Minutes of Meetings of the Board of Trustees
of the State University of New York
May 7 & 8, 2019

The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York met on May 7 and 8, 2019 at State University College at Geneseo, Geneseo, New York, pursuant to a notice sent by the Office of the Secretary of the University on April 23, 2019.

May 7, 2019
1:30 p.m.

Trustees Present: Chairman McCall, Ms. Burke, Mr. Braun, Mr. Corngold, Mr. Duffy, Dr. Kay, Mrs. Lewin, Mr. Litow, Mr. Spielvogel, Mr. Socarides (via video – NYC), Mr. Spiro, Mr. Staller, Ms. Tamrowski and Dr. Tisch.

Trustees Absent: Dr. Fatta and Mr. Belluck.

Others Present: Chancellor Johnson, Dr. Azziz, Ms. Duncan-Poitier, Mr. Haelen, Ms. Garvey, Dr. Laursen, Mr. Megna, Mr. Pratt and Mr. Porter.

1. CONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Chairman McCall convened the Public Meeting at 1:33 p.m., which was held at the State University College at Geneseo, Geneseo, New York. It was noted there were fourteen members participating, including two non-voting members in person, and one trustee who joined by video from New York City. Mr. Pratt then called the roll of members, at which time Chairman McCall declared a quorum.

2. CONVENING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:33 p.m., Chairman McCall called for an Executive Session under provisions of Section 105 of the Public Officers Law, to:

“Discuss matters relating to the appointment and employment of particular persons and to receive legal advice.”

Upon motion of Trustee Litow, seconded by Trustee Spielvogel, it was unanimously agreed to convene an Executive Session for the purposes specified by Chairman McCall.
3. RECONVENCING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Chairman McCall reconvened the public meeting at 4:15 p.m. and noted that there was no action taken during executive session. The meeting was then adjourned.

May 8, 2019
1:03 p.m.

Trustees Present: Chairman McCall, Ms. Burke, Mr. Braun, Mr. Corngold, Mr. Duffy, Dr. Kay, Mrs. Lewin, Mr. Litow, Mr. Spielvogel, Mr. Socarides (via video – NYC), Mr. Spiro, Mr. Staller, Ms. Tamrowski and Dr. Tisch (via video – NYC).

Trustees Absent: Dr. Fatta and Mr. Belluck.

Others Present: Chancellor Johnson, Dr. Azziz, Ms. Duncan-Poitier, Mr. Haelen, Ms. Garvey, Dr. Laursen, Mr. Megna, Mr. Pratt and Mr. Porter.

1. CONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Chairman McCall convened the Public Meeting at 1:03 p.m., which was held at the SUNY Plaza, Albany, New York. It was noted there were fourteen members participating, including two non-voting members in person. Secretary Pratt called the roll of members, at which time Chairman McCall declared a quorum.

Chairman McCall began by thanking President Denise Battles and her team for their hospitality and willingness to host the May Board of Trustees meeting. Chairman McCall noted that he took a tour of the campus and was impressive with the vast of programs offered at SUNY Geneseo and their beautiful facility. Chairman McCall invited Dr. Battles to say a few words.

Dr. Battles welcome the Board, her colleagues and friends to SUNY Geneseo and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to host the Board meeting. Dr. Battles highlighted the unique qualities of SUNY Geneseo and noted that the Chronicle of Higher Education recently placed SUNY Geneseo among the top 10 public institutions in the nation for their four-year graduation rate. In addition, she indicated that SUNY Geneseo strive to develop globally aware citizens and accordingly place great emphasis on international experiences. Approximately 40 percent of students from SUNY Geneseo participate in study abroad; as Dr. Battles’ noted a rate that is rarely seen in comprehensive institutions. In addition, she indicated that SUNY Geneseo offers a one acre off grid education and research facility that focuses on renewable energy, organic agriculture and sustainable organic waste management. Dr. Battles stated that
SUNY Geneseo ranked as one of only 35 U.S. higher education institutions to join the U.N. Global Compact.

