director of User Support Services provided an overview of the current state of information technology resources at Oakton, plans for reorganization in the IT infrastructure, strategic direction, and challenges.

IT's goals are maintaining state-of-the-art facilities by being mindful of budgeting and financial resources, creating operational efficiencies and improvements to technology, and fostering a culture of thoughtful planning and accountability.

The proposed Oakton IT Governance Model incorporates effective governance principles with structure and processes that include:

- Executive decisions (President's Council) on strategic IT initiatives and priorities.

- High-level oversight from a central cross-functional technology committee (Oakton College Technology Advisory Council) working in collaboration, to make consolidated IT decisions based on institutional strategic and operational needs and IT technology plans

NEW BUSINESS

3/26-1a **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

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

3/26-1b **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

Trustee Salzberg offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the following items 3/26-2 through 3/26-6 as listed in the Consent Agenda."

3/26-2 **Ratification of Payment of Bills for February 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 \$9,117,236.32 for all check amounts as listed and for all purposes as appearing on a report dated February 2026."

3/26-3 **Acceptance of Treasurer's Report for February 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 February 2026."

3/26-4 **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 \$620,167.72 to the total amount of part-time teaching salaries paid during the spring 2026 semester; the revised total payment amount is \$4,019,412.06."

"Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves an adjustment of \$127,547.17 to the total amount of faculty overload salaries paid during the spring 2026 semester; the revised total payment amount is \$808,710.09."

3/26-5 **Approval of Clinical Practice Agreements**

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

Basic Nursing Assistant (2)
Physical Therapy Assistant (1)."

3/26-6 **Approval of Rock Salt Contract Joint Participation Agreement with the Illinois Department of Central Management Services**

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the Rock Salt Contract Joint Participation Agreement between Oakton College and the Illinois Department of Central Management Services."

Trustee Yanow seconded the motion. 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

The motion carried. Student Trustee AbiNader favored the resolution.

3/26-7 Authorization to Approve March Purchases

Trustee Stafford 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>Pages</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor / Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3/26-7a	1	Construction Services for the Adjacencies Phase 2 – Des Plaines Campus	Osman Construction Company Arlington Heights, IL	\$1,219,900.00
3/26-7b	1	Fiber Optic Cabling and Safety Equipment Installation for the Pedestrian Lighting Project	Powerlink Electric, LLC Vernon Hills, IL	\$234,588.38
3/26-7c	1	YuJa Panorama: Digital Accessibility Software Solution-Structured Remediation	YuJa, Inc. San Jose, CA	\$30,000.00
GRAND TOTAL				\$1,484,488.38.”

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio seconded the motion. Trustee Stafford 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 AbiNader favored the resolution.

3/26-8 Preview and Initial Discussion of Upcoming Purchases

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

- a. Leica Microscopes
- b. Digital and Traditional Marketing Services
- c. Reimbursement to Educational Foundation for Blackbaud Awards Management Essentials Software Renewal
- d. Multifactor Authentication (MFA) Services Renewal
- e. Replacement Classroom Multimedia Projectors
- f. Information Technology Consultant Services

3/26-9 Authorization to Approve Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Oakton College Board of Trustees and the Oakton College Classified Staff Association (OCCCSA)

Trustee Toussaint offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the tentative agreement with the Oakton Community College Classified Staff Association, effective for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028."

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio seconded the motion. 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

The motion carried. Student Trustee AbiNader favored the resolution.

3/26-10 Authorization to Hire Dean of Liberal Arts

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the appointment of Dr. Mary Hope Griffin as Dean of Liberal Arts effective July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 at an annual salary of \$145,000."

Trustee Yanow seconded the motion. 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

The motion carried. Student Trustee AbiNader favored the resolution.

3/26-11 Approval of Administrative Title and Salary Adjustments

Trustee Bashiri-Remetio offered: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the following administrative title and salary adjustments effective January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026:

Dr. Kelly Iwanaga Becker: Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness at an annual salary of \$152,366.94;

Mr. Stephen Butera: Director of Communications and External Relations at an annual salary of \$119,667.70; and

Dr. Andrea Lehmacher: Chief Marketing Officer at an annual salary of \$146,210.70.

Salary adjustments will be retroactive to January 1, 2026."

Trustee Yanow seconded the motion. 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

The motion carried. Student Trustee AbiNader favored the resolution.

3/26-12 Notification of Award of Grants

Funding has been made available to Oakton College:

a. ICCB FY26 Perkins Leadership Grant	\$100,000.00
b. ICCB FY26 Digital Instruction for Adult Education Grant.....	\$25,000.00
TOTAL:	\$125,000.00

Adjournment

Chair Burns 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, April 21, 2026 at the Des Plaines Campus.

Trustee Eimer made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Trustee Bashiri-Remetio. A voice vote was called and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Martha Burns, Chair

William Stafford, Secretary

Minutes recorded by:
Beatriz Sparks
3/2026

Recommendation for Seating of Student Member of the Board of Trustees

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.

Adopted this 21st Day of April 2026

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

Board Chair

Board Secretary

KH:bs
4/2026

Resolution Organizing the Board of Trustees for the Term Commencing April 21, 2026

According to Board Policy 1011 and in conformance with the Illinois Public Community College Act, Chapter 110, Act 805, Section 3-8 (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 organizational meeting held in April. Board policy provides that each officer shall serve for a term of one year. Also at the organizational meeting, the Board establishes a calendar of meetings for the ensuing calendar year in accordance with 110 ILCS 805/3-8, to be made available to the public the following January in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 5, Act 120, Section 2.03 (5 ILCS 120/2.03).

