



Minutes of Meetings
The Board of Trustees of The State University of New York
January 27, 2027

Pursuant to a notice of a meeting duly given on January 23, 2026, with a revised public notice given on January 24, 2026, by the Office of the Secretary of the University, the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York met on January 27, 2026, at SUNY System Administration, 353 Broadway S135, Albany, New York, with video conferencing from multiple locations.

January 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Trustees Present:

Chairman Tisch
Vice Chairman Perales
Trustee Belluck
Trustee Burke
Trustee Corngold
Trustee Crespo
Trustee Duffy
Trustee Haddon
Trustee Katz
Trustee Lewin
Trustee Litow
Trustee Rallis
Trustee Simon
Trustee Staller
Trustee Vacin
Trustee Varlack

Trustees Not Present:

Trustee Spiro

Others Present:

Dr. John B. King Jr., Chancellor
Cassie Barron, Assistant Secretary of the University
Anne Bink, Senior Vice Chancellor for Operations and Management & Chief Operating Officer
Bess Chiu, Deputy General Counsel and Chief of Staff

Valerie Dent, Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges
Jamie Frank, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Policy Implementation and Access Initiatives
Gary Ginsburg, Chief Communications Officer
Valerie Grey, Senior Vice Chancellor of Health and Hospital Affairs
Adam Haney, Deputy General Counsel
Robert Haelen, Senior Vice Chancellor for Capital Facilities
Julie Hartley-Moore, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Donna Linderman, Senior Vice Chancellor for Student Success
Kapil Longani, Senior Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel
Robert Megna, President, Rockefeller Institute of Government
Jennifer Mero, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Melur K. "Ram" Ramasubramanian, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost
Ian Rosenblum, Senior Vice Chancellor for Policy Implementation and Chief of Staff
Josh Sager, Chief Financial Officer
Shadi Sandvik, Senior Vice Chancellor for Research, Innovation, and Economic Development
Cara Palumbo Schrantz, Deputy General Counsel
Will Schwartz, Vice Chancellor for Government Relations

CONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Vice Chairman Perales convened the Public Meeting at 9:00 a.m., held on January 27, 2026, at SUNY System Administration, 353 Broadway S135, Albany, New York, with video conferencing from multiple locations. The Vice Chairman asked the Secretary of the Board, Jennifer Mero if there was a quorum, at which time a quorum was confirmed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Vice Chairman asked Deputy General Counsel Cara Palumbo Schrantz to present the minutes from the last Board meeting for approval. The Deputy General Counsel noted that the Trustees were presented with the minutes from the December 16, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting. Ms. Palumbo Schrantz asked if any of the board members had edits or corrections to the minutes, and none were made.

The Deputy General Counsel asked for a motion to approve the minutes

Upon motion by Trustee Duffy

Seconded by Trustee Lewin

Vice Chairman Perales declared the minutes approved

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor King framed the upcoming budget discussion by highlighting key elements of Governor Hochul's 2026 State of the State agenda, noting SUNY's strong representation at the address and the Governor's continued focus on affordability and economic opportunity. He reported that the Governor will extend the undergraduate tuition freeze for a fourth year while continuing operating aid to campuses, expand the

SUNY Reconnect program to additional high-demand fields and ease pathways into nursing, double the Empire State Service Corps to 1,000 students, invest in additional paid internships, and emphasize emergency aid funds to support students' basic needs.

He also summarized major components of the FY2026–27 Executive Budget, including an additional \$8 million for the ASAP|ACE expansion, bringing the total to \$20 million and supporting 10,000 students by next fall; continuation of the 100% Community College Funding Floor; and \$595 million for critical maintenance at State-operated campuses, along with \$50 million each for SUNY's three hospitals. The Executive Budget also maintains \$100 million in operating support for SUNY Downstate Hospital during its modernization transition. He concluded by thanking the Governor, the Budget Director, and Executive and DOB staff for their continued support of SUNY and returned the meeting to the Vice Chair.

CONVENING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:07 a.m., Vice Chairman Perales asked for a motion for an executive session under the provisions of Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officers Law for the purpose of discussing matters related to the financial and employment history of particular individuals, as well as for the purpose of receiving legal advice pursuant to Section 108(3) of the Public Officers Law.

Vice Chairman Perales asked for a motion to convene an executive session

Motion by Trustee Varlack

Seconded by Trustee Crespo

It was unanimously agreed upon to convene an executive session

RECONVENING OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Vice Chairman Perales reconvened the Public Meeting at 9:20 a.m., held on January 27, 2026, at SUNY System Administration, 353 Broadway S135, Albany, New York, with video conferencing from multiple locations.