To conclude her report, Dr. Battles referenced that there is an opportunity to improve the diversity and the campus environment at SUNY Geneseo.

Chairman McCall thanked Dr. Battles for her leadership and commitment to improving the diversity on campus. He then invited Chancellor Johnson to give her report.

2. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

Chancellor Johnson began her report by recommending presidential appointments. Her first recommendation was for the appointment of the sixth president of Columbia-Greene Community College. She highlighted the variety of programs offered at Columbia Greene and thanked the outgoing president, James Campion for his 19 years of service and leadership.

Chancellor Johnson introduced Dr. Carlee Drummer and highlighted her many achievements while noting that during her leadership as president of Quinebaug Valley Community College in Connecticut, no student has graduated with federal student loan debt.

Chairman McCall noted that the members of the Board had an opportunity to meet with Dr. Drummer and were impressed with her leadership experience. Chairman McCall asked Secretary Pratt to read the resolution:

Appointment of Carlee Drummer as President of Columbia-Greene Community College

Resolved that the appointment of Carlee Drummer as President of Columbia-Greene Community College, by the Columbia-Greene Community College Board of Trustees, effective July 8, 2019, at a salary of $160,000, be, and hereby is, approved.

(2019-22)

Upon motion by Trustee Litow, seconded by Trustee Spielvogel, the foregoing resolution was approved by affirmative votes from all present.

Chairman McCall invited Dr. Drummer to say a few words. She expressed gratitude for the opportunity to lead Columbia-Greene Community College and noted she was impressed by the attention and care that everyone has shown during the search process.

Chancellor Johnson continued with her report by recommending the appointment of the seventh president of North Country Community College (NCCC). Chancellor Johnson described the college history and unique qualities. She also introduced Mr. Joseph Keegan and highlighted his impressive credentials.
Chairman McCall noted that the Board also had the opportunity to interview Mr. Keegan and they were impressed with his leadership and experience in the North Country Community College area.

Chairman McCall asked Secretary Pratt to read the resolution:

Appointment of Joseph Keegan as President of North Country Community College

Resolved that the appointment of Joseph Keegan as President of North Country Community College, by the North Country Community College Board of Trustees, effective June 16, 2019, at a salary of $165,000, be, and hereby is, approved.

(2019-23)

Upon motion by Trustee Spielvogel, seconded by Trustee Corngold, the foregoing resolution was approved by affirmative votes from all present.

Chairman McCall invited Mr. Reed, Chairman of the North Country Board of Trustees to share remarks and to introduce Joseph Keegan.

Mr. Reed thanked all presents for their support in the search process. He also thanked Dr. Steve Tyrell who has served North Country community as president for seven years with dedication, vision and courage. Mr. Reed expressed confidence in Mr. Keegan and noted that the campus will continue to thrive under his leadership.

Chairman McCall thanked Mr. Reed for his remarks and invited Mr. Keegan to say a few words.

Mr. Keegan expressed gratitude for the opportunity and confidence placed in him and stated he was excited to lead NCCC.

Chairman McCall asked Chancellor Johnson to continue with her recommendations.

Chancellor Johnson continued with her report by recommending the appointment of the next president of Empire State College. Chancellor Johnson described the rigorous process of the search committee. She was pleased to recommend the appointment of Dr. James Malatras as the next president of Empire State College. Chancellor Johnson highlighted Dr. Malatras’ impressive credentials and expressed confidence that his skills and experience will allow him to take this unique institution to the next level.

Chairman McCall asked Secretary Pratt to read the resolution:

Appointment of Dr. Jim Malatras as President of State University of New York Empire State College

Resolved that the appointment of Dr. Jim Malatras as President of State University of New York Empire State College, effective on or about July 15, 2019, be and hereby is, approved. Dr. Malatras will receive a salary of $275,000 for this service.
Dr. Malatras will also receive a $2500 per month housing allowance and use of a campus owned automobile or automobile allowance. (2019-24)

Upon motion by Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Duffy, the foregoing resolution was approved by affirmative votes from all present.