JLS:bs
4/2026

President's Recommendation:

That the Board adopts the following resolution:

“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: The Chair will ask for nominations for each individual office:

Nominations for the Office of CHAIR of the Board;

Nominations for the Office of VICE CHAIR of the Board;

Nominations for the Office of SECRETARY of the Board;

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

1. The Board is hereby organized for the term commencing April 21, 2026.
2. 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, and 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.
3. All Board rules, policies, and procedures in effect during the previous year shall remain in effect.
4. 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.”

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 4/26-4 to 4/26-8

“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
- 4/26-5 Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report for March 2026
- 4/26-6 Acceptance of Quarterly Report on Investments
- 4/26-7 Ratification of Payment of Professional Personnel – Spring 2026
- 4/26-8 Approval of Clinical Practice Agreements.”

Ratification of Payment of Bills for March 2026

The check register detailing the regular monthly bills for March 2026 was sent out April 17, 2026. The totals by fund are on page 2. This includes approval of travel reimbursements for March 2026.

Board Chair

Board Secretary

MR:js
4/2026

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 \$8,028,866.49 for all check amounts as listed and for all purposes as appearing on a report dated March 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 March 2026, represented by checks on pages 1-17 numbered !0006575 - !0006604, !0006606 - !0006642, !0006644 - !0006692, !0006694 - !0006728, !0006730 - !0006737, A0175554 - A0175590, A0175592 - A0175631, A0175633 - A0175662, A0175664 - A0175770, A0175772 - A0175775, A0175777 - A0175804, A0175806 - A0175818, A0175820 - A0175859, A0175863 - A0175913, A0175915 - A0175940 and A0175942 - A0175954 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.

Michèle C Roberts

Treasurer, Community College District 535

RECAPITULATION Fund	Gross Checks Issued				
	Payroll	Accounts Payable	Sub-Total	Voided Checks	Total
Education	\$ 4,423,406.52	\$ 1,009,390.92	\$ 5,432,797.44	\$ (740.00)	\$ 5,432,057.44
Operation and Maintenance	\$ 389,309.18	\$ 326,468.54	\$ 715,777.72	\$ (487.16)	\$ 715,290.56
Operation and Maintenance (Restricted)	\$ -	\$ 1,034,423.88	\$ 1,034,423.88	\$ (257.84)	\$ 1,034,166.04
Bond and Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Auxiliary Enterprises	\$ 271,463.64	\$ 175,662.71	\$ 447,126.35	\$ (308.00)	\$ 446,818.35
Restricted Purposes	\$ 292,962.53	\$ 66,126.80	\$ 359,089.33	\$ -	\$ 359,089.33
Working Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Trust and Agency	\$ -	\$ 3,339.00	\$ 3,339.00	\$ (189.00)	\$ 3,150.00
Audit	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Liability, Protection and Settlement	\$ -	\$ 23,479.00	\$ 23,479.00	\$ -	\$ 23,479.00
Social Security/Medicare	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Loan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 5,377,141.87	\$ 2,639,890.85	\$ 8,017,032.72	\$ (1,982.00)	\$ 8,015,050.72
STUDENT GOVERNMENT	\$ -	\$ 11,833.77	\$ 11,833.77	\$ -	\$ 11,833.77
TOTAL PER REPORT	\$ 5,377,141.87	\$ 2,651,724.62	\$ 8,028,866.49	\$ (1,982.00)	\$ 8,026,884.49

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 1-17 numbered !0006608, !0006666, !0006679, !0006734, A0175556, A0175621, A0175664, A0175757, A0175777, A0175806, A0175834, A0175858, A0175863, A0175903 and A0175912 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 \$11,833.77 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 March 2026.



Student Government Association

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report for March 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
4/2026

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 March 2026."

OAKTON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 535
TREASURER'S REPORT

March 2026

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

Treasurer's Comments on March 2026 Financial Statements

Page 4. Financial Position Statement

Cash and investments

Monthly collections included \$13.3 million in property taxes, \$1.2 million in tuition and fees, \$976,000 in interest earnings, \$775,000 for MAP grants, \$721,000 for the credit hour grant, \$304,000 in Adult Education grants, \$271,000 for the Bridge and Transitions grant, \$162,000 for the Mental Health Early Action grant, and \$76,000 in replacement taxes.

Because of the collections delay, property taxes on a cash basis were \$41.9 million at the end of March 2026, compared to \$61.8 million at the end of March 2025. The Tax Year 2025 first installment is due April 1st and, therefore, tax year 2025 property tax deposits will occur starting in April.

Net cash and investments increased by \$11.2 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 March, revenues were \$75.0 million or 79% of the prorated budget, compared to \$94.1 million, or 104% for the previous year. Tuition and fees totaled \$24.0 million year to date, or 117% 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 \$65.1 million. The operating expenditures are \$3.4 million (5.5%) above prior year's actual expenditures of \$61.7 million for the same period. Net transfers total \$4.1 million as budgeted.

