

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of September 12, 2023

The six hundred seventieth meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 5:42 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
Wanda H. Jackson, Secretary;
Lynne D'Agostino, John A. DeGrace, John R. Durso, Ronald J. Rosenberg,
George Siberón, Tibet Ateş Student Trustee.

Absent: Donna M. Tuman

Also in attendance: CAO Conzatti, VP Kornbluth, Acting VP Alvarez-Ortiz and VP Langdon

Chair Gardyn requested a motion that pursuant to Section 105 of the Open Meetings Law of the State of New York, the Board of Trustees shall enter Executive Session for the following purposes: 1) to discuss matters relating to negotiations involving the NCCAA; 2) to discuss matters relating to negotiations involving the NCCFT; 3) to discuss matters relating to negotiations involving the AFA; and 4) to review the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 9-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
Wanda H. Jackson, Secretary;
Lynne D'Agostino, John A. DeGrace, John R. Durso, Ronald J. Rosenberg,
George Siberón, Tibet Ateş Student Trustee.

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1. Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2023, June 13, 2023, and July 26, 2023. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee DeGrace. Motion carried 8-0-1(Weiss).

2. Trustee Durso introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees Finance and Capital Committee, the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees hereby approves the pending college procurement agreement with CannonDesign in the amount of \$1,938,250 as requested by AVP Facilities Management, Phillip Cappello. (Funding Source: Capital)

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Siberón moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Weiss. Motion carried 9-0.

3. Trustee Siberón introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees Finance and Capital Committee the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees accepts the donation of approximately sixty-two pieces of art from various artists in varying mediums from Jane St. Lifer Art, Inc. and expresses their appreciation for this gift.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 9-0.

4. Trustee Jackson introduced the following resolution:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees Finance and Capital Committee the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the donation of eighty-seven (87) student desks to BOCES, Department of Special Education at 71 Clinton Road, Garden City, NY 11530; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any associated transportation costs must be paid by BOCES, Department of Special Education.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee D'Agostino. Motion carried 9-0.

5. Trustee D'Agostino introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees Personnel, Affirmative Action & Labor Committee, the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees hereby approves that in recognition of distinguished and meritorious service to Nassau Community College, and upon the recommendation of the Acting President of Nassau Community College, the following named retired faculty members of Nassau Community College, who retired after attaining the academic rank of professor or associate professor, are hereby granted the permanent academic title of professor emeritus with all the privileges and rights accruing thereto.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>
Dilip Balamore	Professor	Math/CSC/ITS	9/1/2023
Rona Barzilay-Unger	Associate Professor	Student Personnel Services	9/1/2023
Farica Bialstock	Professor	Allied Health Sciences	9/1/2023
Nancy Bloom	Professor	Marketing & Retailing	9/1/2023
Esther Bogin	Professor	Communications	9/1/2023
Patricia Caro	Professor	History, Pol Sci, Geography	9/1/2023
Andrina Cleveland	Professor	Health & Phys Ed	9/1/2023
Jeanine Cook-Garard	Professor	Nursing	9/1/2023
Marilyn Curry	Professor	Healthcare Administration	9/1/2023
Thomas D'Angelo	Professor	English	9/1/2023
Linda DiDio	Associate Professor	Nursing	9/1/2023
Wesley Doody	Professor	Chemistry	9/1/2023
Ronna Feit	Professor	World Languages & Culture	9/1/2023
Stella Fox	Professor	English	9/1/2023

Ann Heslop	Associate Professor	Nursing	9/1/2023
Sidney Hochman	Professor	Economics/Finance	9/1/2023
Lawrence Jacob	Associate Professor	Allied Health Sciences	9/1/2023
Kathrine Jason	Associate Professor	English	9/1/2023
Gary Klinger	Professor	Allied Health Sciences	9/1/2023
Jacqueline Lee	Professor	Chemistry	9/1/2023
Susan Maurer	Associate Professor	History, Pol Sci, Geography	9/1/2023
Patti Anne Murphy	Professor	Nursing	9/1/2023
Deirdre O'Connor	Associate Professor	Communications	9/1/2023
Kwame Okoampa-Ahoofe	Associate Professor	English	9/1/2023
Kristin Quinn	Associate Professor	English	9/1/2023
J. Michael Riedinger	Associate Professor	Math/CSC/ITS	9/1/2023
Karen Santini	Associate Professor	Allied Health Sciences	9/1/2023
Sandra Smolin	Professor	Chemistry	9/1/2023
Timothy Tweedy	Professor	Math/CSC/ITS	9/1/2023
Deborah Tyler	Professor	Math/CSC/ITS	9/1/2023
Catherine Weinstein	Professor	Chemistry	9/1/2023

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 9-0.

6. Trustee DeGrace introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the College Administration and the Personnel, Affirmative Action & Labor Committee, the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees hereby approves the titles of Senior Director – College and Executive Director - College, and requests the approval of the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees of The State University of New York.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 9-0.

Chair Gardyn made a motion under Article VIII section C(6) of the Rules of Procedure to allow for the consideration of an item that does not appear on the Calendar. Trustee Weiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-1(Rosenberg)-0.

7. Trustee D'Agostino introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College herewith appoints Dr. Maria P. Conzatti as Chief Administrative Officer of Nassau Community College with all of the duties and responsibilities of the position of Acting President of Nassau Community College, pending the consideration of approval of her appointment as President of Nassau Community College by the Board of Trustees and Chancellor of the State University of New York.

Trustee Rosenberg questioned why this item was added at the last minute and why Dr. Conzatti's title should be anything other than President or Acting President, as the Board supports her in this role which she has earned and deserves, and they owe her a debt of gratitude for her service.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 8-1(Rosenberg)-0.

Elections of Board Officers

Trustee DeGrace made a motion to keep the present 2022-2023 slate of officers in place for the 2023-2024 academic year. Seconded by Trustee Durso. Chair Gardyn asked if there were any objections, there being none, motion carried 9-0. The slate of officers for the AY 2023-2024 are: Jorge Gardyn, Chair; Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair; and Wanda Jackson, Secretary.

Dr. Conzatti reported on the following items:

- FEMA awarded Nassau County \$2.06 to sustain the SAFER Program from November 2023 through November 2027.
- Nassau County Office of Community Development awarded a \$75, 000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to NCC Workforce Development.
- SUNY has award NCC 1.1 million in transformational funds to replicate the CUNY ASAP program.
- Cluster C is opened although there is a punch list of changes/repair for the contractor.

Speakers

Elizabeth Hynes-Musnisky, Chair Academic Senate, asserted that the Senate looks forward to working together to advance the College and is hopeful this commitment continues through the year and all the years to come.

Faren Siminoff, NCCFT President, echoed Dr. Hynes-Musnisky's comments on working together, proposing that Dr. Conzatti, Board, and faculty leadership schedule meetings a few times each semester, as direct dialog for sharing ideas and concerns, even with disagreement.

Chair Gardyn announced that the next Board of Trustees' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Board committee meetings are scheduled for 5 p.m. followed by the opening of the public session.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Rosenberg. Motion carried 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wanda H. Jackson
Secretary