

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of October 10, 2023

The six hundred seventy-first meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 5:41p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
John R. Durso, Secretary Pro Tem;
Lynne D'Agostino, George Siberón, Tibet Ateş Student Trustee.

Absent: John A. DeGrace, Wanda H. Jackson, Ronald J. Rosenberg, Donna M. Tuman

Also in attendance: CAO Conzatti

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 purposes of 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 Siberón moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 6-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair
John R. Durso, Secretary Pro Tem;
Lynne D'Agostino, George Siberón, Tibet Ateş Student Trustee.

Absent: John A. DeGrace, Wanda H. Jackson, Ronald J. Rosenberg, Donna M. Tuman

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1. Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of September 12, 2023. Trustee Durso moved to correct item #5 Professor Emeritus to reflect that Professor Wesley Doody retired from the Chemistry Department, and not the Biology Department. Trustee Weiss seconded the motion. Chair Gardyn asked if there were any discussion on the correction, and, being none, Chair Gardyn asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of September 12, 2023, as corrected; seconded by Trustee Weiss. Motion carried 6-0.

2. 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 hereby approves the pending college procurement agreement with Alpha Medical Equipment of NY, Inc. in the amount of \$189,400, as requested by Dr. Dawn DiStefano, Acting Dean of Instruction, Math and Sciences.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Trustee D'Agostino 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 GoCampusing in the amount of \$167,000 per year, as requested by Charmian Smith, Interim Vice President, Academic Student Services.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 6-0.

4. Trustee Ateş introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees Finance and Capital Committee, the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees authorizes the increase in the hourly rate of pay for Nassau Community College student aides and Federal Work Study employees to New York State minimum wage effective January 1, 2024 to \$16.00, on January 1, 2025 to \$16.50; and on January 1, 2026 to \$17.00 for on- and off-campus employment.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee D'Agostino. Motion carried 6-0.

Chair Gardyn made a motion under Article VIII section C(6) of the Rules of Procedure to allow for the consideration of 2(two) items that did not appear on the Calendar. Trustee Durso seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

5. 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 Preferred Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$3,689,950, plus 10% contingency of \$335,450, as requested by Phillip Cappello, AVP Facilities Management. (Funding Source: Capital)

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Weiss moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 6-0.

6. Trustee Weiss introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees hereby approves the pending college procurement agreement amendment with Ingerman Smith, LLP to include additional funding in the amount of \$250,000, as requested by Donna Haugen, General Counsel.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee D'Agostino. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Conzatti reported on the following items:

- Workforce Development received a Community Development Block Grant initially for \$75,000, and funding has been doubled to \$150,000.
- At the request of the college, NICE Bus is increasing frequencies on many routes and upgrading direct service to NCC, including the N16 Express Service from the Hempstead Transit Center to NCC campus, which will now run weekday mornings with return service in the afternoon. The route schedule has been restructured to run every 20 minutes during peak periods.

Events

- Homecoming week is Oct 23-28, 2023.
- Open House is October 29, 2023.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Expo and Bachata Dancing is October 26, 2023 during Club hour.

Middle States

On May 30, 2023, the college's Self-Study Design was approved. Various Working Groups have started the process of collecting and evaluating data and evidence to answer Lines of Inquiry, and to ensure we meet Middle State's Standards and Requirements of Affiliation. Our new Middle States website is live at ncc.edu/middlestates. The college will hold a Middle States and Strategic Planning update presentation for the campus community on November 17th at 10 a.m.

Dr. Conzatti addressed the recent events involving the attack on Israel by Hamas, stating that while we, as an academic institution, do not take political positions, we strive to foster an environment of empathy, dialogue, and the peaceful resolution of conflicts. It is essential that NCC stand as a community, especially during moments of global strife, recognizing the importance of supporting our students and colleagues who may be directly affected by these events.

Speaker

Leonardo Falcón, Instructor of History & Latin American Studies, advocated for support, particularly for other funding sources, for the recently opened LA CASA (Latin American Center for Academic Success and Achievements) since NCC did not receive an HSI (Hispanic Serving Institute) grant again this year, although we will continue to try. The center will serve a dual purpose, not only highlighting Latinx cultures and contributions, but supporting academic success and excellence for all students. It will serve as a retention tool for Latinx and other minority students who will know that there is a place at NCC where they feel a sense of belonging and are valued by a campus community that cares for their future. He hopes to attract conferences and scholarships and seeks assistance from the Board and the County.

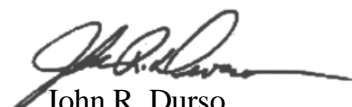
Dr. Gardyn stated NCC Board of Trustees deplores the inhuman, barbaric massacre perpetrated on the people in Israel and prays for the safe return of the hostages and the quick resolution of the violence.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Board of Trustees' Committee meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. It is anticipated the Board will open the public session between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Weiss. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


John R. Durso
Secretary Pro Tem