**OAKTON COLLEGE
FINANCIAL POSITION OF FUNDS AS OF
MARCH 31, 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	\$ 1,418	\$ 1,535	\$ 666	\$ 1,038	\$ -	\$ 2,162	\$ -	\$ 410	\$ 595	\$ 7,824
Taxes Receivable	29,030	4,086	-	2,026	-	-	-	52	-	35,194
Student Tuition Receivable	4,927	1	5	-	-	1,118	-	-	-	6,051
Government Funds Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	745	-	-	-	745
Lease Receivable	12,296	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,296
Accrued Interest	315	53	182	-	-	14	-	4	167	735
Other Receivables	744	4	-	-	-	97	-	-	-	845
Investments										
Short-term	67,283	8,779	45,709	5,119	(2,367)	4,225	(3,123)	914	37,647	164,186
Long-term	22,906	3,149	4,053	-	-	376	-	128	7,567	38,179
Due from (to) Other Funds	(14,500)	-	-	-	-	14,500	-	-	-	-
Inventories - Prepays	434	4	-	-	(427)	165	-	-	-	176
Total Current Assets	124,853	17,611	50,615	8,183	(2,794)	23,402	(3,123)	1,508	45,976	266,231
Net Investment in Plant	-	-	-	-	-	-	102,366	-	-	102,366
Intangible Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,596	-	-	3,596
Total Assets	<u>\$ 124,853</u>	<u>\$ 17,611</u>	<u>\$ 50,615</u>	<u>\$ 8,183</u>	<u>\$ (2,794)</u>	<u>\$ 23,402</u>	<u>\$ 102,839</u>	<u>\$ 1,508</u>	<u>\$ 45,976</u>	<u>\$ 372,193</u>
Deferred Outflows - CIP and College Plan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,103	2,103
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 124,853</u>	<u>\$ 17,611</u>	<u>\$ 50,615</u>	<u>\$ 8,183</u>	<u>\$ (2,794)</u>	<u>\$ 23,402</u>	<u>\$ 102,839</u>	<u>\$ 1,508</u>	<u>\$ 48,079</u>	<u>\$ 374,296</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION										
Payables	\$ 311	\$ 46	\$ 650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (113)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 894
Accrued Interest Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Tuition Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	(4)	-	-	-	(4)
Accruals	3,664	251	-	-	4,832	279	-	-	-	9,026
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>3,975</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,930</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,470</u>	<u>84,484</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>45,539</u>	<u>4,374</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>1,984</u>	<u>63,930</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>32,361</u>	<u>149,049</u>
Net Position										
Unrestricted	79,314	13,236	49,966	-	-	4,225	-	-	15,717	162,458
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	19,016	-	1,460	-	20,476
Debt Service	-	-	-	6,199	(66,724)	-	-	-	-	(60,525)
Plant	-	-	-	-	-	-	102,839	-	-	102,839
Total Net Position	<u>79,314</u>	<u>13,236</u>	<u>49,966</u>	<u>6,199</u>	<u>(66,724)</u>	<u>23,241</u>	<u>102,839</u>	<u>1,460</u>	<u>15,717</u>	<u>225,248</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	<u>\$ 124,853</u>	<u>\$ 17,610</u>	<u>\$ 50,616</u>	<u>\$ 8,183</u>	<u>\$ (2,794)</u>	<u>\$ 23,403</u>	<u>\$ 102,839</u>	<u>\$ 1,509</u>	<u>\$ 48,078</u>	<u>\$ 374,297</u>

**OAKTON COLLEGE
EDUCATION AND OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS
SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 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	\$ 65,901	\$ 41,917	64%	100%
Replacement Tax	1,200	900	1,043	116%	72%
State Revenue	5,407	4,055	4,403	109%	119%
Tuition and Fees	20,047	20,608	24,025	117%	102%
Other	3,947	2,960	3,564	120%	214%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 97,605	\$ 94,425	\$ 74,952	79%	104%
EXPENDITURES (accrual basis)					
Instructional	\$ 34,321	\$ 25,741	\$ 26,703	104%	104%
Academic Support	22,824	17,118	18,033	105%	97%
Student Services	9,739	7,304	6,572	90%	87%
Public Services	1,697	1,273	1,005	79%	86%
Operations and Maintenance	9,716	7,287	6,494	89%	86%
General Administration	10,072	7,554	6,468	86%	89%
General Institutional	(72)	(54)	(203)	376%	320%
Contingency	3,778	2,834	-	0%	0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 92,075	\$ 69,056	\$ 65,072	94%	96%
Revenues over (under) expenditures	5,530	25,369	9,880		
Net Fund transfers					
To O & M Fund (Restricted)	(1,000)	(750)	(750)		
To Auxiliary Fund & Adult/Cont Ed/Work	(2,800)	(2,100)	(2,100)		
To Restricted Purpose Fund	(100)	(75)	(75)		
To Liability, Protection & Settlement Fund	(898)	(674)	(674)		
To Social Security/Medicare Fund	(995)	(746)	(746)		
From Working Cash Fund: Interest	290	218	218		
Total Transfers	\$ (5,503)	\$ (4,127)	\$ (4,127)		
Net Revenue over (under) expenditures	\$ 27	\$ 21,242	\$ 5,753		

