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## Next President Picked For Community College

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MANCHESTER

A vice president at a community college north of Chicago has been selected as the next president of Manchester Community College.

Gena Glickman, 56, was the top choice of the committee that conducted a national search for a replacement for Jonathan Daube, MCC's president for the past two decades. He announced last May he would retire this June.

David Blackwell, a Manchester lawyer and member of the board of trustees for the state's community college system, led the committee that selected Glickman from a field of about 50 candidates.

"Literally, after the final interview, there was applause," Blackwell said Friday. "She really wowed the crowd. She was an impressive candidate, very engaging."

Much has been done at MCC in recent years to enhance the campus as well as its faculty and staff, Blackwell said. "Now we're looking for the right person who fits that particular college and I think Gena Glickman is that person" Blackwell said.

Glickman, who now serves as vice president for instruction and student services at Elgin Community College in [Illinois](#), said she has long been interested in Connecticut's community college system. And MCC, she said, is a "dynamite college" with "incredibly rich traditions."

"When you look at where they are now, Jonathan Daube has moved them so far along," Glickman said Friday. "There's so much great that's happened on that campus."

During visits to Manchester, Glickman said there was a "sense of warmth and openness and accessibility. It's just a wonderful place."

Glickman has been a finalist for president of community colleges in [New Jersey](#), [New York](#), [Maryland](#), [Michigan](#) and Illinois. She withdrew as a finalist Friday morning at Macomb Community College in Michigan after learning she'd been selected for the Manchester job.

"I was anxious to complete the Manchester search because it was my first choice," she said. "I'm just absolutely delighted I was selected. It really was my first choice."

Blackwell said the selection committee was impressed by Glickman's communication skills and her recognition of the role a community college can play in ensuring high school students are properly equipped for college.

"She's also someone who recognizes a community college can serve as an engine for economic development," Blackwell said.

Before her arrival at Elgin Community College, Glickman worked at the University of Baltimore as assistant and then associate provost. She also worked as dean of the college at the Maryland College of Art and Design, and before that as executive director for curriculum development and evaluation at Harford Community College in Maryland.

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