Chairman McCall invited Mary Caroline Powers, Vice president at the Empire State College to say a few words.

Ms. Powers expressed confidence in Dr. Malatras and noted that she spoke on behalf of the Empire State College Council James Lytle and the entire College Council. She then welcomed Dr. Malatras as the fifth president of Empire State College to say a few words.

Dr. Malatras expressed gratitude to Chancellor Johnson, Provost Laursen, Chief Operating Officer Megna, Vice Chancellor Porter for their assistance throughout the search process. Additionally, Dr. Malatras noted how proud he is to be a SUNY alum and was grateful to be entrusted with such great institution. He also thanked the College Council Chairman Jim Lytle as well as the Vice President of Communications and Government Relations Mary Caroline Powers for their support. Dr. Malatras gave special thanks to his family, friends and colleagues at the Rockefeller Institute of Government.

Chairman McCall invited Chancellor Johnson to continue with her report.

Chancellor Johnson provided an update on the recent activities, notable meetings and events she has attended in the past few weeks. She also shared some good news regarding the budget and highlighted that the State University of New York has been awarded with a 550 million dollars per year investment in infrastructure at all SUNY campuses. In addition, SUNY was also able to restore funding for the Education Opportunity Program and the Educational Opportunity Centers. Furthermore, Chancellor Johnson indicated that SUNY will provide childcare for single parents attending SUNY community colleges. Chancellor Johnson indicated that there has been a change in the way that SUNY community colleges are funded, which would allow them to keep certain programs to move independently. She also highlighted remarkable events such as SUNY D.C. Day, the campus presidents’ meeting, the Fashion Institute of Technology Gala, SUNY Maritime Commencement, Chancellor’s Awards for Student Excellence and the various campus visits she attended. Furthermore, she was pleased to report that under the leadership of Mr. Haelen, the Senior Vice Chancellor for Capital Facilities and General Manager of the State University Construction Fund, they are on their way to carrying out and achieving Governor Cuomo’s energy use goals. She also congratulated the Fashion
Institute of Technology for being ranked as the best fashion school in the world for 2019 by CEO World Magazine. To conclude her report, she described some of the significant partnerships afforded by SUNY including the partnership by SUNY Old Westbury and SUNY Downstate Medical Center, which is a first of a kind agreement that will help grow the state’s health care workforce. With this partnership, students enrolled at SUNY Old Westbury will have priority enrollment at SUNY Downstate to pursue accelerated and graduate degrees to become nurses, physician assistants and nurse practitioners.

Chairman McCall thanked Chancellor Johnson for her report. He asked Secretary Pratt to present the minutes for approval.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meetings Held on March 19-20, 2019

Upon motion by Trustee Litow, seconded by Trustee Spielvogel, the proposed minutes were approved by affirmative votes from all present as the official minutes of the meetings held.

3. **COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Chairman McCall indicated that they had committee meetings and invited the chairs of the committees to present their reports and resolutions. He first invited the chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, Trustee Litow.

**Academic Affairs**

Trustee Litow began by stating that the primary focus of the discussion were strategies to strengthen SUNY’s data analytic capabilities. The goal of the study is to use real time analytics to identify student outcomes and to improve student success while identifying the challenges and the specific solutions. In addition, Trustee Litow indicated that Provost Laursen and Associate Provost Foster presented on how they are building advanced data analytics across SUNY and are now working in partnership with state and national agencies to expand existing data set. In addition, Trustee Litow introduced two academic program actions, one new program with SUNY Poly and the other with SUNY Delhi. He then asked Secretary Porter to read the resolutions concerning those programs.
Degree Authorization for the State University of New York College of Technology at Delhi

Resolved that the Chancellor be, and hereby is, directed to seek the authorization of the New York State Board of Regents for the State University of New York College of Technology at Delhi to confer the Bachelor of Architecture degree.