**OAKTON COLLEGE
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2026**

**AGENDA ITEM 4/26-5
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OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND (Restricted)	Budget (000)	Actual (000)	Actual as a % of Budget
REVENUES			
Construction Fee	295	332	113%
Interest and Investments Gain/Loss	25	1,572	6288%
Total revenues	<u>320</u>	<u>1,904</u>	<u>595%</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Project Management Service	-	142	0%
Learning Commons RHC	-	8	0%
DP Workplace - Critical Adjacencies	1,900	360	19%
Learning Commons DP - Enabling Proj	-	2,232	0%
TenHoeve Wing Remodeling	500	-	0%
Oakton College Health Education Center	50	311	622%
Exterior Lighting Project	1,750	2,541	145%
Learning Commons - Des Plaines	5,033	3,897	77%
Baseball Parking Lot	1,500	304	20%
Skokie Emergency Power Generator	400	2	1%
Enrollment Center Elevator Project	-	34	0%
Founders Wall Project	135	95	70%
Environmental Branding Project	200	116	58%
Enrollment Ctr Workspace Renovation	83	-	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	145	15%
Contingency	-	-	0%
Total expenditures	<u>15,488</u>	<u>10,848</u>	<u>70%</u>
Transfer in	1,000	750	75%
Net	<u>\$ (14,168)</u>	<u>\$ (8,194)</u>	<u>58%</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	\$ 2,064	155%	129%
Workforce Development	210	64	30%	19%
Copy Center	110	97	88%	77%
Athletics	42	37	88%	86%
Child Care	413	409	99%	83%
PAC Operations	6	4	67%	0%
Other	34	63	185%	91%
Interest and Investments Gain/Loss	188	50	27%	38%
Total revenues	<u>2,335</u>	<u>2,788</u>	<u>119%</u>	<u>100%</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Bookstore Operating Expenses	\$ 1,865	\$ 858	46%	54%
Workforce Development	200	125	63%	46%
Copy Center	524	284	54%	74%
Athletics	1,302	18	1%	81%
Child Care	570	428	75%	72%
PAC Operations	105	76	72%	90%
Auxiliary Services Administration	360	318	88%	78%
Other	479	122	25%	23%
Total expenditures	<u>5,405</u>	<u>2,229</u>	<u>41%</u>	<u>64%</u>
Transfers in (out)	2,272	1,704		
Net	<u>\$ (798)</u>	<u>\$ 2,263</u>		

**ADULT, CONTINUING EDUCATION, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 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	\$ 450	\$ 425	71%	74%
Tuition and Fees	2,687	2,015	1,001	37%	37%
Sale of Materials	1	1	-	0%	0%
Institutional Support					
Evening High School	133	100	93	70%	37%
Other Revenues	45	34	24	53%	64%
Total revenues	<u>3,466</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>1,543</u>	<u>45%</u>	<u>43%</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
Administrative Support	\$ 1,428	1,071	943	66%	0%
Instructional Programs					
Allied Health	59	44	22	37%	21%
Job-related	1,561	1,171	319	20%	24%
Personal	29	22	19	66%	71%
Emeritus Programs	66	50	16	24%	24%
High School Programs	98	74	57	58%	44%
Kids/Youth Programs	53	40	36	68%	41%
ESL Programs	66	50	42	64%	78%
Total Programs	<u>1,932</u>	<u>1,449</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>26%</u>	<u>27%</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,360</u>	<u>2,520</u>	<u>1,454</u>	<u>43%</u>	<u>31%</u>
Revenue over (under) expenditures	<u>\$ 106</u>	<u>\$ 80</u>	<u>\$ 89</u>		
Transfer in	52	39	39		
Net	158	119	128		

OAKTON COLLEGE
STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUND
SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 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	\$ 494,001				
Interest income	-				
Sub total revenues	<u>494,001</u>				
369901 Student Government Association	20,000	110,000	130,000	(86,680)	43,320
369910 Occurrence	-	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	(42,692)	57,388
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	(483)	3,629
369924 Anime Club	-	800	800	(154)	646
369926 Diversability Club	120	1,082	1,202	(296)	906
369929 Asian American Unity Club	155	731	886	(236)	650
369931 Stitch Happens	-	1,100	1,100	-	1,100
369932 Ceramics Club	-	-	-	(68)	(68)
369934 International Students Club	510	731	1,241	(333)	907
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
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)	2,100	17,000	19,100	(9,873)	9,227
369949 Mission Bible Club	-	788	788	(505)	283
369953 Polish Club	-	600	600	-	600
369955 Environmental Club	-	2,224	2,224	(452)	1,773
369957 Future Health Careers	-	300	300	-	300
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	(136)	138
369973 Oakton Student Dance Club	-	777	777	-	777
369975 Pre-Law Club	-	300	300	-	300
Sub Totals	<u>25,914</u>	<u>269,322</u>	<u>296,889</u>	<u>(145,643)</u>	<u>151,246</u>

Fund Summary

Total Revenues	\$ 519,915
Total Expenditures	(145,643)
Total Transfers to other funds	<u>(8,500)</u>
Excess revenues over expenditures	365,772
Net Position 6/30/25	1,709,605
Net Position, end of period	<u>\$ 2,075,377</u>

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

GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS/PAYMENTS

DATE	AMOUNT	REFUNDS/ STUDENT- DISBURSEMENTS	ILLINOIS SALES TAX	EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CCHC	CHASE CREDIT CARD	BOND HOLDER & MISC
	\$ -					
3/17/2026	\$ 1,066,651.87			\$ 1,066,651.87		
3/20/2026	\$ 1,153,228.46	\$ 1,153,228.46				
3/18/2026	\$ 1,618.00		\$ 1,618.00			
	\$ -					
TOTAL	\$ 2,221,498.33	\$ 1,153,228.46	\$ 1,618.00	\$ 1,066,651.87	\$ -	\$ -

PAYROLL TAXES - TRANSFERS/PAYMENTS

DATE	AMOUNT	FEDERAL PAYROLL TAXES	STATE PAYROLL TAXES	SURS	CREDIT UNION AND TAX SHELTERS
3/13/2026	\$ 773,800.68	\$ 299,462.62	\$ 109,464.94	\$ 273,887.04	\$ 90,986.08
	\$ -				
3/27/2026	\$ 772,004.66	\$ 293,668.86	\$ 108,935.62	\$ 277,524.78	\$ 91,875.40
	\$ -				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 1,545,805.34	\$ 593,131.48	\$ 218,400.56	\$ 551,411.82	\$ 182,861.48

