

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Garden City, New York

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Meeting of June 11, 2019

The six hundred twenty-eight meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower. The meeting was called to order by Chair Jackson at 6:54 p.m. followed by a salute to the flag.

Present: Wanda H. Jackson, Chair Pro Tem;  
John A. DeGrace, John R. Durso, Linda H. Green,  
George Siberón, Bridget Russell, Student Trustee.

Absent: Jorge L. Gardyn, Kathy Weiss, Edward Powers, Donna M. Tuman

Also in attendance: President Keen

Chair Jackson requested a motion that pursuant to Section 105 of the Open Meetings Law of the State of New York, the Board of Trustees shall enter Executive Session for the following purposes: 1) to discuss matters relating to negotiations involving the NCCAA; 2) to discuss matters relating to negotiations involving the AFA; and 3) of reviewing the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee DeGrace. Motion carried 6-0.

Chair Jackson resumed the open meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Present: Wanda H. Jackson, Chair Pro Tem;  
John A. DeGrace, John R. Durso, Linda H. Green,  
George Siberón, Bridget Russell, Student Trustee.

Absent: Jorge L. Gardyn, Kathy Weiss, Edward Powers, Donna M. Tuman

Also in attendance: President Keen

1. Chair Jackson requested a motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2019. Trustee DeGrace moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 6-0.
2. Trustee Green introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FINANCE AND CAPITAL COMMITTEE, THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY APPROVES THE PENDING COLLEGE PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT WITH L.E.B. ELECTRIC, LTD. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$634,045.00 AS REQUESTED BY VP FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (**FUNDING SOURCE: CAPITAL PROJECT 70098E**).

Chair Jackson requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee DeGrace. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Trustee Russell introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FINANCE AND CAPITAL COMMITTEE, THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY APPROVES THE PENDING COLLEGE PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT WITH WEB CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$740,000.00 AS REQUESTED BY VP FACILITIES MANAGEMENT MUSCARELLA. **(FUNDING SOURCE: CAPITAL PROJECT 70098G)**

Chair Jackson requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Green moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 6-0.

4. Trustee DeGrace introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FINANCE AND CAPITAL COMMITTEE, THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY APPROVES THE PENDING COLLEGE PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT WITH PREMIER MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,669,000.00 AS REQUESTED BY VP FACILITIES MANAGEMENT MUSCARELLA. **(FUNDING SOURCE: CAPITAL PROJECT 70098H)**

Chair Jackson requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Green moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 6-0.

5. Trustee Durso introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FINANCE AND CAPITAL COMMITTEE, THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY APPROVES THE PENDING COLLEGE PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT PREMIER MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$277,000.00 AS REQUESTED BY VP FACILITIES MANAGEMENT MUSCARELLA. **(FUNDING SOURCE: CAPITAL PROJECT 70098P)**

Chair Jackson requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Green moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Russell. Motion carried 6-0.

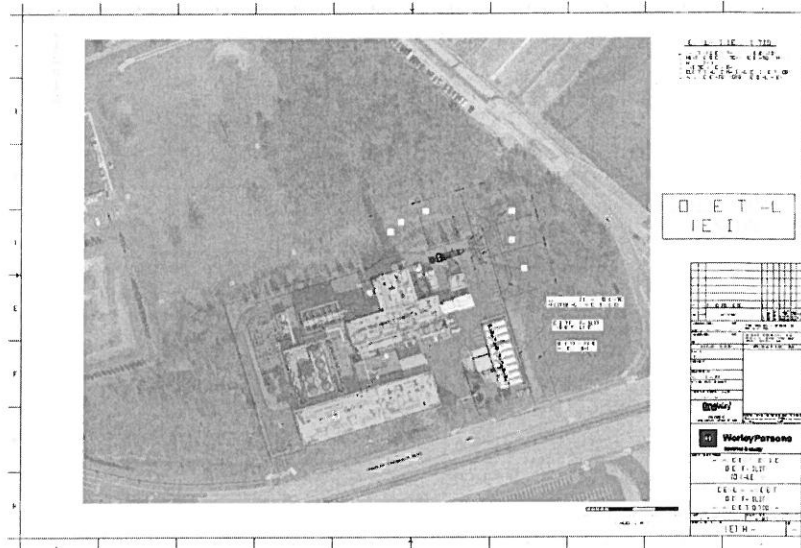
6. Trustee Siberón introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPTS THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF \$1,500,000 FROM FOLLETT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING MATCHING FUNDS FROM SUNY AS REQUESTED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR FACILITIES MANAGEMENT.

Chair Jackson requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee DeGrace moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 6-0.

7. Trustee DeGrace introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, THAT THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DOES HEREBY APPROVE OF THE EASEMENT TO NASSAU COUNTY AS DESCRIBED IN THE ENCLOSED MAP.



Chair Jackson requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Green moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Russell. Motion carried 6-0.

