

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of October 8, 2024

The six hundred seventy-ninth meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 in the College Center Building Room 252-253. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 5:38 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Donna M. Tuman, Vice Chair
Wanda H. Jackson, Secretary;
Lynne D'Agostino, John A. DeGrace, John R. Durso,
George Siberón, Jordon Groom, Student Trustee.

Absent: Kathy Weiss

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 purpose of reviewing 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 Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Tuman. Motion carried 8-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Donna M. Tuman, Vice Chair
Wanda H. Jackson, Secretary;
Lynne D'Agostino, John A. DeGrace, John R. Durso,
George Siberón, Jordon Groom, Student Trustee.

Absent: Kathy Weiss

Also in attendance: CAO Conzatti

1. Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2024. Trustee Tuman moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 8-0.

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 Marshall and Sterling Upstate, Inc. in the annual amount of \$382,000 for the 3rd year, \$355,000 for the 4th year, and \$375,000 for the 5th year, as requested by Erik Paulson, Consulting Vice President for Finance and Administration.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee DeGrace moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 8-0.

3. College Pending Agreement with Stasi Brothers – Not called.
4. Trustee Tuman 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 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>
Linda Boire	Associate Professor	Accounting & Business	08/31/2024
Pierre Desroches	Associate Professor	Art	08/31/2024
William Moeck	Professor	English	08/31/2024
Joseph Pescatore	Professor	Accounting & Business	08/31/2024
Phylis Sherman	Professor	Accounting & Business	08/31/2024
Pieran Teng	Associate Professor	Art	08/31/2024
Pramila Venkateswaran	Professor	English	08/31/2024

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee D’Agostino. Motion carried 8-0.

Dr. Conzatti reported on the following items:

NCC has been nominated in several categories by the Best of Long Island. Voting is open thru December 15th. The nominated categories are:

- Best College
- Best College President – Dr. Maria Conzatti
- Best Coach – John Savage, Lacrosse
- Best College Sports Program
- Best College Counselor - Dave Follick and
- Best Radio Station 90.3 WHPC (going for our 4th win in a row)

October events:

- October 20th - Fall Open house in the Field House beginning at 9:30am.
- October 25th - Guidance counselor breakfast. Invitations were sent to all local school counselors in Nassau, Suffolk and Queens. To date there are over 70 RSVPs including schools in all 3 counties including the north shore.
- October 26th - Homecoming at Mitchel Field. We will once again be honoring faculty nominated by student athletes that have positively contributed to their academic success.
- October 28th and 29th - The Math Department is hosting the accrediting body accreditation visit for the Electrical Engineering Technology and Civil Engineering Technology programs. Thank you to the faculty, Professors Nina Shah and Kathleen Gallagher who spent last year putting together the report and we look forward to a successful visit.
- October 30th - Site visit with Middle States Team Leader Dr. Quentin Bullock.

Speaker

Richard Ginsberg, Professor of the Art department, spoke of three discrete degree programs offered at NCC: Acting, Dance & Technical Theatre. He stated, according to the American Alliance for Theater, students involved in drama production outscore non-arts students in performance, coursework and experience. It should be noted that there are over 2,000 jobs for dancers and choreographers in the New York and New Jersey area and that the industry predicts a 27% growth rate. He recommends, based on student interest and the growing need in this industry that the administration supports these programs.

Dr. Gardyn wished the students, faculty and administration of the Jewish faith, Shanah Tovah in the year 5785. He recognized that it is a year and a day since the tragedy in Israel and our hearts go out to the people in that region and we hope for peace in the near future.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Board of Trustees' Committee meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024 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 DeGrace. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wanda P. Jackson
Secretary