Acceptance of Quarterly Report on Investments

Quarter ended March 31, 2026

	Current Year 3/31/2026	Last Year 12/31/2025	Prior Year 3/31/2025
<u>Investments (000)'s Par Value</u>			
Certificates of Deposit	43,955	23,595	46,954
Illinois Funds (IPTIP)	56,413	81,365	87,717
ISDLAF-Liquid+Max Fund (Money Market)	13,093	24,002	11,947
PMA 2023 Debt Certificates	-	-	2,540
Chase (Money Market)	2,560	2,499	2,261
Treasury Notes	42,074	48,378	59,335
U.S. Treasury Obligations (GNMA's)	405	420	460
U.S. Treasury Obligations (FNMA's)	3,477	4,491	4,205
Federal Agency Bonds	1,079	1,107	1,250
Local Government Bonds	2,105	2,312	2,855
Corporate Issues	1,951	1,203	1,050
PMA Pref. Bank SSB-ICS	-	2	785
US Bank A010 PMA First American	45	227	346
Huntington ICS	5,737	5,694	5,543
Wintrust Bank	3,469	3,437	3,326
Illinois Trust	25,000	-	-
Fair Market Value Adjustment	59	(593)	315
Total	201,422	198,139	230,889

Policy Concerns

NA

Planned Revisions

NA

MR:js
4/2026

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 Quarterly Report on Investments for filing."

Supplemental Authorization to Pay Professional Personnel – Spring 2026

Comparative figures:

Spring 2026 Adjunct Faculty \$4,169,476.50	Spring 2025 Adjunct Faculty \$3,917,209.17
Spring 2026 Adult & Continuing Ed \$465,063.25	Spring 2025 Adult & Continuing Ed \$493,221.50
Spring 2026 Overload \$928,057.11	Spring 2025 Overload \$782,177.53

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4/2026

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 \$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.”

Approval of Clinical Practice Agreements

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

Cardiac Sonography/Radiography/Surgical Technology

Amendment: This is an Addendum for the Cardiac Sonography, Radiography and Surgical Technology program. It has been reviewed and approved by the College faculty and administration. This is an auto renewal which commences on April 21, 2026.

Physical Therapy Assistant

New: This is a new contract for the Physical Therapy Assistant Program. It has been reviewed and approved by the College faculty and administration. This is a three-year agreement which commences on June 1, 2026 and terminates on June 1, 2029.

Sterile Processing Technician

Amendment: This is a Program Memorandum the for Sterile Processing Technician program. It has been reviewed and approved by the College faculty and administration. This is an auto renewal which commences on April 21, 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 approves the following cooperative agreements:

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

Authorization to Approve April 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.

Items “a – b” were previewed at the February 2026 Board of Trustees meeting. Items “c – g” were previewed at the March 2026 Board of Trustees meeting. Items “h – i” have not been previewed.”

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4/2026

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>
4/26-9a	1	Maintenance and Restoration Services of Natural Areas – Two-Year Contract	Semper Fi Land, Inc Sugar Grove, IL	\$169,409.00
4/26-9b	1	Security Guard Services – Two-Year Contract	HLSA, Inc Chicago, IL	\$631,983.00
4/26-9c	2	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	1	Digital and Traditional Marketing Services – One-Year Contract Renewal	VisionPoint Marketing, LLC Raleigh, NC	\$490,000.00
4/26-9e	1	Leica Microscopes	North Central Instruments, Inc Brooklyn Park, MN	\$46,090.74
4/26-9f	1	Multimedia Projectors	JensenIT, Inc Des Plaines, IL	\$119,256.96
4/26-9g	1	Multifactor Authentication (MFA) Services – One-Year Renewal	Duo Security Ann Arbor, MI	\$54,000.00
4/26-9h	1	Portable Electric Vehicle Training Aids	NADA Scientific, Ltd Rouses Point, NY	\$35,899.00
4/26-9i	1	Portable Training Systems	Automotive Video Innovations, Inc. Fort Myers, FL	\$29,100.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,623,220.20.”

IN DISTRICT	\$166,738.46
CONSORTIUM	\$0.00
BID	\$1,291,392.00
BID EXEMPT	\$165,089.74
QBS	\$0.00
CERT. MBE	\$169,409.00
CERT. WBE	\$631,983.00
NON-CERT. MBE	\$0.00
NON-CERT. WBE	\$490,000.00

Authorization to Purchase Maintenance and Restoration Services of Natural Areas – Two-Year Contract

The natural areas of the College are an essential part of the pedagogy and aesthetics of the campuses. In September 2017, the Board authorized the purchase of a Natural Areas Restoration project. This work has since been completed, and continued maintenance is required for the natural areas. The current two-year maintenance contract approved by the Board expires in May 2026.

The Procurement and Grounds departments worked together and issued a bid for the services in February 2026. The services will include seasonal burns, tree and debris removal, and weed/invasive species management at the Des Plaines and Skokie Campuses. It will be a two-year contract expected to run from May 2026 to April 2028. The College received four bid responses.

Des Plaines and Skokie Campuses Natural Areas Maintenance Bid # TLE-FY26-03	
Vendor	Total Price
Semper Fi Land, Inc	\$169,409.00
Baxter & Woodman Natural Resources, LLC	\$196,326.26
Native Restoration Services	\$209,356.80
Bluestem Ecological Services	\$223,845.00

The responsible and responsive low bid was submitted by Semper Fi Land, Inc of Sugar Grove, IL, for a total of \$169,409.00. Semper Fi has been in business since 2004 and is an Illinois-certified Minority-Owned Business (MBE). Their references include the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Chicago, the City of Oakbrook Terrace, the Lake County Division of Transportation, and the Village of Algonquin. The Administration is confident that Semper Fi will meet the College’s needs.

