



**Minutes of Meetings**  
**The Board of Trustees of The State University of New York**  
**March 10, 2026**

Pursuant to a notice of a meeting duly given on March 3, 2026, by the Office of the Secretary of the University, the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York met on March 10, 2026, at SUNY System Administration, 353 Broadway, Albany, New York, and via videoconference.

**March 10, 2026, at 10:04 a.m.**

**Trustees Present:**

Chairman Tisch  
Vice Chairman Perales  
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

**Trustees Not Present:**

Trustee Belluck

**Others Present:**

Dr. John B. King Jr., Chancellor  
Kyle Adams, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Marketing & Creative Strategy  
Nisha Atre, Executive Director, SUNY Impact Foundation  
Cassie Barron, Assistant Secretary of the University  
Anne Bink, Senior Vice Chancellor for Operations and Management & Chief Operating Officer

Lisa Castillo Richmond, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Deputy for Student Success  
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  
Aaron Gladd, Chief Strategy Officer and Senior Advisor for Operations and Management  
Bart Grachan, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management  
Christa Grant, Interim Chief Diversity 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 of Policy Implementation & Deputy Chief of Staff  
Kapil Longani, Senior Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel  
Lauren McCabe, Senior Director for Administration & Operations, Community Colleges  
Pam McCall, Director of University Life Operations  
Robert Megna, President, Rockefeller Institute of Government  
Jennifer Mero, Secretary to the Board of Trustees  
Amy Montalbano, University Auditor  
Melur K. "Ram" Ramasubramanian, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost  
Juan Rosales, Chief of Staff to the Chief Operating Officer  
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  
Carter Strickland, Chief Sustainability Officer and Executive Director of Climate Action  
Lourdes Thebaud, Director of Student Development

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## **CONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Vice Chairman Perales convened the Public Meeting at 10:04 a.m., held on March 10, 2026, at SUNY System Administration, 353 Broadway, Albany, New York, and via videoconference. The Vice Chairman asked the Secretary of the Board, Jennifer Mero to call the roll of the Board members at which time a quorum was confirmed.

## **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Chancellor King provided an update on recent developments across the SUNY System, noting continued positive media coverage highlighting enrollment gains, financial sustainability, and investments in student success initiatives, including experiential

learning, SUNY Reconnect, mental health, basic needs, and affordability for military students. He also recognized recent accolades, including national honors for the State University of New York at Binghamton and SUNY Orange. The Chancellor emphasized SUNY's ongoing research excellence, including a major philanthropic gift establishing a new AI research center at Binghamton, as well as systemwide advancements in areas such as climate science, health research, and technology innovation.

Chancellor King summarized recent campus visits and systemwide engagement, including tours of academic and workforce programs, meetings with SUNY Reconnect students, and participation in events with state and national partners. He also highlighted system events recognizing employees, supporting FAFSA completion, advancing civic engagement, and celebrating student achievement, including the EOP Norman McConney Awards. Additionally, he reported on active engagement in the 2026 legislative session, including budget advocacy with state leaders and participation in events with legislative partners.

Chancellor King concluded by highlighting ongoing system priorities and achievements, including new platforms such as SUNY Research Connect, student recognition initiatives, academic momentum efforts, and continued investment in workforce and economic development. He underscored SUNY's significant statewide economic impact and recognized distinguished doctoral research awardees and new System Administration leadership, before returning the meeting to the Vice Chair.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairman Perales asked for a motion to adjourn

Upon motion by Trustee Litow

Seconded by Trustee Duffy

Vice Chairman Perales declared the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

## **March 10, 2026, at 12:02 p.m.**

### **Trustees Present:**

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Vice Chairman Perales

Trustee Burke

Trustee Corngold

Trustee Crespo

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### **CONVENING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 12:02 p.m., Vice Chairman Perales asked for a motion to convene an executive session under the provisions of Section 105(1)(f) of the Public Officers Law for the purpose of discussing the financial and employment history of particular persons pursuant to 105(1)(f); discussions related to pending and current litigation pursuant to 105(1)(d); and to obtain legal advice pursuant to 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 Duffy

It was unanimously agreed upon to convene an executive session

### **RECONVENING OF THE PUBLIC MEETING**

Vice Chairman Perales reconvened into the Public Meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Vice Chairman Perales noted that the Trustees took actions that will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

The below are the actions which the Chancellor first reviewed for consideration followed by Secretary Mero reading these resolutions in one consent agenda.

