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**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES MAYOR EMANUEL'S APPOINTMENT OF DEBORAH TELMAN  
TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*Telman brings more than 20 years of experience advising top companies  
on law and operations in Chicago*

City Council today approved Mayor Rahm Emanuel's appointment of Deborah H. Telman to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for the City Colleges of Chicago (CCC). Telman brings to the board her legal and operational expertise derived from service at multiple Fortune 500 companies, as well as her engagement in a number of civic organizations and philanthropic efforts benefiting youth citywide. Telman replaces Sandy Goldman, who will retire from service to the Board of Trustees.

"Deb is a committed leader with a pristine record of driving legal and financial strategy for some of the top companies in Chicago and the world," said Mayor Emanuel. "Her strong experience, leadership, and ties to the community make her uniquely qualified to build on the work that our City Colleges are doing to empower communities and residents citywide to learn and thrive."

Telman is Vice President and General Counsel at Johnson Controls, where she leads global legal strategy, litigation, labor & employment, and finance functions for an international company with a presence in more than 150 countries. Earlier in her career, Telman led mergers and acquisitions for Abbott and The Boeing Company; as well as roles leading international negotiations for AbbVie and as Partner at the international firm Winston & Strawn.

"I am honored Mayor Emanuel has nominated me to serve on the City Colleges' Board of Trustees at such a critical time," said Telman. "I look forward joining this team and for the chance to build on the recent monumental progress made by the students and faculty at City Colleges."

In joining the Board, pending City Council approval, Telman will work with newly appointed Chancellor Juan Salgado in guiding new and sustained academic and operational initiatives to support students in entering pathways to four-year degrees and meaningful employment.

"With a stellar professional background and commitment to giving back to her community, Deb Telman will be a strong asset to the City Colleges board as we work to drive improvements and build on our students' success," said 21st Ward Alderman and Education Committee Chair Howard Brookins.

In addition to her career as an attorney, Telman is currently involved in a number of civic organizations, including the TURN Center, a new community outreach center in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood that helps families, and young people in particular, deal with the trauma of violence in their community; the Chicago Humanities Festival; and Harriet's Daughters, a Chicago-founded non-profit focused on professional advancement and economic opportunity for African Americans. Telman lives in the Hyde Park neighborhood with her husband and two sons. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania and a Juris Doctor degree from Boston University School of Law.

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