(2019-25)

Upon motion by Trustee Litow, seconded by Trustee Burke, the foregoing resolution was approved by affirmative votes from all present.

Master Plan Amendment for the State University of New York Polytechnic Institute

Resolved that the State University of New York Master Plan be amended to authorize the State University of New York Polytechnic Institute to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in the disciplinary area of Health Professions; and, be it further

Resolved that the Chancellor be, and hereby is, authorized to transmit this amendment to the Board of Regents and the Governor for incorporation into the State University of New York Master Plan.

(2019-26)

Upon motion by Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Litow, the foregoing resolution was approved by affirmative votes from all present.

Mr. Litow concluded his report. Chairman McCall called upon Trustee Staller, Chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee, to give his report.

Finance and Administration

Trustee Staller began his report by noting that Financial Officer and Senior Vice Chancellor Eileen McLoughlin provided an update on the following: a summary of the 2019-2020 enacted state budget, state operated campus tuition benchmarking, Working Group update with preliminary discussion of the 2019-2020 state operating campus statutory college allocations including university wide programs, system administration and campus tuition revenue. Trustee Staller indicated that Trustee Braun discussed a proposal for a new SUNY Student Assembly governance fee. Trustee Staller then presented the resolution entitled amendments to 8 NYCRR part 602.8 (c), which is state operating assistance for community colleges, and 8 NYCRR part 602.13, which is the annual financial report. He asked Secretary Pratt to read the resolution:

Amendments to 8 NYCRR Part 602.8(c) (State Operating Assistance for Community Colleges) and 8 NYCRR Part 602.13 (Annual Financial Report)

Whereas in order to provide state operating assistance to the State University of New York (“SUNY”) and City University of New York (“CUNY”) community colleges for the 2019/2020 fiscal year, it is necessary to adopt, on an emergency basis, amendments to Part 602.8(c) of Title 8 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (“NYCRR”) pertaining to state operating
assistance for community colleges, and to publish a Notice of Proposed Rule Making pursuant to the State Administrative Procedure Act; and

Whereas Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2019 also provides that the formula for state financial assistance for operating expenses of the community colleges of SUNY and CUNY is to be developed jointly with the CUNY Board of Trustees, subject to the approval of the Director of the Budget; and

Whereas Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2019 also provides for the first change to the community college funding formula since the early 1990s by establishing a “floor” for Direct State Tax Support of 98 percent of the amount budgeted for by each college in their approved 2018/19 operating budgets, while still recognizing enrollment growth by increasing the per full-time equivalent ("FTE") funding by $100, from $2,847 to $2,947; and

Whereas based on preliminary enrollment numbers for 2019/20, 10 colleges will benefit from this floor provision; avoiding $2.6M in loss of direct state tax support on a year-to-year basis; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Chancellor, or designee, be, and hereby is authorized and directed to prepare, in accordance with provisions of the State Administrative Procedure Act, a Notice of Emergency Adoption and a Proposed Rulemaking to amend both 8 NYCRR section 602.8(c) and 8 NYCRR section 602.13, to read as follows, subject to the approval of the Director of the Budget (brackets denote old material to be deleted; underlining denotes new material to be added):

Section 602.8(c)

(c) Basic State financial assistance.

(1) Full opportunity colleges. The basic State financial assistance for community colleges, implementing approved full opportunity programs, shall be the lowest of the following:

(i) two-fifths (40%) of the net operating budget of the college, or campus of a multiple campus college, as approved by the State University trustees;

(ii) two-fifths (40%) of the net operating costs of the college, or campus of a multiple campus college; or

(iii) for the current college fiscal year the total of the following:

(a) the greater of (1) the budgeted or actual number (whichever is less) of full-time equivalent students enrolled in programs eligible for State financial assistance multiplied by [$2,847] $2,947, or (2) 98 percent of the amount of basic State financial assistance for community colleges approved by the State University of New York Trustees for the 2018/19 academic year; and