**Resolution:** Naming of a Performing Arts Space in the Staller Center for the Arts at the State University of New York at Stony Brook

**Whereas,** Hildegarde G. Kurnol Weigel has been a devoted and steadfast supporter of the State University of New York at Stony Brook for more than 40 years, generously contributing her time, talent, and resources to a broad array of campus initiatives; and

**Whereas,** she is a lifelong pianist with a passion for music, mathematics, and Stony Brook students; and

**Whereas,** Ms. Weigel's gift will support the remodeling of a new named performance space for the Department of Music, located in the Fine Arts I building of the Staller Center for the Arts, creating a new state-of-the-art rehearsal and concert venue, a transformative investment in the future of Stony Brook's Performance Program within Graduate Study in Music. The endowed fund will provide permanent funding for the

long-term maintenance, enhancement, and operational needs of the space; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by Hildegarde G. Kurnol Weigel, The Hildegarde Kurnol '61 Performance Venue, a performance space for the Department of Music, located in the Fine Arts I building of the Staller Center for the Arts at Stony Brook University, is hereby named.

(2026 – 8)

**Resolution:** Naming of Endowed Arts Funds at the State University of New York at Stony Brook

**Whereas**, Helen Harrison-Nicholson and Roy Nicholson are distinguished and well-known members of the arts community on the East End of Long Island, where they have made their home for over four decades; and

**Whereas**, the couple wish to support the use of their former home as a residence for visiting artists and scholars, serving to further Stony Brook's connection to the arts on the East End of Long Island; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by Helen Harrison-Nicholson and Roy Nicholson, the Roy Nicholson Art Fund; the Harrison-Nicholson House and Artist or Scholar in Residence Fund; and the Harrison-Nicholson House at the State University of New York at Stony Brook are hereby named.

(2026 – 9)

**Resolution:** Naming of an Endowed Fund of Excellence and a Campus Plaza at the State University of New York at Stony Brook

**Whereas**, Dr. Jack Yongfeng Zhang, a distinguished alumnus of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, together with his wife, Dr. Mary Luo, co-founded Amphastar Pharmaceuticals in 1996; and

**Whereas**, their shared commitment to advancing science and discovery reflects a lifelong dedication to innovation, research, and global impact; and

**Whereas**, to honor the legacy of their esteemed friend Dr. C.N. Yang, Drs. Zhang and Luo seek to permanently secure the global distinction of SBU's Yang Institute for Theoretical Physics; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by Drs. Jack Yongfeng Zhang and Mary Luo, the Drs. Jack Zhang and Mary Luo Endowed Fund for Excellence for the C.N. Yang Institute for Theoretical Physics and the plaza adjacent to the Physics Building as the Drs. Zhang and Luo Plaza at the State University of New York at Stony Brook are hereby named.

(2026 – 10)

**Resolution:** Naming of a Common Space at the State University of New York at Stony Brook

**Whereas,** Alan S. deVries dedicated four decades of his distinguished career to the State University of New York at Stony Brook, working on issues related to student life and student housing; and

**Whereas,** as an undergraduate, Mr. deVries served as a Resident Assistant in Hand College, laying the foundation for his student-centered philosophy. In August 1981, his first full-time role was as the Residence Hall Director in James College. He eventually earned the rank of Director of Housing Administration; and

**Whereas,** Mr. DeVries has had a measurable professional impact on the campus by expanding the University's housing footprint by over 3,500 beds during his tenure in Campus Residences, significantly increasing the institution's capacity to serve its growing student body; in addition, he created gender-inclusive housing and supported housing-insecure students and students who had aged out of the foster care system in New York State, ensuring the university provided a caring community and a home for its most vulnerable members; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that, in recognition of his lifetime achievements and contributions to advance the mission of the university, the Alan S. deVries Center at the State University of New York at Stony Brook is hereby named.

