NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of Tuesday, December 9, 2025

The six hundred ninetieth meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 in the College Center Building Room 252-253. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 5:35 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Wanda H. Jackson, Secretary, via videoconferencing;
Elliot S. Conway, via videoconferencing; Lynne D'Agostino, John A. DeGrace,
John R. Durso, George Siberón, Joshua Hammer, Student Trustee.

Absent: Donna M. Tuman

Also in attendance: CAO Conzatti

1. Academic Senate Chair Edward Boyden gave an update on the work of the Senate:

- The Senate is scheduled to meet on Thursday, December 18, it is anticipated that all items necessary to bring the college into compliance with student civic discourse requirements and the Board's policy on credit for prior learning will be approved. Following approval, the materials are expected to be forwarded to Dr. Conzati.
- The Assessment Committee has been discussing the rollout process and anticipated functionality of HelioCampus, the new academic assessment software platform. The potential impact on classroom practices remains under discussion.
- The Curriculum Committee, in coordination with the college administration, is exploring options to reduce the total credit requirements for certain degree programs to 60 or 62 credits rather than 64. A curriculum subcommittee met to address this issue; however, the issues involved are complex, and discussions are ongoing.

Trustee DeGrace asked which other institutions have degree programs set at 62 credits. Chair Boyden responded that he did not know but would get the information. Dr. Conzatti stated that all CUNY institutions have degree programs set at 60 credits.

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: 1) to discuss matters relating to negotiations involving the NCCAA; 2) discussion regarding proposed, pending, or current litigation; and 3) 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 D'Agostino moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 8-0.

Executive Session

Dr. Gardyn in executive session announced the following committee appointments:

Board of Trustees' Presidential Search Sub-Committee

- Trustees Conway, D'Agostino and Tuman.

Following a presentation by counsel during executive session, Board members voted upon the commencement of a petition to vacate a certain arbitration award dated September 25, 2025, respecting union release time. Motion carried 7-0-1(Durso)

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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Lynne D'Agostino, John A. DeGrace, John R. Durso,
George Siberón, Joshua Hammer, Student Trustee.

Absent: Elliot S. Conway, Donna M. Tuman

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2. Approval of Minutes

a. Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2025. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 7-0.

b. Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of November 23, 2025. Trustee Hammer moved the motion; seconded by Trustee DeGrace. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Trustee Durso introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Nassau Community College hereby appoints William Martinov to the position of Vice President for Institutional Advancement, effective immediately.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee DeGrace moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 7-0.

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 7-0.

4. First Reading of the amendment to Policy 6700

The purpose of the Policy 6700 is to set general guidelines to provide a clear understanding of the investment objectives of the College's operating funds.

Trustee D'Agostino asked if there any comments from the Board or President on Policy 6700? Dr. Conzatti certified that she reviewed the amendment to Policy 6700 and it has been submitted for consultation to the appropriate constituencies within the College prior to submission to the Board. There being no further comments, Trustee D'Agostino recommended that the amendment to Policy 6700 to be submitted to the Full Board of Trustees for a second reading and adoption at its next scheduled meeting.

5. Trustee DeGrace introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees hereby approves a procurement agreement with John H. Gross, Esq., in the annual amount of $300,000, as requested by Donna Haugen, College Counsel.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee D'Agostino moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Conzatti reported on the following items:

WHPC has been nominated for a record 14 nominations for the Intercollege Broadcasting System 2026 Awards - which is the most ever received.

- BEST Community College Radio Station!!! (An award we've won before!)
- BEST Phone App
- BEST Social Media Accounts
- BEST On Air Personality - ALLISON ROBERTS
- BEST Community Volunteer Program
- BEST Show Promo "Radio Rumble"
- BEST Public Affairs Show - Your Family Health "NYS Smokers Quitline"
- BEST Morning Show "The Nassau Morning Madhouse"
- BEST Foreign Language Program "Lithuanian Landslide"
- BEST Press Release "Nys Broadcasters Win"
- BEST Show Intro "Nassau Mix: Not Just Any Mix"
- BEST Underwriting Spot "IHeart Radio"
- BEST Sports Interview "From The Pressbox: Ken Morrow"
- BEST Station (Legal) I.D.

The winners are announced at their conference on February 21, 2026.

Wished all a Happy and healthy holiday season!

Speaker

Ricardo Santos, Professor of English, expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Board of Trustees and Dr. Conzatti for their support in his receiving the SUNY Distinguished Professorship Award. He noted that the recognition is meaningful to him personally and as a member of the faculty.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Board of Trustees' Committee meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. It is anticipated the Board will open the public session between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Gardyn wished all faculty, administration, students, and fellow members of the Board of Trustees a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year, may you enjoy it with love, peace, and with your families.

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda H. Jackson
Secretary