



The State University
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**Minutes of the Workforce Development
and Upward Mobility Committee of the Board of Trustees
of the State University of New York
October 28, 2025**

Pursuant to a notice of a meeting duly given on October 25, 2025 (as revised), a meeting of the Workforce Development and Upward Mobility Committee of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York held a meeting on October 28, 2025 at 2:45 p.m. at H. Carl McCall SUNY Building, 353 Broadway, Albany, NY 12246, and via videoconference.

Committee Members Present:

Trustee Haddon, *Chair (video)*
Trustee Burke
Trustee Crespo
Trustee Duffy
Trustee Katz
Trustee Lewin
Trustee Litow
Trustee Staller
Trustee Vacin

Committee Members not present:

Trustee Belluck

Other Trustees Present:

Chairman Tisch
Vice Chairman Perales
Trustee Corngold
Trustee Harvey
Trustee Varlack
Trustee Rallis
Trustee Spiro

Others Present:

Dr. John B. King Jr., Chancellor
Chris White, ***Committee Liaison***, Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Upward Mobility
Kyle Adams, Associate Vice Chancellor for Marketing & Creative Strategy
Beth Berlin, Senior Vice Chancellor for Operations and Management and Chief Operating Officer
Valerie Dent, Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges
Jamie Frank, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Policy Implementation and Access Initiatives
Christa Grant, Interim Chief Diversity Officer
Valerie Grey, Senior Vice Chancellor of Health and Hospital Affairs
Robert Haelen, Senior Vice Chancellor for Capital Facilities
Adam Haney, Deputy General Counsel

Cheryl Hamilton, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Life, Opportunity Programs and Student Advocate

Julie Hartley-Moore, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Donna Linderman, Senior Vice Chancellor for Student Success

Kapil Longani, Senior Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel

Robert Megna, President, Rockefeller Institute of Government

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

Josh Sager, Chief Financial Officer

Shadi Sandvik, Senior Vice Chancellor for Research, Innovation and Economic Development

Cara Palumbo Schrantz, Deputy General Counsel

Meeting Convened

Chancellor King convened the meeting at 2:45 p.m., confirming a quorum of members.

Chancellor King called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Committee's April 29, 2025 meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Litow and seconded by Trustee Spiro. The motion passed unanimously.

Chancellor King discussed that the SUNY system has made strides in expanding internships and experiential learning, strengthening employer partnership and aligning efforts with broader workforce needs.

Update on Internships and Experiential Learning Initiatives

Vice Chancellor of Workforce Development and Upward Mobility Chris White described the Office of Workforce Development and Upward Mobility's strategic goals focused on scaling internships and provided a number of updates including: the launch of a new internship website and intake form, information around continued investment in internships, efforts to increase campus alignment for internships, efforts in the health care workforce and other regional priority industries, the plan to hire regional internship coordinators and the work to fund internship intermediaries. Discussion followed.

Progress Update on Office of Workforce Development and Upward Mobility Strategic Plan

Vice Chancellor of Workforce Development and Upward Mobility Chris White presented on the Office of Workforce Development and Upward Mobility's new website, work to align across the system, the opening of three new ATTAIN labs, expanding awareness among P-12 leaders, teachers and counselors and new opportunities to engage with unemployed or underemployed workers. He also spoke about work underway to support the rollout of Workforce Pell and initial work of the SUNY Agritech Center. Discussion followed.

Chancellor King called for a motion to convene an executive session. A motion was made by Trustee Litow and seconded by Trustee Lewin. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Following the executive session and confirming that there was no other business before the Committee, Chancellor King adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.