



**Minutes of Meetings**  
**The Board of Trustees of The State University of New York**  
**July 28, 2025**

Pursuant to a notice of a meeting duly given on July 21, 2025, by the Office of the Secretary of the University, the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York met on July 28, 2025, via videoconference at SUNY System Administration, 355 Broadway, Albany, NY and SUNY Global Center, 116 East 55th Street, Boardroom, New York, NY 10022 locations.

**July 28, 2025, at 10:00 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 Spiro  
Trustee Staller  
Trustee Vacin  
Trustee Varlack

**Others Present:**

Dr. John B. King Jr., **Committee Liaison**, Chancellor  
Kyle Adams, Associate Vice Chancellor for Marketing and Creative Strategy  
Francisco Araiza, Associate Vice Chancellor for Policy Implementation  
Nisha Atre, Executive Director, SUNY Impact Foundation  
Cassie Barron, Assistant Secretary of the University  
Beth Berlin, Senior Vice Chancellor for Operations and Management and Chief Operating Officer

Valerie Dent, Interim Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges  
Jamie Frank, Associate Vice Chancellor for Policy Implementation  
Gary Ginsburg, Chief Communications Officer  
Aaron Gladd, Chief Strategy Officer and Senior Advisor for Operations and Management  
Dennis Glazer, Chair of the Purchase College Council  
Bart Grachan, Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management  
Christa Grant, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Inclusive Excellence  
Valerie Grey, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Health and Hospital Affairs and Chief Hospital and Healthcare Operations Officer  
Robert Haelen, Senior Vice Chancellor for Capital Facilities  
Cheryl Hamilton, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Life, Opportunity Programs and Student Advocate  
Adam Haney, Deputy General Counsel  
Julie Hartley-Moore, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
Juliana Hernandez-Commisso, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Policy Implementation and Deputy Chief of Staff  
Keith Landa, Director of the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Center, Purchase College  
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  
Amy Montalbano, University Auditor  
Ricardo Nazario-Colón, Senior Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer  
Cara Palumbo Schrantz, Deputy General Counsel  
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  
Will Schwartz, Vice Chancellor of Government Relations  
Michael Steiper, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, College of Staten Island, CUNY  
Carter Strickland, Chief Sustainability Officer and Executive Director of Climate Action  
Christopher White, Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Upward Mobility

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## **CONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Chairman Tisch convened the Public Meeting at 10:00 a.m., via videoconference at SUNY System Administration, 355 Broadway, Albany, NY and SUNY Global Center, 116 East 55th Street, Boardroom, New York, NY 10022.

The Chairman asked Secretary Mero to call the roll of members, at which time the Secretary declared a quorum.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Tisch asked Secretary Mero to present the minutes to the Board. The Secretary confirmed that the minutes from the Board of Trustees meetings held on June 3, 2025, have been provided to the members. The Secretary then asked if any of the board members had edits or corrections to the minutes and none were made.

Chair Tisch asked for a motion to approve the set of minutes  
Upon motion by Trustee Litow  
Seconded by Trustee Haddon  
The minutes were approved

## **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chancellor King began his report by introducing and welcoming the newest Trustees: Student Trustee Luca Rallis, University Faculty Senate Trustee Bruce Simon and SUNY Trustee James Katz.

The Chancellor reported on SUNY's recent achievements, including advancements in the four pillars through initiatives such as SUNY Reconnect, the ASAP/ACE expansion, veteran recruitment, EOP programs, and responsible use of AI to advance the public good. He highlighted research excellence across campuses and announced the SUNY Research Leadership Academy, funded by the Henry Luce Foundation. He also noted that his summer outreach included multiple campus visits, system events, and participation in community and policy engagements. Federal advocacy efforts focused on research funding, Pell Grants, affordability, and economic development. Progress toward ensuring all undergraduates have internship or experiential learning opportunities was noted, with new partnerships and a forthcoming System Strategic Plan. The Chancellor also announced the recipients of the SUNY Health Care Educator Scholarships and the SUNY/OMH Scholarship Program to address workforce needs in nursing and mental health. Finally, he gave an update on capital investments in SUNY Downstate and Upstate hospitals, with procurements for design work underway, MWBE outreach in progress, and a PLA study nearing completion.

## **COMMUNITY COLLEGE REPORT**

Valerie Dent, Interim Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges, shared that the implementation of SUNY Reconnect will begin in the fall 2025 and provided a detailed overview of the program. Ms. Dent also noted that SUNY is deeply appreciative to the Governor and legislature for enabling this initiative to provide free community college to adults ages 25-55 without a college degree who are pursuing an Associate Degree in a high-demand field.

## **CONVENING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:57 a.m., Chairman Tisch asked for a motion for an executive session.

By motion of Trustee Litow  
Seconded by Trustee Spiro  
The meeting moved into executive session

## **RECONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Chairman Tisch reconvened the Public Meeting at 11:54 a.m.

The Chairman announced that during the Executive Session, the trustees took actions that will be recorded with the Office of the Board of Trustees.

The following actions were taken during Executive Session:

**Resolution:** To Name the Evens Family Scholarship at University at Buffalo

**Resolved** that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by Ronald P. Evens, the Evens Family Scholarship at the University at Buffalo is hereby approved.

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**Resolution:** To Name the Dr. Margaret Ann Tubbert Farrington Fund for Biological Sciences, at University at Buffalo

**Resolved** that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by William G. Farrington, the Dr. Margaret Ann Tubbert Farrington Fund for Biological Sciences at the University at Buffalo is hereby approved.

(2025 – 40)

**Resolution:** To Name the Murchie Shore Data Theater in the School of Management, at University at Buffalo

**Resolved** that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by Tunney S. Murchie, the Murchie Family Data Theater at the University at Buffalo is hereby approved.

(2025 – 41)

The Chairman then turned to the Chancellor to announce the appointments. The following appointment resolutions were presented for consideration:

**Resolution:** Appointment of Valerie Dent, Esq. as Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges of the State University of New York

**Resolved** that the appointment of Ms. Valerie Dent as Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges of the State University of New York, effective immediately, be, and hereby is, approved. Ms. Valerie Dent will receive a salary of \$275,000 per year.

(2025 – 42)

Chairman Tisch asked for a motion to approve the resolution  
Upon motion by Trustee Haddon  
Seconded by Trustee Spiro  
Chairman Tisch declared the motion is approved

Valerie Dent thanked the Board and said she looks forward in continuing her work with the Board, SUNY community college presidents and staff, and the SUNY System.

**Resolution:** Appointment of Dr. Michael E. Steiper as President of the State University of New York College at Purchase

**Resolved** that the appointment of Dr. Michael E. Steiper as President of the State University of New York College at Purchase, on or about August 11, 2025, be and hereby is, approved. Dr. Steiper will receive a salary of \$315,000 for this service. Dr. Steiper will also receive a \$6,500 per month housing allowance and have use of a campus owned automobile or automobile allowance.

(2025 – 43)

Chairman Tisch asked for a motion to approve the resolution  
Upon motion by Trustee Lewin  
Seconded by Trustee Haddon  
Chairman Tisch declared the motion is approved

Dennis Glazer, Chair of the Purchase College Council, thanked Chairman Tisch, Chancellor King and Zulaika Rodriguez for their work and assistance in the presidential search and selection process. Dr. Steiper thanked the Board and said he is looking forward to working with SUNY's Board of Trustees and Purchase College.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairman Perales asked for a motion to adjourn  
Motion by Trustee Litow  
Seconded by Trustee Spiro  
Vice Chairman Perales declared the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.