Vice Chairman Perales noted that no actions were taken during the Executive Session. He then asked the Deputy General Counsel to read the names of the resolutions on the consent agenda. The following were read:

Resolution: State University of New York Science of Reading Framework

Whereas the State University of New York is the leading preparer of educators for P-12 schools throughout New York State and is committed to preparing teachers and leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to educate students in all grades in comprehensive literacy practices, including practices derived from the body of research referred to as the science of reading; and

Whereas only 31% of 4th graders in New York State are proficient in reading, according to the 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress (known as "the nation's

report card”), including just 21% of New York State students from low-income backgrounds, 17% of Black students, and 22% of Hispanic students; and

Whereas the development of strong reading skills in early grades is foundational for learning that occurs as students proceed through school and has lasting impacts, including as students prepare for continued study in higher education; and

Whereas the Fiscal Year 2025 Enacted New York State Budget included Governor Hochul’s Back to Basics reading plan, which ensures that instructional best practices—grounded in the science of reading—are implemented statewide to ensure that students in every school district are taught the foundational skills they need to become proficient readers; and

Whereas school districts throughout New York State need to certify with the State Education Department that their curriculum, instructional strategies, and teacher professional development align with all elements of evidence-based reading instruction; and

Whereas the New York State Education Department has developed a Framework for Integrating the Science of Reading in Educator Preparation Programs; and

Whereas throughout the 2023-2024 academic year, SUNY convened a Technical Advisory Group (TAG)¹ charged with: (1) providing an analysis of the current reading science literature; (2) identifying what teacher candidates should know and be able to do as it relates to the teaching of reading to all students and aligned with the science of reading; (3) conducting a landscape analysis to determine how current pedagogical practices across SUNY educator preparation programs relate to reading science principles; and (4) identifying translational research gaps, especially as related to teaching reading to diverse groups of students, for potential focus of study by faculty at SUNY campuses; and

Whereas grounded in the work of the TAG, which is based on research, standards, and best practices, during the summer and fall of 2025 the TAG co-chairs, in consultation with the other TAG members, developed recommendations to the SUNY Provost that informed a discussion draft distributed in October 2025 for system-wide comment, and feedback was received and then analyzed in consultation with the TAG co-chairs; and

Whereas as an additional means to obtain feedback, in the summer and fall of 2025 draft expectations were introduced directly to deans and directors of education, chief academic officers, and the presidents of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges and University Faculty Senate; and

¹ Technical Advisory Group: co-chair John Strong, University at Buffalo; co-chair Virginia Goatley, University at Albany; Erica Barnes, University at Albany; Nicole Fenty, Binghamton University; Keli Garas-York, Buffalo State University; Kathleen Lord, SUNY New Paltz; Doreen Mazzye, SUNY Oswego; Mary McVee, University at Buffalo; Elizabeth Yanoff, Hudson Valley Community College; Bogum Yoon, Binghamton University; and Thea Yurkewecz-Stellato, SUNY Geneseo

Whereas the discussion draft was shared with the SUNY Trustees in December 2025 for discussion and input; now therefore be it

Resolved that all educator preparation programs² shall incorporate the science of reading into their required curriculum, as applicable to the certificate title and type, which includes knowledge and skills in the following ten areas: Phonemic Awareness; Phonics; Fluency; Vocabulary and Background Knowledge; Oral Language; Reading Comprehension; Motivation and Engagement; Writing; Response to Intervention (RTI) and Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) for Reading; Multilingual Learners and Reading; and, be it further

Resolved within their educator preparation program, all candidates shall have an opportunity to practice science of reading knowledge and skills as part of their clinical experiences in partnership with P-12 schools, as applicable to the certificate title and type; and, be it further

Resolved beginning in spring 2026, faculty shall review each existing educator preparation program to determine if the program meets the expectations for science of reading curriculum and clinical experiences; and, be it further

Resolved each campus with educator preparation programs shall revise programs as needed to meet the new requirements for science of reading and submit an attestation and science of reading coursework alignment table to the SUNY Provost by December 31, 2026; and, be it further

Resolved for each new educator preparation program proposed as of January 27, 2026, the curricular content and expectations for clinical experiences shall meet the new requirements for science of reading, to be demonstrated via a science of reading coursework alignment table included within the proposal; and, be it further

Resolved that the Provost or designee be, and hereby is, directed to implement the requirements of this resolution related to the science of reading and to provide related guidance.

(2026-1)

Resolution: Degree Authorization for the State University of New York at Plattsburgh

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 at Plattsburgh to confer the Master of Business Administration degree.

(2026-2)

² This resolution is applicable to teacher preparation programs that lead to a recommendation for the issuance of an initial and/or professional teacher certificate and to educational leadership programs that lead to a recommendation for an administrator certificate and/or the superintendent extension. Additionally, this resolution is applicable to courses in associate degree programs that are intended to transfer to baccalaureate degree programs for the purpose of meeting pedagogical core requirements for language acquisition and literacy development.

