

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FINANCE AND CAPITAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting of September 8, 2026

The meeting of the Finance and Capital Committee of the Board of Trustees was held in the College Center Building room 252-253. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Gardyn at 5:05 p.m.

Committee members present: Kevan Abrahams
 Rabbi Deborah Bravo
 Elliot S. Conway
 Lynne D’Agostino (appointed ad hoc)
 Jorge Gardyn (ex-officio)

Other Trustees in attendance: Paulo A. Pereira
 Johncarlo Rivera, Student Trustee

Also in attendance: Abel Cantillo, AVP, Finance & Administration
 Phillip Cappello, Associate VP, Facilities
 Beatriz Castaño, Director of Procurement
 Maria Conzatti, Chief Administrative Officer
 Alexandra Cruz, VP, Finance & Administration

1. **Minutes** – The minutes of the June 9, 2026 meeting were approved. Trustee Conway made the motion; seconded by Trustee Gardyn. Motion carried 5-0.
2. **Pending College Procurement Agreement for Board Approval** – Cable + Connections Acquisition Co. LLC

RESOLVED, that the pending College Procurement Agreement with Cable + Connections Acquisition Co. LLC, in the amount of \$115,202.50, as requested by Mary Floratos, Assistant Vice President, Information Technology Services, is approved by the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees Finance and Capital Committee and will be recommended to the full Board of Trustees for approval. (Funding Source: Capital)

Trustee Conway asked if there were any questions or comments. Trustee D’Agostino asked how old the equipment is that is being replaced. Director of Procurement, Beatriz Castaño, responded that although she does not know the exact age of the equipment, it is at least five years old because that is the minimum requirement for equipment to be capitalized.

There being no further questions, a motion was requested to forward the resolution to the full Board of Trustees for approval. Trustee Gardyn made the motion; seconded by Trustee Conway. Motion carried 5-0.

3. **Pending College Procurement Agreement for Board Approval** – Derive Technologies, LLC

RESOLVED, that the pending College Procurement Agreements with Derive Technologies, LLC, in the amount of \$113,593.10, as requested by Mary Floratos, Associate Vice President, Information Technology Services, is approved by the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees Finance and Capital Committee and will be recommended to the full Board of Trustees for approval. (Funding Source: Capital)

Trustee Conway asked whether there were any questions or comments. Trustee Abrahams asked for clarification regarding what a network switch is. Director Castaño indicated that she was not familiar with the technical details and, since Mary Floratos, AVP for Information Technology Services, was not present at the time, referred the question to Elias Tarquino, a Technologist III in the Information Technology Department, who

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was providing technical support for the meeting. Mr. Tarquino explained that the College's network infrastructure consists primarily of switches and routers. He explained that network switches connect devices within the local area network (LAN), including computers and other networked equipment in classrooms and offices, while routers facilitate communication between different networks. He further explained that the network switches connecting the buildings and providing network connectivity to classrooms and offices are among the components that need to be replaced.

There being no further questions, a motion was requested to forward the resolution to the full Board of Trustees for approval. Trustee Gardyn made the motion; seconded by Trustee Abrahams. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Pending College Pricing Agreement for Board Approval – Joseph F. Schneider & Associates, Inc.

RESOLVED, that an annual expenditure in the amount of \$150,000 under the pricing agreement with Joseph F. Schneider & Associates, Inc., as requested by Phillip Cappello, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, is approved by the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees Finance and Capital Committee and will be recommended to the full Board of Trustees for approval. (Funding Source: Operating)

Trustee Conway asked if there were any questions or comments. Trustee D'Agostino asked why the contract was not be re-bid as a result of the additional scope of work. Director Castaño explained that the contract has a provision that allows the College to include additional elevators to the contract, and therefore a new bid process is not required.