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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 Maintenance and Restoration Services of Natural Areas – Two-Year Contract from Semper Fi Land, Inc, 205 Gordon Road, Sugar Grove, IL 60554, for a total not to exceed \$169,409.00 in accordance with their low bid in response to Invitation to Bid # TLE-FY26-03.”

Authorization to Purchase Security Guard Services – Two-Year Contract

The safety of the College community is a top priority of our institution. The Police Department at Oakton College does an exceptional job of ensuring that everyone on the campus is safe. However, the College’s full-time police officers cannot work 24/7; therefore, the College requires support from an outside security services vendor to supplement its security staffing.

The Procurement and Police departments collaborated to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the required security guard services in January 2026. The RFP invitation was sent to 28 vendors (eighteen BEP-certified and two in-district). The College received eleven RFP responses.

After thorough evaluation of each vendor’s proposal, the Administration is seeking approval to contract with HLSA, Inc (Chicago, IL) for Security Guard Services for an amount not to exceed \$631,983.00. This contract will be for two years with the anticipated start date of May 1, 2026.

HLSA has been in business since 2014 and is an Illinois-certified Women-Owned Business (WBE). The business is operated under the leadership of a retired Chicago Police Captain with over 28 years of service. HLSA maintains a comprehensive training and development program for its staff to ensure that all security personnel assigned to the College are qualified, competent, and proficient in their duties. This includes State regulatory compliance, company standards, and ongoing professional development. The Administration is confident that HLSA will meet the College’s needs.

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4/2026

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 Security Guard Services – Five-Year Contract with HLSA, Inc, 6650 N Northwest Highway, Suite #207, Chicago, IL 60631, for a total not to exceed \$631,983.00, in accordance with their response to Request for Proposal: FY26-RFP#2.”

Authorization of the Reimbursement Payment for Blackbaud Awards Management Essentials Software – Three-Year Contract Renewal

The College has used Blackbaud’s Award Management software to support the awarding of Educational Foundation and Institutional scholarships since 2015. Blackbaud’s Award Management software is the leading provider of software-as-a-service scholarship management solutions to higher education institutions and foundations. The cloud-based solution improves the visibility of scholarships to students and simplifies the scholarship application and awarding process. In addition, the software improves the business processes for all students and staff and enhances donor engagement. Oakton received nearly 1,300 scholarship applications via the software tool in the last academic year and has disbursed over \$1.4 million in various Foundation and Institutional scholarships.

The software has supported additional funding opportunities for students outside of the scholarship portfolio during the last several years, including the NSF STEM Scholarship, Supplemental Early Childhood and PATH grants, and the Owl Retention Fund. This tool was also critical to support our awarding and distribution of over \$9 million in federal HEERF dollars received during the pandemic.

Following the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed between the Foundation and the College in 2021, and most recently updated in 2025, the Foundation assumed responsibility for the Blackbaud software license and manages the contract, renewals, upgrades, and payables. Based on the MOU in place and on the cost-sharing agreed by the College and Foundation for other Blackbaud software applications, the Foundation is prepared to share in the expense of the Awards Management package. The Foundation invoices the College annually for the institution’s portion of this share cost.

The current contract is set to expire in May 2026. The renewal cost over the next three years is as follows:

Term	Total Cost	College Share (50%)
Year 1 (May 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) 14 months to sync with the primary contract	\$31,253.00	\$15,626.50
Year 2 (July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028)	\$30,635.00	\$15,317.50
Year 3 (July 1, 2028 – June 30, 2029)	\$33,075.00	\$16,537.50
Grand Total	\$94,963.00	\$47,481.50

Blackbaud, headquartered in Charleston, South Carolina, is the most prominent Foundation software vendor in the higher education market, with 3,000 higher education customers, including many of the Illinois community colleges. Additionally, Blackbaud serves over 26,000 general nonprofit clients, forming a robust community of clients.

The purchase is bid-exempt pursuant 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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4/2026

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 Reimbursement Payment for the Blackbaud Awards Management Essentials Software – Three-Year Contract Renewal to Oakton College Educational Foundation, 1600 E Golf Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60017, for a total amount of \$47,481.50.”

Authorization to Purchase Digital and Traditional Marketing Services – One-Year Contract Renewal

The Marketing and Communications Department supports the College's strategic goals and priorities outlined in our strategic plan's three pillars: strengthening the Oakton experience, Enhancing Workforce Readiness and Community Engagement, and Advancing Racial Equity. Oakton supports the College's brand refresh and the new SEM plan to strengthen our relevance, drive demand, grow our programmatic focus, and increase new student enrollment by reaching prospective adult students, traditional students, parents, influencers, and our business partners.

Paid advertising purchases are managed through an agency that provides expertise in campaign strategy, management, and optimization through data and analytics, campaign and platform recommendations, and buying power to identify digital and traditional channels.

Through a competitive public Request for Proposals (RFP) process, the Board approved an award to VisionPoint Marketing, LLC (Raleigh, NC) for both digital and traditional advertising services from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms. The Board approved the first renewal in February 2025, and it will expire on June 30, 2026.

VisionPoint Marketing is a non-certified, woman-owned company focused solely on higher education. Their client base comprises 40% of community colleges, including a wide range of small and large institutions and state systems. The firm has two-year and four-year institution clients in Illinois and has supported Oakton's digital and traditional media services to assess our impact and influence across our advertising channels. They have extensive customer relationship management (CRM) experience, including Salesforce, the College's CRM system.