(2026 – 11)

**Resolution:** Naming of a Common Space at the State University of New York at Stony Brook

**Whereas,** Dallas W. Bauman, III, PhD dedicated nearly four decades of his distinguished career to the State University of New York at Stony Brook in student life and student services; and

**Whereas,** in March 1982, Dr. Bauman undertook a monumental transformation of SBU's residence hall operations, organizing fragmented services into a unified, efficient "Campus Residences" unit. He professionalized the Campus Residences staff, recruiting and developing highly qualified individuals with advanced degrees, establishing a gold standard for professional development within the SUNY system; and

**Whereas,** Dr Bauman is recognized nationally and is a Foundation Member of the American College Personnel Association and recipient of its Diamond Honoree and Lifetime Achievement Recognition; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that, in recognition of lifetime achievement and contributions to advance the mission of the university, the Bauman Center for Leadership and Service at the State University of New York at Stony Brook is hereby named.

(2026 – 12)

**Resolution:** Naming of an Endowed Professorship at the College of Arts and Sciences at the State University of New York at Buffalo

**Whereas,** the late Dr. Kurt E. Merkel earned his Ph.D. in 1970 from UB's School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences;

**Whereas,** upon graduation Dr. Merkel had a distinguished career in pharmaceutical research; and

**Whereas,** Dr Merkel demonstrated his enduring commitment to UB through a generous estate gift designated to recruit and retain an endowed professor in medicinal chemistry, as well as to establish graduate fellowships to support research and educational activities for students in the Department of Chemistry; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by Dr. Kurt E Merkel, the Kurt E. Merkel, PhD Professorship in Medicinal Chemistry at the College of Arts and Sciences at the State University of New York at Buffalo is hereby named.

(2026 – 13)

**Resolution:** Naming of an Endowed Scholarship Fund at the State University of New York at Buffalo

**Whereas,** Broadview Federal Credit Union has a commitment to the communities it serves, investing in food insecurity and hunger programs, health and well-being, addressing homelessness and affordable housing, safe communities and individual well-being in New York State; and

**Whereas,** general scholarship dollars are vital to UB in order to provide flexible, immediate support that helps students access and complete a world-class education regardless of financial background; and

**Whereas,** UB is committed to recruiting talented students, reducing loan burdens, closing unexpected financial gaps that might otherwise interrupt a student's progress, and empowering students to focus on academic achievement, research, and campus engagement rather than financial stress; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by Broadview Federal Credit Union, the Broadview Federal Credit Union Scholarship at the State University of New York at Buffalo is hereby named.

(2026 – 14)

**Resolution:** Naming of Athletic Facilities at the State University of New York at Buffalo

**Whereas,** Broadview Federal Credit Union has a commitment to the communities it serves, investing in food insecurity and hunger programs, health and well-being,

addressing homelessness and affordable housing, safe communities and individual well-being in New York State; and;

**Whereas**, the University at Buffalo is committed to student success and student engagement through participation in NCAA Division I athletics in the Mid-American Conference; and

**Whereas**, the University at Buffalo supports approximately 400 varsity student-athletes competing across 16 men's and women's sports; and

**Whereas**, collegiate athletic facilities are increasingly complex and expensive; must meet competitive demands; and are needed to serve the university community's broader needs; and

**Whereas**, UB Foundation Activities, Inc. (UBFA) and Broadview Federal Credit Union negotiated a Signage and Naming Rights Agreement, pursuant to which, in consideration of payments by Broadview, UBFA will endeavor to cause the installation, maintenance, and display of Broadview signage and the exercise of naming rights for the certain identified facilities at the University at Buffalo, as further described in the Agreement and its exhibits; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that, in recognition of the sponsorship, the Broadview Federal Credit Union Stadium, the Broadview Federal Credit Union Arena, and the Broadview Athletics Village at the State University of New York at Buffalo, per terms of the negotiated contract, are hereby named.

