NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of March 4, 2025

The six hundred eighty-third meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 in the College Center Building Room 252-253. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 6:35 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Wanda H. Jackson, Secretary;
Elliot S. Conway, Lynne D'Agostino, John A. DeGrace,
George Siberón, Kathy Weiss, Jordon Groom, Student Trustee.

Absent: John R. Durso, 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 following purposes: 1) the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof; and 2) 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 Conway. Motion carried 8-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Wanda H. Jackson, Secretary;
Elliot S. Conway, Lynne D'Agostino, John A. DeGrace,
George Siberón, Kathy Weiss, Jordon Groom, Student Trustee.

Absent: John R. Durso, Donna M. Tuman

Also in attendance: CAO Conzatti

1. Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2025. Trustee Groom moved the motion; seconded by Trustee DeGrace. Motion carried 6-0-2(Weiss, Conway).

2. Trustee Conway 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 Brightview Landscape Service in the annual amount of $1,140,000, as requested by Phillip Cappello, AVP Facilities Management.

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

3. Second Reading: Policy 7900: Animals on Campus

Trustee Weiss reported that Policy 7900 is a new policy regarding animals in buildings on campus and is aimed to ensure the health and safety of the Nassau Community College community and to preserve the integrity of the College's buildings and grounds. Dr. Conzatti certified that she reviewed Policy 7900 and that it has been submitted for consultation to the appropriate constituencies within the College prior to submission to the Board.

Chair Gardyn made a motion under Article VIII section C(6) of the Rules of Procedure to allow for the consideration of an (2)two items that did not appear on the Calendar. Trustee Weiss seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

3. Trustee Jackson introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Policy & Planning Committee at its meeting of December 10, 2024, followed by two readings of the policy by the Board of Trustees and public discussion, the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College adopts ***Policy 7900: Animals on Campus*** and that the same be subsequently incorporated into the policy manual of the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College.

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

4. Trustee Conway introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College, upon recommendation by the Chief Administrative Officer, herewith authorizes and approves a Settlement Agreement and General Release between the College and a particular employee, made known to the Board in executive session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College, herewith authorizes the Chair of the Board to execute said agreement.

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

Dr. Conzatti reported on the following items:

- The Middle States Team visit is scheduled for March 10-12, 2025 with a robust schedule of meetings with members of our community. Those scheduled to meet with the team will be notified by email.
- Congratulations to Jordon Groom and Rajiv Vakani, who are the two recipients of a 2024-2025 All-New York Academic Team Award for Phi Theta Kappa (PTK). This award recognizes select students for academic excellence, leadership, and engagement in community service. I also wish to acknowledge their PTK Omicron Sigma (Day Chapter) Co-Advisors, Assistant Professor Adrienne Nocella and Assistant Professor/Librarian Leslie Wong Loock for their student support. Both were recently recognized by PTK for five years of dedicated service.
- Congratulations to the Art Department's Allison Rufrano, on receiving the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching for the Academic Year 2024-2025, an honor that appropriately acknowledges adjunct faculty whose ability, dedication, and achievement rise to the level of expertise.
- Congratulations to Dr. Gardyn for winning the LI Business News 2025 Health Care Heroes award.

- The contract for our legacy assessment management system for Planning and Self Study has ended, and we will be implementing HelioCampus in late Spring 2025 to replace this legacy system.
- Strategic Planning: Monitoring of the strategic plan is underway. Data from the first year of assessment tied to the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan is due at the end of the Spring term.

Speaker

Grant Peterson, NCC student, spoke about the hiring of a new administrator for the Honors attribute, the federal immigration law, and students' rights to freedom of speech.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Board of Trustees' Committee meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025 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 Conway moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda H. Jackson
Secretary