There being no further questions, a motion was requested to forward the resolution to the full Board of Trustees for approval. Trustee Gardyn made the motion; seconded by Trustee Abrahams. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Pending College Pricing Agreement for Board Approval – Johnson Controls Security Solutions, LLC

RESOLVED, that an annual expenditure in the amount of \$100,000 under the Operating Plan and \$400,000 under the Capital Program with Johnson Controls Security Solutions, LLC, as requested by Phillip Cappello, Associate Vice President, Facilities, is approved by the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees Finance and Capital Committee and will be recommended to the full Board of Trustees for approval. (Funding Source: Operating and Capital)

Trustee Conway asked for clarification as to why the resolution was not presented with the total amount of \$2 million. Director Castaño explained that the costs must be itemized annually, and by funding source - Operating and Capital. She further clarified that the amounts stated in the resolution represent expenditures "up to" the specified amounts and, therefore, actual costs may be lower each year.

A discussion ensued, after which the Trustees agreed to proceed with the motion to approve the resolution as written.

A motion was requested to forward the resolution to the full Board of Trustees for approval. Trustee Gardyn made the motion; seconded by Trustee Abrahams. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Comptroller's Report – Abel Cantillo

- a. For the month of August, the Comptroller's Office examined 13 OTPS (Other than Personal Services) expenditures, totaling \$1,271,202. Those 13 expenditures ranged from approximately \$15,000 to \$400,944 and averaged \$97,785. All 13 expenditures were found to be in conformity with the Code of Rules and Regulations of the State University of New York, proper departmental authorization, accurate departmental

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coding, evidence of receipt of goods or services and utilization of appropriate purchasing practices based on the amount of purchase, and state and local requirements.

- b. For the Accounts Receivable Report, through August of 2026 we have collected 94.5% of our receivables.

7. NCC Capital Plan Update – Phillip Cappello

AVP Phillip Cappello provided the Committee with an update on ongoing renovations and improvements across the campus. The projects presented included the relocation of the Greenhouse to the Brick Café, the renovation of the TV Studio, and the campus-wide roof replacement project. He also provided updates on the Culinary Arts/K Building and the Cybersecurity Suite in the B Cluster, both of which are currently in the design phase. AVP Cappello also discussed projects currently in construction, including the renovation of the D Cluster, which is the second campus cluster scheduled for renovation. The renovated D Cluster will house the College's Workforce Development Program.

VP Cruz provided additional information regarding the funding for the D Cluster renovation. She explained that the College received approximately \$5.4 million in SUNY funding for enrollment initiatives, a portion of which was designated for the renovation of Cluster D. The funding also supports the renovation of Cluster B, which will house Cybersecurity and Mental Health Workforce programs. The funding was awarded in 2022 or 2023 and was originally scheduled to expire in June.

VP Cruz explained that approximately \$1.8 million in funding remained, primarily associated with the renovation of Cluster D. The funds had not yet been expended because the College was awaiting the necessary County approvals, which resulted in delays in completing the required paperwork. She noted that, through the efforts of the College's team, including AVP Cappello and Antoinette Brown, the College presented its circumstances to SUNY and requested additional time to utilize the remaining funds. SUNY subsequently granted the College an extension, allowing the approximately \$1.8 million in remaining funds to continue to be used for the project. VP Cruz noted that, had the extension not been granted, the College would have incorporated the work into its larger Capital Plan and the project would still have been completed. However, the extension will allow the College to proceed using the SUNY funding designated for the initiative. The College will be required to meet certain project milestones and will continue to provide SUNY with updates regarding the project's progress.

AVP Cappello continued his presentation and highlighted additional projects such as the High Temperature Hot Water Pipe Project, and also the H Building swing space, which is in the close-out stage. He also informed the Committee that the College is now in the process of submitting the Capital budget to the County.

Trustee D'Agostino suggested that AVP Cappello provide the new Board members with a tour of the campus, similar to the tour he had previously given to other Trustees, including herself. It was discussed that the tour is valuable in providing a better understanding of the scope of the campus and the various projects underway.

8. Updates – There were no updates at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Alexandra Cruz
Alexandra Cruz
Vice President for Finance & Administration