(b) up to one-half (50%) of rental costs for physical space.
(2) **Non-full opportunity colleges.** The basic State financial assistance for community colleges not implementing approved full opportunity programs shall be the lowest of the following:

(i) one-third (33%) of the net operating budget of the college, or campus of a multiple campus college, as approved by the State University trustees;

(ii) one-third (33%) of the net operating costs of the college, or campus of a multiple campus college; or

(iii) for the college fiscal year current, the total of the following:
    (a) the greater of (1) the budgeted or actual number (whichever is less) of full-time equivalent students enrolled in programs eligible for State financial assistance multiplied by [$2,373] $2,457, or (2) 98 percent of the amount of basic State financial assistance for community colleges approved by the State University of New York Trustees for the 2018/19 academic year; and
    (b) up to one-half (50%) of rental cost for physical space.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subdivision, a community college or a new campus of a multiple campus community college in the process of formation shall be eligible for basic State financial assistance in the amount of one-third of the net operating budget or one-third of the net operating costs, whichever is the lesser, for those colleges not implementing an approved full opportunity program plan, or two-fifths of the net operating budget or two-fifths of the net operating costs, whichever is the lesser, for those colleges implementing an approved full opportunity program, during the organization year and the first two fiscal years in which students are enrolled.

**Section 602.13**

(a) Pursuant to section 30 of the General Municipal Law, the annual financial report shall be certified by the chief fiscal officer of the college and shall be filed with the State Comptroller within 60 days after the close of the college fiscal year. The chief fiscal officer is the college treasurer for purposes of this certification.

(b) The annual financial report shall be in compliance with article 126 of the Education Law, this Subchapter, and the manual for community college business offices, and on the forms and in accordance with instructions promulgated by the State Comptroller.

(c) The State University of New York, which shall also receive copies of the annual financial report, shall review the annual financial report for the purpose of the initial determination of the State liability.

(d) Any overpayment in State financial assistance for operating costs, as determined in the review of the annual financial report, shall be deducted from the second quarterly advance payment of State aid for the succeeding college fiscal year provided, however, that in no case shall the amount of basic state
financial assistance for operating costs received in the 2019/20 academic year be less than 98 percent of the amount of basic state financial assistance for operating costs approved by the State University Board of Trustees for the 2018/19 academic year.

(e) Any underpayment in State financial assistance for operating costs, as determined in the review of the annual financial report, shall be processed in accordance with sections 602.3 and 602.9 of this Part.

(f) The college shall be subject to audit by the Office of the State Comptroller for the purpose of the final determination of the State liability.

Upon motion by Trustee Staller, seconded by Trustee Litow, the foregoing resolution was approved by affirmative votes from all present.

Trustee Staller stated that the committee met in executive session and no action were taken in executive session.

Trustee Staller concluded his report. Chairman McCall thanked Trustee Staller for his report and invited Trustee Burke to give her report on the Research and Economic Development Committee on behalf of Trustee Fatta who chairs the committee.

**Research and Economic Development**

Trustee Burke began her report by noting that she stood in for Trustee Fatta as acting chair. She noted that the committee received a presentation by Dr. Marina Blanton, Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University at Buffalo on block chain. In addition, Dr. Grace Wang, Senior Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development highlighted the achievements during the 2018-2019 academic year in building research partnerships, advancing faculty and student research capacity, and stimulating entrepreneurship. To conclude, Trustee Burke noted that the committee met in executive session; there was no action taken during executive session.

Chairman McCall thanked Trustee Burke for her report. He then invited Trustees Lewin and Braun to provide their report on the Student Life Committee.

