



**Minutes of the Student Success Committee
of the Board of Trustees
of the State University of New York
October 28, 2025**

Pursuant to a notice of meeting duly given on October 25, 2025, the Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York held a meeting on October 28, 2025, at 10:30am at 353 Broadway, Albany, NY 12246 and via videoconference.

Committee Members Present:

Merryl H. Tisch, Chairman
Cesar Perales, Vice Chairman

Other Trustees Present:

Trustee Courtney Burke
Trustee Eric Corngold
Trustee Marcos Crespo
Trustee Robert Duffy
Trustee James Haddon
Trustee James Katz
Trustee Eunice A. Lewin
Trustee Stanley S. Litow
Trustee Luca Rallis
Trustee Bruce Simon
Trustee Edward Spiro
Trustee Cary Staller
Trustee Candice 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
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
Jamie Frank, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Policy Implementation and Access Initiatives
Gary Ginsburg, Chief Communications Officer
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 & 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 University Life, Opportunity Programs & 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
Kapil Longani, Senior Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel
Robert Megna, President, RIG & Senior Advisor to the Chancellor
Jennifer Mero, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Amy Montalbano, University Auditor
Casey O'Brien, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success and Transformational Initiatives
Melur K. "Ram" Ramasubramanian, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost
Ian Rosenblum, Chief of Staff to the Chancellor and Senior Vice Chancellor for Policy Implementation
Josh Sager, Chief Financial Officer
Shadi Sandvik, Senior Vice Chancellor for Research, Innovation & Economic Development
Cara Palumbo Schrantz, Deputy General Counsel
Will Schwartz, Vice Chancellor for Government Relations
Carter Strickland, Chief Sustainability Officer & Executive Director of Climate Action
Jay Urwitz, Senior Deputy General Counsel for Special Projects
Rebecca Weller, Assistant Director for Budget Operations
Christopher White, Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Upward Mobility

CONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:20am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the June 3rd, 2025, Student Success Committee were previously sent to Committee members.

Vice Chair Perales asked for a motion to approve the minutes from June 3, 2025. The motion approved and the minutes were approved.

PRESENTATION BY SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR DONNA LINDERMAN AND ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR CASEY O'BRIEN

Senior Vice Chancellor Donna Linderman and Associate Vice Chancellor Casey O'Brien presented on the Academic Momentum campaign and the ASAP|ACE Fall 2025 Expansion. Their report included a progress update on the Academic Momentum campaign as well as the next steps in the launch process. They also provided updates on the expansion of the ASAP|ACE program for Fall 2025 and reviewed early student outcomes from the program, which indicate higher levels of credit attainment and retention for program participants.

ADJOURNMENT

Confirming that there was no other business before the Committee, the committee adjourned at 11:33am.