Resolution: Initial Approval 2025-2026 Honorary Degree Nominees

Resolved that honorary degree candidates approved by the University-wide Honorary Degree Committee (“Committee”) and supported by the Chancellor, as set forth in a document on file with the Office of the Secretary of the University, be, and hereby are, initially approved, allowing invitations for the receipt of honorary degrees to be extended to these individuals on behalf of the Chancellor and SUNY Trustees, consistent with the *Guidelines for the Awarding of Honorary Degrees*, as amended June 2018.

(2026-3)

Resolution: Authorization for the Movement of Certain State University Funds to the Hospital Operating Account

Whereas the State University of New York operates three hospitals known as the University Hospital of Brooklyn, Stony Brook University Hospital, and Upstate University Hospital (collectively the “State University Hospitals”), which provide critical health care; and

Whereas the State University Hospitals are due to receive certain significant payments of funds, predominantly Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital payments (DSH) (collectively “Reimbursements”), but are due to receive such funds without certainty of timing; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Chancellor or designee be authorized, in consultation with the Chair of the Board and Chair of the Academic Medical Center/Hospitals Committee, to transfer — on a short- term basis only — certain State University funds, if necessary, to the University Hospital Operating Account, in an amount not to exceed \$100 million, within the following parameters:

- a. Such transfer shall be short-term and any such authority to do so shall not exceed the amount noted herein and must terminate on or before June 30, 2026.
- b. Any State University funds will be utilized as follows: (i) only in the last instance, and (ii) for the express purpose of maintaining hospital operations, and (iii) the individual State University Hospital that has received a transfer of State University funds shall repay said funds as soon as said Hospital receives Reimbursements, but in any case, no later than June 30, 2026.

(2026-4)

Resolution: Authorization for a Short-Term Loan to Stony Brook University Hospital

Whereas the State University of New York operates Stony Brook Medicine, where critical health care is provided by Stony Brook University Hospital, Stony Brook Children’s Hospital, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, Stony Brook Eastern Long

Island Hospital, Long Island Veterans Home, and more than 200 community- based healthcare settings throughout Suffolk County; and

Whereas Stony Brook University Hospital, and its affiliate hospitals, have a combined 818 certified beds, have discharged over 40,000 patients from inpatient care and saw over 140,000 emergency room visits in academic year 2025; and

Whereas the outlay of extraordinary costs related to the COVID- 19 pandemic have depleted Stony Brook University Hospital's cash reserves, which otherwise would have been available to mitigate this short-term issue; and

Whereas Stony Brook University Hospital is experiencing short term cash flow issues due to delays in receiving Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement and the uncertain timing of other reimbursement from the State of New York, leading to a potential budgeted shortfall in operating reserves through the third and fourth quarter of the Academic Fiscal Year; and

Whereas Stony Brook University provided a \$100 million short term loan to Stony Brook University Hospital in December 2025/January 2026 which is intended to be repaid upon receipt of the delayed monies; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Chancellor or designee be authorized to enter into an agreement with Stony Brook University Hospital to provide a short-term loan in an amount not to exceed \$54.0 million, within the following parameters:

- a. Such loan shall be temporary and any such authority to provide such loan shall A) not exceed the amount noted herein and B) be terminated on June 30, 2026, or upon receipt of the indicated delayed monies, whichever occurs first.
- b. Consistent with the University Reserve Borrowing Policy, the principal of the loan plus lost interest shall be repaid within the terms provided herein.

(2026-5)

Vice Chairman Perales asked for a motion to approve the resolutions on the consent agenda

Upon motion by Trustee Litow

Seconded by Trustee Duffy

Vice Chairman Perales declared the resolutions approved

CONVENING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:22 a.m., Vice Chairman Perales asked for a motion for an executive session under the provisions of Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officers Law for the purpose of discussing matters related to the financial and employment history of particular individuals, as well as the financial history of particular corporations, as well as for the purpose of receiving legal advice pursuant to Section 108(3) of the Public Officers Law.

Vice Chairman Perales asked for a motion to convene an executive session
Motion by Trustee Haddon
Seconded by Trustee Litow
It was unanimously agreed upon to convene an executive session

RECONVENING OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

Vice Chairman Perales reconvened the Public Meeting at 11:00 a.m., held on January 27, 2026, at SUNY System Administration, 353 Broadway S135, Albany, New York, with video conferencing from multiple locations.

Vice Chairman Perales noted that no actions were taken during Executive Session. He then turned to Trustee Staller and Chief Financial Officer Josh Sager for a report from the Finance and Administration Committee.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Staller, with CFO Josh Sager, reviewed key provisions of New York State's 2026/27 Executive Budget proposal and how it would impact SUNY, describing it as a strong starting point for continued advocacy.

A further conversation was then had, with CFO Sager outlining advocacy priorities. The conversation noted the Board's request for increased funding for EOP to sustain and expand the program.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Perales asked for a motion to adjourn
Upon motion by Trustee Lewin
Seconded by Trustee Duffy
Vice Chairman Perales declared the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.