**Student Life**

Trustee Braun began his report by noting that the committee discussed an action plan to support student mental health and student wellness. He noted that Trustee Lewin who is co-chair of the committee set the tone for the discussion by recognizing that they need to act quickly on mental health and student wellness. Trustee Braun noted that they received a
presentation from Dr. Estella Rivero and Dr. Dolores Germini from the University at Albany’s counseling center who shared highlights from their new book promoting behavioral health and reducing risk among college students. The committee also received a report from Dr. John Graham, Associate Provost for Student Affairs/University Life and Dr. Ricardo Azziz, Chief Officer of Academic Health and Hospital Affairs on the Tele-Counseling Network (STCN) pilot, the efforts of other states and systems and the complexity of addressing mental health and student wellness across SUNY system. Trustee Braun stated that Provost Laursen is planning to appoint a director of student wellness at SUNY system administration; a new position that will assess needs and identify strategic priorities, build partnerships with the state and national level.

Trustee Braun discussed the student roundtables, which allows the trustees and system administration executive staff to hear firsthand about issues that matter to students.

Trustee Braun concluded his report.

Chairman McCall thanked Trustee Braun for his report and invited him to provide an update on the work of the Student Assembly. Chairman McCall noted that it was Trustee Braun’s last official board meeting as the president of SUNY Student Assembly.

4. STUDENT ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Trustee Braun was pleased to report on the progress of the student assembly. He thanked the student assembly team for the great work and introduced Vice President Austin Ostro, president-elect of the student assembly. Trustee Braun first highlighted the student roundtables that he has organized in collaboration with Trustee Lewin. He also described the keynote speeches he has participated and some of the events that the students have been involved such as SUNY Got Your Back, the two by-annual fall and spring conferences and Week of SUNY SA. He noted that at the fall conference, the students heard from Denis McDonough, former chief of staff to President Barack Obama; and at the spring conference, they received remarks from Attorney General Tisch James. In addition, during the spring conference they were able to interview Chairman McCall and Chancellor Johnson about the history of SUNY and the vision they have for SUNY. Trustee Braun indicated that they have visited 48 SUNY campuses this year. The student assembly collaborated with Trustees Kay and Tamrowski on coordinating the annual SUNY Voices conference. He noted that a few students traveled to Washington, D.C. to talk about students’ priorities around the deliberations of the Higher Education Act. Trustee Braun was proud that the Student Assembly has built a good
reputation among students, hence the 60 applications they received for open position with the assembly. Trustee Braun briefly described the partnership with Ballot to ensure that students have the tools to make an educated decision when voting, and he was pleased to announce that over 12,000 students registered to vote through that partnership.

Trustee Braun also highlighted that as part of their advocacy efforts, they have participated directly in testimonies both in the joint Higher Education Committees as well as the assembly and the Senate where they talked about the importance of financially investing into the State University of New York. Trustee Braun described the Phone2Action software, which would allow students to engage in their advocacy efforts.

To conclude, Trustee Braun thanked the Board and the entire SUNY system for the support he has received in the past year as president of the Student Assembly and for the mentorship, the Board has provided throughout the year.

Chairman McCall thanked Trustee Braun for his report and presented a resolution to commend the excellence and professionalism of his tenure on the Board of Trustees and his leadership of the Student Assembly. Chairman McCall asked Secretary Pratt to read the resolution:

**Special Service Commendation for Trustee and President of the Student Assembly, Michael A. Braun**

*Whereas* Michael A. Braun has served as a member of the Board of Trustees and President of the Student Assembly since June 1, 2018; and

*Whereas* under Mr. Braun’s leadership, the Student Assembly has advanced its proud tradition of innovative and courageous thinking; and

*Whereas* Trustee Braun has brought a heightened sense of purpose, focus, and professionalism to the Student Assembly; and

*Whereas* during his tenure on the Board of Trustees, Mr. Braun has been a forthright, outspoken, and true representative of the 1.3 million students of the State University of New York, particularly on issues such as legislative advocacy, constituent engagement, campus safety, mental health, food insecurity, student government support, and diversity; and

*Whereas* Mr. Braun has worked to protect the interests of the State University of New York as a whole and has earned the respect of his colleagues on the Board of Trustees and of his peers, while serving as co-chair of the Student Life Committee; now, therefore, be it
Resolved that the Board of Trustees expresses its deepest gratitude to Mr. Braun for the valuable contributions he has made to the State University of New York and wishes him all the best in his future endeavors. (2019-28)

Upon motion by Trustee Lewin, seconded by Trustee Spiro, the foregoing resolution was approved by affirmative votes from all present.

