



The State University  
of New York

**Minutes of the Community Colleges Committee Meeting  
of the Board of Trustees  
of the State University of New York  
March 10, 2026**

Pursuant to a notice of meeting duly given on March 3, 2026, the Community Colleges Committee of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York held a meeting on March 10, 2026 at 2:28 pm at SUNY System Administration, 353 Broadway, Albany, New York and via teleconference.

**Committee Members Present:**

*Robert Duffy, Chair*  
Trustee Lewin  
Trustee Litow  
Trustee Vacin

**Other Trustees Present:**

Vice Chairman Perales  
Trustee Burke  
Trustee Corngold  
Trustee Crespo  
Trustee Haddon  
Trustee Katz  
Trustee Rallis  
Trustee Spiro  
Trustee Simon  
Trustee Staller  
Trustee Varlack

**Others Present:**

Dr. John B. King Jr., Chancellor  
Valerie Dent, **Committee Liaison**, Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges  
Kyle Adams, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Marketing & Creative Strategy  
Nisha Atre, Executive Director, SUNY Impact Foundation  
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, Chief Deputy General Counsel and Chief of Staff  
Teresa Foster, Associate Provost for Institutional Research & Data Analytics  
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, Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management  
Christa Grant, Interim Chief Diversity Officer  
Robert M. 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 College  
Robert Megna, President, Rockefeller Institute of Government  
Amy Montalbano, University Auditor  
Ram Ramasubramanian, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost  
Ian Rosenblum, Senior Vice Chancellor for Policy Implementation & Chief of Staff  
Josh Sager, Chief Financial Officer  
Shadi Sandvik, Senior Vice Chancellor for Research, Innovation & Economic Development  
Cara Palumbo Schrantz, Deputy General Counsel  
Ronalyn Wilson, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges

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### **MEETING CONVENED**

Trustee Duffy called the meeting to order at 2:28 pm.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Duffy called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee's November 12, 2024, meeting. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Duffy welcomed Valerie Dent, Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges, to her first Community Colleges Committee meeting in her official role as Vice Chancellor and thanked her for the phenomenal work she's done thus far. Trustee Duffy thanked Governor Hochul, the legislature, and the SUNY Board for their support of community colleges. He also thanked Chair Tisch, Chancellor King and Vice Chancellor Dent for their intentional proactive work to strengthen relationships with our Community Colleges Trustees across the state.

### **INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges Valerie Dent shared an update on Institutional Research Collaborative Services. Teresa Foster, Associate Provost for Institutional Research & Data Analytics, thanked the four community colleges for their participation. She provided information on the progress and next steps of this project.

### **2025-26 COMMUNITY COLLEGE TARGETED STATE OPERATING AID INCREASE IMPACT UPDATE**

Vice Chancellor Dent provided an overview of the \$8 million targeted investments in the high-demand programs across the community colleges included in the 2025-26 Enacted State Budget and described how the funding was allocated and the early impact.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Confirming that there was no other business before the Committee, Trustee Duffy adjourned the meeting at 2:56 pm.