The Administration is satisfied with the Digital and Traditional Marketing Services provided by VisionPoint Marketing and is seeking Board approval for a one-year contract extension for the fiscal year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027). The Administration requests approval for the amount not to exceed \$490,000.00 and is confident that VisionPoint Marketing will continue to meet the College's marketing needs.

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4/2026

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 Digital and Traditional Marketing Services – One-Year Contract Renewal with VisionPoint Marketing, LLC, 150 Fayetteville Street, Suite 300, Raleigh, NC 27601, for a total not to exceed \$490,000.00."

Authorization to Purchase Leica Microscopes

The fiscal year 2026 capital equipment budget includes funds to purchase new microscopes for the Biology labs at the Des Plaines campus. The Biology department uses microscopes in most of the lab-based courses that we offer at Oakton, from the non-major Bio 101 (Introduction to Life Science) to major-level Bio 121 (General College Biology) and health care track classes such as Bio 231/232 (Anatomy and Physiology) and Bio 251 (Microbiology). Each of the College's ten laboratories has three to four sections per day, and each section has 24-26 students using microscopes per class. This equates to over ninety hours of use per microscope every week.

Currently, the Biology department labs use the same model microscope across all labs, allowing students to have a more consistent experience throughout their academic tenure at the college. The College seeks approval to purchase the Leica DM500 microscopes for a total amount of \$46,090.74. These cost-efficient microscopes are ideal because of their robust build and minimal moving parts, making them suitable for daily use in labs. Purchasing new microscopes is less expensive than repairing the old ones. These microscopes come assembled and ready to use out of the box with no extra costs for installation or setup.

Leica Microsystems is the only manufacturer of the Leica DM500 microscopes. Leica uses exclusive distributors for specific states, and North Central Instruments, Inc. (NCI, A Thomas Scientific, LLC Company) is the only authorized distributor for Illinois purchases.

This is a bid-exempt purchase according to ILCS-805/3-27.1 item I, "goods or services which are economically procurable from only one source."

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4/2026

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 Leica Microscopes from North Central Instruments, Inc, 7125 Northland Terrace N, Suite 100, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428, for a total not to exceed \$46,090.74."

Authorization to Purchase Multimedia Projectors

The College uses 197 multimedia projectors in classrooms, meeting spaces, and conference rooms. The Fiscal Year 2026 budget includes funds to purchase replacement projectors and multimedia equipment for classrooms as part of an eight (8) year replacement cycle.

The Information Technology department is working on an updated standard for classroom technology and event spaces, including projectors. As part of this planning, the IT department has researched and recommends purchasing two types of projectors based on specific use cases, rooms, and/or screen sizes.

Descriptions	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Cost
Sharp XP-P721Q-W projectors - larger events and teaching spaces	12	\$6,797.21	\$81,566.52
Sharp XP-P621U-W projectors - General use in standard-size classrooms	12	\$3,140.87	\$37,690.44
Grand Total			\$119,256.96

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 \$119,256.96. 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.

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."

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4/2026

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 Multimedia Projectors from JensenIT, Inc, 1689 Elk Boulevard, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016, for a total of \$119,256.96."

Authorization to Purchase Multifactor Authentication (MFA) Services – One-Year Contract Renewal

The College currently uses Duo Multifactor Authentication (MFA) for almost all systems. As information technology security threats have increased and the College has transitioned to more cloud-hosted services, it has become critical to move beyond passwords. With Duo multifactor authentication, users continue to use a password but can flexibly add additional authentication mechanisms, such as a push notification from a linked mobile device, a One-Time Password (OTP) application, or a hardware security key. This is critical protection to prevent attacks using compromised credentials.

The College's Information Technology department evaluated various applications and services from multiple vendors and selected Duo Security in 2020. Duo is purchased using a software-as-a-service (SaaS) model, and the current one-year contract expires on May 21, 2026.

In addition to the renewal, the College will expand Multifactor Authentication to all students. This will require providing SMS/text messaging as an MFA option, which Duo charges on a per-transaction basis. This additional cost is not expected to exceed \$15,000 per year.

After reviewing the solutions, the Administration seeks approval for the renewal of Duo Multi-Factor Authentication Education Edition from Duo Security, a subsidiary of Cisco Systems, for an amount not to exceed \$54,000.00, with a contract term from May 22, 2026, to May 21, 2027. Duo is a sole-source, cloud-based service available only through direct purchase from Duo Security.

More than 300 institutions use Duo MFA in education due to its combination of features and competitive pricing for Internet2 and InCommon members.

The purchase is bid-exempt pursuant 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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4/2026

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 Multifactor Authentication (MFA) Services – One-Year Renewal from Duo Security (A division of Cisco Systems), 123 N. Ashley Street, Suite. 200, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, for a total of \$54,000.00."

Authorization to Purchase Portable Electric Vehicle Training Aids

Electric Vehicles are the future of transportation, and the College offers introduction and advanced courses for Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Systems to help keep students up to date with transportation technology. The courses are designed to prepare students to work with ever-changing Electric Vehicle technology. The Automotive Lab requires Portable Electric Vehicle Training Aids to support student training.

The training aids are organized into five fundamental systems to support student learning. Each unit can be powered either by a standard electrical outlet or a manual hand-cranking mechanism. The manual unit is lightweight and portable, making it ideal for demonstrations at events such as high school career nights.

In addition, the vendor offers a full upright cutaway model of a Prius mounted on a wheeled platform. This unit is designed for classroom or automotive lab use and is powered by an electrical cord. The cutaway allows students to observe the internal components of the engine as well as the operation of the hybrid charging system in real time, providing a hands-on visual learning experience.