(2026 – 15)

**Resolution:** Naming of an Endowed Scholarship at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the State University of New York at Buffalo

**Whereas**, the Mary E. Fracassi Revocable Family Trust seeks to honor the legacy of Mary E. Fracassi and her lifetime dedication to advancing research aimed at the prevention and eventual elimination of Alzheimer's disease and dementia; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Fracassi demonstrated enduring commitment to the University at Buffalo through a generous estate gift designed to support pioneering research, compassionate care, and the training of future leaders in the fight against Alzheimer's and related conditions; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that, in recognition of the philanthropic commitment by the Mary E. Fracassi Revocable Trust Family Trust, the Mary E. Fracassi Alzheimer's Research Scholarship is hereby approved at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

(2026 – 16)

**Resolution:** Naming of an Endowed Professorship, an Endowed Scholarship, and an

Endowed Chair at the Alan and Marlene Norton College of Medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University

**Whereas**, following graduation from Upstate Medical University in 1976, Dr. Christopher G Ullrich completed his residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Upstate Medical followed by a two-year fellowship in Neuroradiology at Johns Hopkins University.

**Whereas**, Dr. Christopher dedicated his career to clinical service in Radiology and Neuroradiology;

**Whereas**, Dr. Ullrich and his wife Betsy were steadfast supporters of the University through the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that, in recognition of the philanthropic bequest by Dr. Christopher and Betsy Ullrich, the Christopher G. and Betsy C. Ullrich Endowed Professorship of Neuroradiology; the Christopher G. and Betsy C. Ullrich Endowed Scholarship; and the Christopher G. and Betsy C. Ullrich Endowed Chair of Radiology at the Alan and Marlene Norton College of Medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University are hereby named.

(2026 – 17)

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

Upon motion by Trustee Spiro

Seconded by Trustee Katz

Vice Chairman Perales declared the resolutions approved

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairman Perales asked for a motion to adjourn

Upon motion by Trustee Staller

Seconded by Trustee Spiro

Vice Chairman Perales declared the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

## **March 10, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.**

### **Trustees Present:**

Vice Chairman Perales

Trustee Burke

Trustee Corngold

Trustee Crespo

Trustee Duffy

Trustee Haddon

Trustee Katz

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Vice Chairman asked the Secretary to present the minutes from the last Board meeting for approval. Secretary Mero noted that the Trustees were presented with the minutes from the January 27, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting. The Secretary asked if any of the board members had edits or corrections to the minutes, and none were made.

The Secretary asked for a motion to approve the minutes  
Upon motion by Trustee Duffy  
Seconded by Trustee Haddon  
Vice Chairman Perales declared the minutes approved

The Vice Chairman asked the Secretary to read the names of the resolutions on the consent agenda. The following resolutions were read:

#### **Resolution:** Master Plan Amendment for Westchester Community College

**Resolved** that the State University of New York Master Plan be, and hereby is, amended to designate Westchester Community College - Yonkers at 843 Kimball Avenue, Yonkers, New York as a branch campus of Westchester Community College; and, be it further

**Resolved** that the State University of New York Master Plan be, and hereby is, amended to authorize Westchester Community College – Yonkers to offer instruction leading to the Associate in Science in the disciplinary area of Business and Associate in Applied Science in the disciplinary areas of Fine Arts and Social Sciences; and, be it further

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

(2026 – 6)

**Resolution:** Initial Approval 2025-2026 Honorary Degree Nominee

**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 – 7)

**Resolution:** Amendments to Community College Regulations

**Whereas** SUNY’s community colleges are essential engines of student success and upward mobility, providing extraordinary value to students and meeting the needs of employers across New York State; and

**Whereas** New York State Education Law 355(1)(c) provides shared responsibility for community colleges, entrusting the SUNY Board of Trustees with “the provision of standards and regulations covering the organization and operation of their programs, courses and curricula, financing arrangements, state financial assistance, tuition charges and fees, and such other matters as may be involved in the operation of such colleges” while providing that each community college is administered by a local board of trustees; and

