



**Minutes of Meeting
The Board of Trustees of The State University of New York
November 14, 2025**

Pursuant to a notice of a special board of trustees meeting duly given on November 13, 2025, by the Office of the Secretary of the University, the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York met on November 14, 2025, at the SUNY Global Center, 116 East 55th Street, Boardroom, in New York City, and via videoconference.

November 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Trustees Present: at a *Noticed Location

Chairman Tisch

Vice Chairman Perales

Trustee Belluck

Trustee Burke

Trustee Crespo

Trustee Haddon

Trustee Katz

Trustee Lewin

Trustee Litow

Trustee Rallis

Trustee Simon

Trustee Spiro

Trustee Staller

Trustee Vacin

Trustee Varlack

Trustees Present at an Unnoticed Location

N/A

Trustees Not Present:

Trustee Corngold

Trustee Duffy

**Noticed locations are kept on file with the Office of the Secretary*

Others Present:

Dr. John B. King Jr., **Committee Liaison**, Chancellor

Cassie Barron, Assistant Secretary of the University
Beth Berlin, Senior Vice Chancellor for Operations and Management and Chief Operating Officer
Lisa Castillo-Richmond, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Deputy for Student Success
Valerie Dent, Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges
Terence Finley, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Harris-Stowe State University
Pamela Finley, Guest of Terence Finley
Bart Grachan, Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management
Donna Linderman, Senior Vice Chancellor for Student Success
Kapil Longani, Senior Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel
Judy McKinney Cherry, Vice Chair, Corning Community College Board of Trustees
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
Cara Palumbo Schrantz, Deputy General Counsel

CONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Vice Chairman Perales convened the Public Meeting at 9:00 a.m., held at the SUNY Global Center, 116 East 55th Street, Boardroom, in New York City, and via videoconference. The Vice Chairman asked the Secretary of the Board, Jennifer Mero, to confirm if there was a quorum at which time a quorum was confirmed.

Vice Chairman then requested to move the waiver of notice forward and for the Secretary of the Board to read the following resolution:

Resolution: Waiver of the Notice Requirements for the November 14, 2025, Special Board of Trustees Meeting

Whereas New York State Education Law §353(2)(a) and the By-Laws of the Board of Trustees require that at least seven days' notice of every meeting be given to the Trustees, unless such notice be waived by a majority of the Board; that resolutions for the consideration of the Board of Trustees must be mailed to the usual address of each Trustee no less than seven days prior to a meeting, unless the Chair shall make available in writing on the day of the meeting the facts that necessitate an immediate vote; and that the agendas for such meetings shall be available three days prior to the meetings; and

Whereas it is necessary to schedule an expedited special meeting of the Board of Trustees within a timeframe that does not allow the State University to meet the usual time requirements; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby waives the seven-day meeting notice for the purposes of holding an expedited special meeting; and, be it further

Resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby waives the requirement that the agenda for such expedited special meeting be made available three days in advance of such meeting due to the special nature and time sensitivity of the matters to be discussed.

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Vice Chairman Perales asked for a motion to approve the resolution
Upon motion by Trustee Litow
Seconded by Trustee Katz
Vice Chairman Perales declared the resolution approved

CONVENING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:01 a.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 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 then asked for a motion to convene in executive session
Motion by Trustee Haddon
Seconded by Trustee Litow
It was unanimously agreed upon to convene an executive session

Vice Chairman Perales then announced that the executive session concluded, where the trustees took no action.

RECONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

At 10:55 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Vice Chairman asked the Chancellor to present the presidential appointment for Corning Community College. The Chancellor introduced to the Board Dr. Terence Finley, as the presidential candidate for Corning Community College.

Vice Chairman Perales then announced that there were two actions as part of the consent agenda. The following appointment resolutions were cited:

Resolution: Acting on a Proposed Presidential Appointment by the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees

Resolved that the SUNY Board of Trustees expresses its appreciation to Dr. Conzatti for her service to Nassau Community College; and be it further

Resolved that the appointment of Dr. Maria Conzatti as President of Nassau Community College, by the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees, be, and hereby is, disapproved.

(2025 – 65)

Resolution: Appointment of Dr. Terence L. Finley as President of Corning Community College

Resolved that the appointment of Dr. Terence L. Finley as President of Corning Community College, by the Corning Community College Board of Trustees, at a salary of \$185,000, effective January 2, 2026, be, and hereby is, approved.

(2025 – 66)

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

Upon motion by Trustee Haddon

Seconded by Trustee Litow

Vice Chairman Perales declared the resolutions approved.

The Vice Chairman then invited Judy McKinney Cherry, Chair of the Search Committee and Vice Chair of the Corning Community College Board of Trustees, to provide comments. Ms. McKinney Cherry thanked SUNY's Board of Trustees and Chancellor for their confidence and stewardship in considering Dr. Finley's appointment. She also thanked the support from SUNY Corning's Board of Trustees; Zulaika Rodriguez and Jennifer Miller of SUNY System Administration; the presidential search committee and Dana Cohick of the RPA search firm. Vice Chairman Perales also asked Dr. Terence Finley to speak. Dr. Finley thanked the Chancellor, SUNY Board of Trustees, and all of SUNY Corning's Board of Trustees for the opportunity to lead and serve Corning Community College.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Perales asked for a motion to adjourn

Motion by Trustee Litow

Seconded by Trustee Haddon

Vice Chairman Perales declared the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.