



**Minutes of the Student Success Committee
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 Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York held a meeting on March 10, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at 353 Broadway, Albany, NY 12246 and via videoconference.

Committee Members Present:

Camille Joseph Varlack, Chair
Chairman Tisch
Vice Chairman Perales
Trustee Simon

Other Trustees Present:

Trustee Burke
Trustee Corngold
Trustee Crespo
Trustee Duffy
Trustee Haddon
Trustee Katz
Trustee Litow
Trustee Rallis
Trustee Spiro
Trustee Staller
Trustee Vacin

Others Present:

Dr. John B. King Jr., Chancellor
Donna Linderman, **Committee Liaison**, Senior Vice Chancellor for Student Success
Kyle Adams, Associate 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 and 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
Thom Hanford, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Transfer and Articulation
Julie Hartley-Moore, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Juliana Hernandez-Commisso, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Policy Implementation and Deputy Chief of Staff
Kapil Longani, Senior Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel
Lauren McCabe, Senior Director for Administration and Operations, Community College
Pam McCall, Director of University of 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
Jessica Robin, Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs
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

MEETING CONVENED

Trustee Varlack called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the October 28, 2025 Student Success Committee were previously sent to Committee members.

Trustee Varlack called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee's October 28, 2025 meeting. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR DONNA LINDERMAN AND ASSISTANT VICE CHANCELLOR THOM HANFORD

Senior Vice Chancellor Donna Linderman and Assistant Vice Chancellor Thom Hanford presented on two proposed SUNY-wide policies for the Seamless Transfer initiative, aimed to reduce barriers for transfer students by establishing minimum standards for accepting transfer course grades and awarding credits. These policies would require campuses to accept passing transfer grades equivalent to those accepted for non-transfer students while still allowing programs to maintain higher standards when necessary. A two-month open comment period will be conducted to gather stakeholder feedback before returning the proposals to the Board for final approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Confirming that there was no other business before the Committee, Trustee Varlack adjourned the meeting at 10:02am.