

ALLAN H. COHEN

CANDIDATE FOR OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Candidate: Allan H. Cohen

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Occupation: Retired

Education: BA Chemistry (Univ. of Buffalo) 1968, Ph.D. Chemistry (Northwestern Univ.), 1974, Post Doc.(Univ. of Chicago), 1973-75. MBA, Finance and Marketing, (Univ. of Chicago), 1983

Civic Involvement: Glenview Leadership program, Participant 2017/18; Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and Children's Hospital, Governing Council member (2012-present); Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, Trustee (2015-present)

1. Why are you running?

Oakton is a remarkable resource in our community. As my work responsibilities have decreased, I am utilizing my business skills and experience to strengthen our community. Being an Oakton Trustee is an excellent fit. My skills and experience in management, finance, business development, and board governance supports the needs of the college and will complement the skills of other trustees.

2. What are your qualifications?

- Business skills and experience include: board governance, management, finance, investments, marketing, business development, and chemical research
- Experience as a director or board trustee includes work with two nonprofit groups, two public corporations, and over a dozen private (corporate) boards of directors
- Experience with professional advising for early stage women led companies via Springboard Enterprises (<https://sb.co/>) (pro bono)

3. What do you hope to accomplish during your tenure on the board?

Maintain and improve an excellent institution as a resource for and in its service to the community.

Areas to explore include;

- programs serving growing areas of the economy; health sciences, data analysis, and hybrid (soft/hard science) programs.
- strengthening counseling programs, the Education Foundation, community engagement and shared governance.