**Whereas** this shared responsibility is evident in the vital function of the appointment of a community college president, with New York Education Law 6306(2) specifying that “the board of trustees of each community college shall appoint a president for the college, subject to approval by the state university trustees....”; and

**Whereas** in June 2025, SUNY initiated rulemaking pursuant to the State Administrative Procedure Act, including requirements related to (1) community college temporary leadership; (2) Chancellor feedback on candidates; and (3) presidential contract review; and

**Whereas** during the open public comment period for the initial rulemaking, SUNY received 35 written public comments and also held five public listening sessions, resulting in thoughtful and valuable feedback from students, faculty, college trustees, and other campus stakeholders from across the State; and

**Whereas** in December 2025, after reviewing all public comments and considering all recommendations and alternatives raised by the public, SUNY issued a notice of revised rulemaking; and

**Whereas** the December 2025 revised rulemaking made several revisions in response to public comments, specifically by making clarifying changes to the provisions related to

temporary community college leadership, and by limiting the scope of the present rulemaking to community college temporary leadership; and

**Whereas** SUNY received 74 comments during the public comment period for the revised rule, all of which were in support of SUNY adopting the revised rule; now, therefore be it

**Resolved** that the Chancellor or designee be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to prepare, in accordance with the provisions of the State Administrative Procedure Act, a Notice of Adoption with respect to amendments to Part 604 of Title 8 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York; and be it further

**Resolved** that the Chancellor or designee be, and hereby is, authorized to file such Notice of Adoption with the Department of State at a time and manner such that the Rule would take effect no earlier than June 1, 2026;

**Resolved** that the amendments to Part 604 of Title 8 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York shall read as follows (brackets denote old material to be deleted; underlining denotes new material to be added):

The opening paragraph of Section 604.2 of Part 604 of Subchapter D of Chapter V of Volume B of Title 8 of the New York Codes, Rules, & Regulations is amended, and a new Section 604.5 is added to Part 604 of Subchapter D of Chapter V of Volume B of Title 8 of the New York Codes, to read as follows:

604.2 Responsibilities and duties of the college trustees.

Under the time-honored practice of American colleges, trustees of colleges, as legal official bodies corporate, concentrate on establishing policies governing the college, and delegate responsibility for the administration and execution of those policies to their employed professional administrators. The college trustees, subject to the approval of the State University trustees, shall appoint a president (whether permanent, acting, or interim; or an administrator-in-charge pursuant to Section 604.5 of this Part), approve curricula, prepare, approve and implement budgets, establish tuition and fees (within legal limits), approve sites and temporary and permanent facilities. Approval or disapproval of the appointment of a president by the State University trustees shall be made in accordance with Section 604.5 of this Part as well as with the State University trustees guidelines for the selection and approval of such appointments. The guidelines shall include a procedure for the State University trustees to receive the recommendation of the Chancellor concerning such appointment. The college trustees shall provide for the awarding of certificates and diplomas, and the conferring of appropriate degrees on the recommendation of the president and the faculty. In addition, the college trustees upon the recommendation of the president shall appoint personnel, determine and implement salary and employee benefits schedules, and approve the organizational pattern of the college.

604.5 Presidential appointment and approval

(a) Temporary leadership. While the college undergoes a search for a permanent president, the college trustees are authorized to appoint an acting president or an interim president, subject to the approval of the State University trustees. When necessary to prevent a leadership gap, the State University Trustees hereby authorize the college trustees to directly appoint an administrator-in-charge to assume the duties of the presidency until a permanent president is approved, subject to the requirements of this Part. The term of appointment of an administrator-in-charge shall be limited to one year from time of appointment; provided, however, that the State University trustees, upon recommendation of the Chancellor, may grant one or more extensions not to exceed six months each. The State University trustees may also vote to disapprove an administrator-in-charge at any time during the administrator-in-charge's tenure. The administrator-in-charge's term shall automatically be revoked 60 days following disapproval, and such candidate shall be ineligible to serve as an administrator-in-charge or to otherwise assume the duties of the presidency absent express approval by the State University trustees.

(b) Presidential appointment and approval procedures.

