NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of February 10, 2026

The six hundred ninety-second meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 in the College Center Building Room 252-253. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gardyn at 5:25 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Donna M. Tuman, Vice Chair
Wanda H. Jackson, Secretary;
Elliot S. Conway, John R. Durso, Joshua Hammer, Student Trustee.

Absent: Lynne D'Agostino, John A. DeGrace, George Siberón

Also in attendance: CAO Conzatti

Chair Boyden reported that the Honors Committee will present its recommendations to the Academic Senate at the March meeting.

The curriculum sub-committee is currently considering two proposals to revise the procedure manual to allow departments to propose degree programs with fewer than 64 credits. The subcommittee that are dealing with these revisions met a number of times during the fall semester. The proposed revisions will be reviewed and discussed by the departments prior to submission to the full curriculum committee for consideration and approval.

The Academic Senate Executive Committee, along with Dr. Conzatti and other administrators, is forming a working group to address institutional challenges related to artificial intelligence. The urgency of this effort has increased following a recent court decision involving Adelphi University, which ruled against the institution in a lawsuit connected to AI-related issues.

The working group will include representatives from the faculty, administration, and student body. Chair Boyden anticipates sharing a preliminary list of proposed members with Dr. Conzatti and VP Alvarez-Ortiz by the end of the week, with the opportunity to adjust if needed.

Once membership is finalized, specific charges and objectives will be developed to guide the group's work. The goal is to hold several meetings during the current semester in order to make meaningful progress, as AI-related issues are ongoing and evolving. An update on the working group's formation and initial progress is expected at the next Senate meeting.

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) to discuss matters relating to negotiations involving the Department Chairs; 3) discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation; 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 Conway moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 6-0.

Chair Gardyn resumed the open meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Jorge L. Gardyn, Chair
Donna M. Tuman, Vice Chair
Wanda H. Jackson, Secretary;
Elliot S. Conway, John R. Durso, Joshua Hammer, Student Trustee.

Absent: Lynne D'Agostino, John A. DeGrace, George Siberón

Also in attendance: CAO Conzatti

1. Approval of Minutes

Chair Gardyn requested a motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 2025. Trustee Tuman moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 6-0.

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 Milcon Construction Corp., in the anticipated amount of $4,098,000, as requested by Phillip Cappello, AVP Facilities Management.

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

3. 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 Chief Administrative Officer 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.

Name	Title	Department	Retirement Date
Encarnacion Arias	Professor	Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts	August 31, 2025
Susan Beganskas	Professor	Business & Professional Studies	August 31, 2025
Jill Burgreen	Professor	Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts	August 31, 2025
Claudia Cage	Associate Professor	Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts	August 31, 2025
Laurence Carlin	Associate Professor	Allied Health Science	August 31, 2025
Anne Cubeta	Professor	Business & Professional Studies	August 31, 2025
Lisa Errico	Professor	Library	August 31, 2025
Duane Esposito	Professor	English	August 31, 2025
Thomas Field	Associate Professor	Business & Professional Studies	August 31, 2025
Linda Gorman	Professor	Library	August 31, 2025
Debra Grodenchik	Professor	Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics	August 31, 2025
Linda Hittleman	Associate Professor	Business & Professional Studies	August 31, 2025

Donna Hope	Professor	Business & Professional Studies	August 31, 2025
Robert Lazaroff	Professor	English	August 31, 2025
Gregory Lehenbauer	Professor	Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics	August 31, 2025
Patricia Lupino	Professor	Business & Professional Studies	August 31, 2025
Marcia McNair	Professor	Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts	August 31, 2025
Brian Murphy	Associate Professor	English	August 31, 2025
Nedra Neal	Professor	Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts	August 31, 2025
Richard Newman	Professor	English	August 31, 2025
Patricia Radecki	Professor	English	August 31, 2025
F. Scott Walden	Professor	English	August 31, 2025

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

4. Second Reading of Policy 6700

Trustee Jackson stated 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 Jackson 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 that 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 Jackson made a motion recommending Policy 6700 be adopted by the Full Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Conway. Motion 6-0.

Chair Gardyn made a motion under Article VIII section C(6) of the Rules of Procedure to allow for the consideration of an item that does not appear on the Calendar. Trustee Tuman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Tuman introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Policy & Planning Committee at its meeting of December 9, 2025, 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 6700 Investments as amended 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 Hammer moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Conzatti reported on the following items:

- Funding for STEP and CSTEP grants has been restored.
- Congratulations to Moomna Bukhari and Gabriela Yanes Raymundo, who are the two recipients of the 2025-2026 All-New York Academic Team Award for Phi Theta Kappa (PTK). This award recognizes select students State-wide who have demonstrated not only commitment to academic excellence, but leadership and engagement in community service. I want to thank their PTK Omicron Sigma (Day Chapter) Co-Advisors, Professors Adrienne Nocella and Leslie Wong Loock for their student support.

- The Strategic Plan monitoring report is now available to the campus community via IESP's website.
- March 12th is the NCC Foundation Gala at Jericho Terrace. Invitations have been mailed.

Chair Gardyn announced the next Board of Trustees' Committee meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2026 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 Tuman moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Conway. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda H. Jackson
Secretary