The Administration seeks approval to purchase the Portable Electric Vehicle Trainer Aids from NADA Scientific, Ltd., for a total amount of \$35,899.00.

This is a bid-exempt purchase according to ILCS-805/3-27.1 item I, "goods or services which are economically procurable from only one source."

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4/2026

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 Portable Electric Vehicle Training Aids from NADA Scientific, Ltd., 74 Lake Street, Rouses Point, NY 12979, for an amount not to exceed \$35,899.00."

Authorization to Purchase Portable Training Systems

Automotive Video Innovations, Inc. (AVI) offers portable training systems mounted on rolling carts, making them ideal for both classroom and lab instruction. Similar to those from NADA Scientific, Ltd., AVI's products are standalone, one-of-a-kind training units designed for hands-on learning.

The fully functional R-1234yf and R-134a "Chillinator" air-conditioning training systems include all major electrical components found in hybrid and electric-vehicle A/C systems. These components include a three-phase compressor, an integrated inverter, a 12-volt battery, a thermal expansion valve, a receiver-drier, a blower motor, and easily accessible service ports.

These portable units support effective instructor demonstrations and allow students to perform onboard diagnostics and testing by following the included curriculum and training materials. Instructors can also introduce system faults ("glitches") to create realistic troubleshooting scenarios for practical, skills-based learning.

The Administration seeks approval to purchase the Portable Training Systems from Automotive Video Innovations, Inc. (AVI), for a total amount of \$29,100.00. AVI is the developer and sole distributor for these products. They are unique in their design and functionality.

This is a bid-exempt purchase according to ILCS-805/3-27.1 item I, "goods or services which are economically procurable from only one source."

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4/2026

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 Portable Training Systems from Automotive Video Innovations, Inc., 8595 College Parkway, Suite 350, Fort Myers, FL 33919, for an amount not to exceed \$29,100.00."

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)** – 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). For FY2027, the cost of these licenses brokered by NILRC and CARLI will not exceed \$96,400. These purchases are exempt from the bidding process according to the Illinois Community College Act 110 ILLS.

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

- b. **Athletics Website Hosting Services** – SIDEARM Sports, LLC currently hosts the Oakton Department of Athletics website (oakton-owls.com). The initial contract, signed July 1, 2020, and an ad-removal amendment, was a five-year contract that ended June 30, 2025. A one-year amendment extended the contract to the end of fiscal year 2026. SIDEARM Sports is a comprehensive, effective, flexible, and productive athletics website platform utilized by many of our peer institutions.

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

- c. **Wellness Kiosk** – 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.

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

- d. **Transportation Services for Athletic Teams – One-Year Renewal** – The current College 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 with professional drivers for each team instead of 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 transportation services for two additional one-year periods at the College's discretion. The Board approved the first renewal option in May 2025 with an expiration date of June 30, 2026.

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

- e. **Zoom Video Conferencing Services** – 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.

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

- f. **Cisco Systems Hardware and Software Support Contracts** – The College uses 158 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 will be presented to the Board at the May 2026 Meeting.

- g. **Replacement Wi-Fi Access Points** – 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.

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

- h. Dell Monitor Hubs** – In early 2021, the College began providing “mobility” laptops to most full-time staff and administrators. To enable the use of laptops in employee offices, the College provides “docking stations” that allow the mobility laptop to connect to our network and peripherals and provide power to the laptop.

The College has tested and reviewed several dock brands and types and has decided to purchase Dell Monitor hubs for employee offices. Using the monitor hub refreshes the monitor in the employee's office to a higher-grade monitor, while reducing cabling, as it also provides the same services as an external “docking station.” Oakton will be doing a phased rollout as part of the move to provide these in all offices.

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

- i. Lexmark Printers** – The College has an aging fleet of printers used in smaller offices and in computer lab classrooms, and is looking to move to a proactive replacement cycle based on total page count and/or age of a printer. 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.

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

- j. 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 includes funds to replace 108 network access switches that are end-of-life and will no longer be supported after October 2027.

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

- k. Annual VMware Support and License Renewal** – The fiscal year 2026 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 2026. This purchase preview is intended to cover the possibility of unexpected delays, if needed. The purchase would include renewing annual software maintenance and support for the subset of existing VMware servers for one more year.

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

- l. Lightcast Renewal** – Oakton has used two major products that are now both part of the Lightcast umbrella. For many years, Oakton has leveraged the Analyst tool. Analyst 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.

In the last few years, 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 looking to explore 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 job, the top skills needed, 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.

We are combining these contracts and proposing a multi-year agreement to leverage clear, locked-in pricing and reduced rates. This purchase will be presented to the Board at the May 2026 meeting.

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

a. ICCB Advanced Manufacturing Program

The Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) awarded the Northern Illinois Workforce Coalition consortium funding through the FY2026 Advanced Manufacturing Program in the total amount of \$714,130.76.

Oakton College is one of 14 community college partners in the consortium, which provides training in foundational manufacturing skills. Harper College serves as the lead institution for the grant. Oakton will be reimbursed for the activities it performs in service of the award. Activities costs include supporting a NIWC coordinator, student tuition, certifications, and stipends for 40 students.

b. DCEO Skokie Learning Commons

Oakton College has been awarded \$125,000 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to support the renovation of the Skokie Learning Commons.

The College originally submitted the application in FY2024 to support the build-out of the Learning Commons. With funding now secured, the award will be used to enhance the space through improvements such as soundproofing, accessible furniture, and expanded power access for laptops and other devices.

The grant period runs from March 2026 through February 2028.

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