Minutes of Meetings of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York
August 21, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York met on August 21, 2020 via conference call pursuant to a notice sent by the Office of the Secretary of the University on August 18, 2020.

Auguste 21, 2020 at 10:00 am

Trustees Present:
Chairman Tisch, Vice Chair Perales, Trustee Belluck, Trustee Corngold, Trustee Crespo, Trustee Duffy, Trustee Fogal, Trustee Haddon, Trustee Hoyte, Trustee Kay, Trustee Lewin, Trustee Litow, Trustee Socalrides, Trustee Sphro, Trustee Staller, and Trustee Varlack

Trustees Absent:
Trustee Burke

Others Present:
Robert Megna, Sandra Casey, Provost Laursen, Terresa Miller, H. Carl McCall, Jim Malatras, Valerie Dent, Robert Haelen, Leo Rosales, Grace Wang, Johanna Duncan-Poitier, and Paul Patton

CONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING
Chairman Tisch convened the Public Meeting at 5:00 pm, which was held via conference call. Secretary Mero then called the roll of members, at which time Chairman Tisch declared a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Approval of Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York from June 29, 2020, July 21, 2020 and August 11, 2020 held via teleconference Secretary to the Board asks the board if there are any changes or amendments to the minutes. Secretary asks for a motion to approve
Upon motion by Trustee Duffy
Seconded by Vice Chair Perales
Secretary declares that the minutes are approved with amendments.

Chairman Tisch welcomes the board, Executive Leadership Team along with Dr. Jim Malatras and his family. She goes on and states the main reason for the meeting is the consideration of appointing Dr. Jim Malatras as the 14th Chancellor of the State University of New York. She shared facts on Dr. Malatras’ professional background and roles in state government.
Chairman Tisch continued to describe the circumstances facing education during the global pandemic. She thanked the Executive Leadership Team and all of their hard work and especially Robert Megna, the campus presidents and the board members.

Chairman Tisch asked Secretary Mero to read the motion

Resolution: Appointment of Dr. Jim Malatras as Chancellor

Whereas the State University of New York is currently fulfilling its mission at an unprecedented time in its history as it prepares for the reopening of its campuses in the midst of a global COVID-19 pandemic, a State fiscal crisis, and national protests of racial injustice; and

Whereas these monumental challenges necessitate swift action by the Board of Trustees to appoint a new Chancellor who has the knowledge, skill, experience, and academic credentials to lead SUNY so that it may not only continue to provide excellent, accessible educational services but also grow and thrive as a world class public university; and

Whereas the Board has identified a candidate in Dr. Jim Malatras who possesses those necessary attributes to lead SUNY as its Chancellor in these uncertain times and bring it to new greatness; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that Dr. Jim Malatras be, and hereby, is appointed Chancellor of the State University of New York at an annual salary of $450,000.00, effective on or about August 31, 2020. He will be provided with an annual housing allowance of $60,000.00 ($5,000 per month). Dr. Malatras shall also retain his tenured faculty appointment as a full professor at SUNY Empire State College.

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Chairman Tisch asked Vice Chair Perales to speak on Dr. Jim Malatras. Vice Chair Perales gave his support based on his experience working with Jim Malatras and commended him on his bright bold ideas.

Floor was turned over to Trustee Lewin, and she gave her support of Dr. Jim Malatras

Trustee Staller spoke with a dissenting opinion relating to the appointment.

Trustee Spiro spoke on process and the need of a chancellor to be an advocate for SUNY now, and in support of Dr. Malatras.

Chairman Emeritus H. Carl McCall spoke in favor of Dr. Malatras referencing his bold ideas and promise.

Trustee Belluck spoke in support of Dr. Malatras.
Trustee Socarides spoke in support of Dr. Malatras and stated that process should not come before the health and safety of the students, faculty and staff.

Trustee Hoyte spoke with dissenting opinion relating to the appointment process and stated that SUNY SA looks forward to working with him as the new chancellor.

Trustee Litow spoke on the pandemic and its effect on education. He gave support for Dr. Malatras based on his experience.

Trustee Kay, UFS President spoke with dissenting opinion relating to the appointment process.

Trustee Fogal, FCCC President spoke with dissenting opinion relating to the appointment process.

Trustee Duffy spoke in support of Dr. Malatras.

Chairman motioned the resolution
Seconded by Trustee Duffy
Motion passed with 11 votes in favor and 1 against (Trustee Staller) and 1 abstention (Trustee Hoyte)
Chairman declares that the resolution is approved.

Dr. Jim Malatras addressed the board with appreciation for the opportunity and acceptance of the role as the 14th Chancellor of the State University System of New York.

ADJOURNMENT
Chairman Tisch then asked for a motion to adjourn
Upon motion by Trustee Litow
Seconded by Vice Chair Perales
The Chairman declared meeting adjourned at 10:56 am