Chairman McCall invited Chancellor Johnson and the trustees to say a few words. Chancellor Johnson thanked Trustee Braun for his exemplary leadership and professionalism. Chairman McCall, Trustees Lewin, Tamrowski, Kay and Duffy also said a few words congratulating Trustee Braun for the wonderful legacy he leaves as president of the Student Assembly.

Chairman McCall presented Trustee Braun with a departing gift, a SUNY Board of Trustees chair and invited Trustee Braun to say a few words. Trustee Braun expressed gratitude for the commendation and thanked the Board, students and family for trusting in his abilities to lead the Student Assembly over the past year.

Chairman McCall continued by commending Mr. Joseph Porter for his dedicated service first as SUNY’s general counsel and then as Senior Vice Chancellor for Executive Leadership and Employee Development. Chairman McCall asked Secretary Pratt to read the resolution:

Special Service Commendation for Joseph B. Porter

Whereas Mr. Porter has dedicated 31 years of his career to education in New York State; and

Whereas Joseph B. Porter served the State University of New York with integrity and diplomacy for the past 4 years; and

Whereas Mr. Porter has held the positions of Senior Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, Secretary of the University, and Senior Vice Chancellor for Executive Leadership and Employee Development within the State University of New York; and

Whereas Mr. Porter previously served in leadership roles within Excelsior College, the New York State Education Department, the New York State School Boards Association, and the New York State Conference of Mayors; and

Whereas Mr. Porter has lectured extensively on education issues throughout the state and served as an adjunct instructor of education law in the Graduate School of Educational Administration of the College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY, from 1996 to 2010; and
Whereas As Senior Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel for the State University of New York, Mr. Porter oversaw SUNY’s legal affairs and also helped to formulate many important initiatives, such as SUNY’s policy on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and elimination of criminal history inquiries on SUNY admission applications and developments of the new quality standard for SUNY campus foundations and related organization; and

Whereas Under Mr. Porter’s current leadership, the State University of New York has expanded on boarding educational leadership and mentoring opportunities for campus presidents; and

Whereas Mr. Porter has been an outstanding public servant displaying commitment, passion, and honesty when providing guidance and advice; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby expresses the deepest appreciation, the broadest gratitude, and the highest commendation to Joseph B. Porter for his dedicated service and unwavering commitment to the State University of New York.

(2019-29)

Upon motion by Trustee Litow, seconded by Trustee Corngold, the foregoing resolution was approved by affirmative votes from all present.

Chairman McCall invited Chancellor Johnson to say a few words. Chancellor Johnson expressed gratitude to Mr. Porter for his commitment to excellence and his years of service.

Mr. Porter said a few words of gratitude for the wonderful gesture.

Chairman McCall invited Ms. Donna Mihalik, Chair of the New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT) and the Finger Lakes Community College.

5. OBSERVER UPDATE

Ms. Mihalik began her report by thanking the Board, SUNY’s Senior Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges and the Education Pipeline, Johanna Duncan Poitier and SUNY system for their advocacy efforts and accomplishment in obtaining a new funding paradigm for community colleges. She also thanked those involved in the advocacy efforts to obtain funding for childcare at SUNY community colleges. Ms. Mihalik indicated that they will have a fall conference where they will focus on student success in community colleges and the role that the NYCCT trustees can play as well as professional development.

Ms. Mihalik concluded her report. Chairman McCall thanked Ms. Mihalik for her report.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, upon motion of Trustee Litow, seconded by Trustee Spielvogel, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.