(1) Approval or disapproval of the appointment of a president by the State University trustees shall be made in accordance with this Part as well as with the State University trustees' guidelines for the selection and approval of such appointments. The guidelines shall include a procedure for the State University trustees to receive the recommendation of the Chancellor concerning such appointment.

(2) Both the community college board of trustees and/or the University Board of Trustees reserve the right to reject any candidate. If a presidential candidate that is recommended for permanent appointment is disapproved by the State University trustees, and is currently serving as acting president, interim president, or administrator-in-charge of the college, or in any other position bearing the duties of the presidency, such temporary appointment shall automatically be revoked 60 days following disapproval. Such candidate shall be ineligible to serve as an administrator-in-charge or otherwise assume the duties of the presidency absent express approval by the State University trustees.

(2026 – 18)

**Resolution:** Regulatory Update for Certificate of Residency Applications for Community Colleges

**Whereas** Section 6305 of the Education Law requires community college students who reside in New York State, but outside of the sponsorship area of the community college they chose to attend, to submit a Certificate of Residence from their county of residence in order to receive the benefit of being charged the resident rate of tuition to which they are legally entitled and;

**Whereas** in the State of the State policy agenda outlined on January 10, 2026, Governor Hochul introduced and championed efforts to “reform the certificate of

residency submission process to simplify requirements and ensure students are not liable for large financial sums if their certificate of residency is only a few days or weeks late,” and

**Whereas** the Executive Budget Education, Labor, and Family Assistance Article VII legislation (Part D) released on January 20, 2026, includes language directing the State University of New York Board of Trustees to promulgate regulations making these changes; and

**Whereas** the State University of New York Board of Trustees is committed to increasing the affordability and accessibility of higher education for all New Yorkers; and

**Whereas** the State University of New York Board of Trustees seeks to provide conditional authorization to the Chancellor, or designee, to commence Rule Making to ensure that SUNY is prepared to begin implementation processes immediately in the event that the Enacted Budget includes this initiative, including any amendments that may be made prior to enactment; now therefore, be it

**Resolved** that, in the event that the final Enacted Budget includes language approving and authorizing revisions to the Certificate of Residency process, the Chancellor, or designee, be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to prepare and file, in accordance with the provisions of the State Administrative Procedure Act, a Notice of Proposed Rule Making to implement such revisions; and be it further

**Resolved** that the Chancellor is required to bring any recommendations for final adoption of this Rule before this Board for approval prior to finalizing.

(2026 – 19)

**Resolution:** Disposal of Real Property – Adirondack Community College

**Whereas** section 603.5(d) of Title 8 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York require, in regards to the disposal of real property, that the State University of New York Board of Trustees determine that (i) the Property is no longer useful or required for college purposes, and (ii) approve the Property's appraised minimum market value before the Property may be sold; and

**Whereas** the Adirondack Community College Sponsors, the Counties of Warren and Washington, have passed resolutions declaring 3.56 acres of vacant land located at 240 Sanford Street, Glens Falls, New York, including Crockwell Pond (the “Property”) is no longer useful or required for college purposes; and

**Whereas** the Adirondack Community College Board of Trustees has passed a resolution declaring the Property is no longer useful or required for college purposes; and

**Whereas** the College's former intended use of the Property for science programs is no longer applicable and there is no further academic use for the Property; and

**Whereas** the College has obtained an appraisal of the Property completed within the past year, which resulted in a value of \$18,500; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that the disposal of the Property be, and hereby is, approved; and, be it further

**Resolved** that the value of the Property for purposes of section §6304(1)(c) is determined to be \$18,500 per market valuation; and, be it further

**Resolved** that the Chancellor, or designee, be, and hereby is, authorized to transmit the determination as to the value of such real property to the NYS Director of the Budget for appropriate action.

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

Upon motion by Trustee Haddon

Seconded by Trustee Duffy

Vice Chairman Perales declared the resolutions approved

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairman Perales asked for a motion to adjourn

Motion by Trustee Duffy

Seconded by Trustee Litow

Vice Chairman Perales declared the meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.