

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of September 2, 2015

The five hundred eighty-seventh meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 6:33 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Arnold W. Drucker, Secretary;
Anthony W. Cornachio, John A. DeGrace,
Wanda Jackson, Edward W. Powers,
Donna Tuman, Jennifer Borzym, Student Trustee.

Absent: Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair.

Speakers

Evelyn Wortsman Deluty, Chair of Academic Senate, read the following comments:

Members of the Board choose an interim president someone with experience in higher education who understands the challenges faced by the community college, choose an interim president tonight. We are putting our trust in you to come together tonight to make a decision. As we begin a new semester we are moving into the third year without a permanent president it's time to unite this college community, it's time to move on to bring dynamic innovative permanent leadership to Nassau Community College. Our students deserve nothing less.

Shoel Cohen, Professor of Psychology, spoke of his concern that the Board has moved pieces in such a way that Dr. Saunders somehow gets a chance to be president in a third do-over and that's something that would lead him and others to have no confidence in the Board or in the president.

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 interviewing a candidate for the position of interim president of Nassau Community College, selecting an interim president of Nassau Community College, and recommending a selection to the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York for its approval. Trustee Drucker moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Jackson. Motion carried 8-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 8:24 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

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Wanda Jackson, Edward W. Powers,
Donna Tuman, Jennifer Borzym, Student Trustee.

Absent: Kathy Weiss, Vice Chair.

Chair Gardyn made a motion under Article IV section 3(f) of the Rules of Procedure to allow for the consideration of an item that does not appear on the Calendar.

Trustee Drucker seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

1. Chair Gardyn introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT DR. THOMAS DOLAN IS APPOINTED INTERIM PRESIDENT OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE EFFECTIVE UPON APPROVAL OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES FOR A TERM COINCIDENT WITH THE PERIOD OF TIME NECESSARY FOR THE BOARD TO CONDUCT A SEARCH FOR A PERMANENT PRESIDENT OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE SELECTION OF THE BOARD HAVING BEEN APPROVED BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CHAIR OF THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS HEREWITH AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN DR. THOMAS DOLAN AND THE BOARD FOR THE POSITION OF INTERIM PRESIDENT OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Motion carried 7-0-1 (Cornachio).

Chair Gardyn announced the next Capital and Finance BOT Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. beginning with a tour of the new Student Services center followed by the Full Board meeting. The Board will open the public session between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. and resume the public session approximately 7:30 p.m.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Drucker moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Cornachio. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Drucker
Secretary