Chair Jackson requested a motion under Article VIII section C(6) of the Rules of Procedure to allow for the consideration of an item that does not appear on the Calendar. Trustee DeGrace moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 6-0.

8. Trustee Russell introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FINANCE AND CAPITAL COMMITTEE, THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY APPROVES THE PENDING COLLEGE PROCUREMENT PERSONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DR. W. HUBERT KEEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00 TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A 10-MONTH PERIOD STARTING AUGUST 1, 2019. THIS CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO A WAIVER BY THE NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS. (FUNDING SOURCE: OPERATING BUDGET)

Chair Jackson requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 6-0.

9. Trustee Green introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACADEMIC, STUDENT AFFAIRS & ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY APPROVES THE PROPOSAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY/HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR AN AS DEGREE IN HEALTHCARE

ADMINISTRATION AND RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF THIS PROGRAM BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK.

Chair Jackson requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 6-0.

10. Trustee Siberón introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACADEMIC, STUDENT AFFAIRS & ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY APPROVES THE PROPOSAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY/HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR A CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN HEALTHCARE DATA ANALYTICS AND RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF THIS PROGRAM BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK.

Chair Jackson requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Green moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Durso. Motion carried 6-0.

11. Trustee DeGrace introduced the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACADEMIC, STUDENT AFFAIRS & ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEREBY APPROVES THE PROPOSAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC FOR AN AAS IN SOUND RECORDING TECHNOLOGY AND RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF THIS PROGRAM BY THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK.

Chair Jackson requested a motion to consider this item. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Russell. Motion carried 6-0.

#### President's Report

- Dr. Keen commended the many who contributed to a very successful commencement enjoyed by graduates and their family and friends. Although some parents expressed a wish to see their children march across the stage to receive their diplomas, it would be impractical for a group exceeding 3,000. He thanked the Board members who participated. He underscored how commencement is not merely the largest but the most important event of the school year.
- On Monday, June 10, 2019 Dr. Keen attended a meeting of the SUNY Community College Presidents. Vice Chancellor Johanna Duncan Poitier was present throughout, and Chancellor Kristina Johnson also visited briefly. NCC's incoming President Jermaine Williams joined him and additionally stayed the next day for the Chancellor's meeting for all 64 Presidents in order to gain insight into System Administration. He is pleased how NCC was cited on a number of favorable points, especially for acknowledgment as the only institution from which 100% of the Mathematics faculty have undergone training for implementation of the Quantway curriculum. We were also identified as one of the leaders in implementing the Advanced Learning Program in English and the co-requisite curriculum model in the Reading Department. He acknowledged VP Academic Affairs Valerie Collins, the Academic Deans (Genette Alvarez-Ortiz, Kenya Beard, Tom Fernandez, Melanie Hammer and Jerry Kornbluth), English Chair Cathy Fagan, Math Chair

Stuart Kaplan and Reading Chair Cheryl Novins for their work in steering these very important curricular advances. The College is well-respected by SUNY administration and other Presidents.

- Dr. Keen thanked those Board members who attended last week's farewell party in recognition of his completing his service as President of NCC. He greatly appreciates the thoughts and wishes of the many attendees. He is also grateful for the prior commemoration of his departure from the College during the NCCFT Spring Cabaret. Working at NCC has been an honor and a rewarding professional experience for him.
- Dr. Keen conveyed gratitude to the Board of Trustees for its support of his work as President over the past three years – support which effectively has been for the College and its students. He praised the Board members for their volunteer service on top of other personal and professional commitments. His professional and essentially personal mission in coming to NCC was to serve the thousands of students who come here for an education. May they always find this institution a great place to study and to develop their dreams, and may it always be welcoming in fulfilling their needs.

### Speakers

Frank Frisenda, President, NCCFT, welcomed new Student Trustee Bridget Russell. He related how when Dr. Keen arrived here “the College was dysfunctional, the faculty was weary, and the NCCFT Executive committee was wary”. One of Dr. Keen's first orders of business was to identify and to contact various campus leaders. Dr. Keen's leadership allowed faculty, staff and administration to work together to heal wounds and to understand that differences of opinion were professional. When someone recently approached Prof. Frisenda to ask Dr. Keen to resolve an issue, Prof. Frisenda realized that doing so had become unnecessary, as Dr. Keen has managed to create a working relationship between faculty and administration which can endure past his departure. Whatever challenges, difficult discussions and inconvenient decisions the future may hold, Dr. Keen has created a functioning environment that makes them possible. Prof. Frisenda thanked Dr. Keen for their countless conversations, negotiations and laughs, and expressed his respect and admiration for leaving the College better off.

Stefan Krompiewski, President, AFA, strongly concurred with Prof. Frisenda's remarks on Dr. Keen. He is delighted that Dr. Keen will continue as a consultant, since the Presidential transition period is so important. Dr. Keen has been a great role model, and will be missed professionally and personally. He also commented on the MOA (Memorandum of Understanding) between the AFA and the College which he expects County Executive Laura Curran to approve by the end of the week. He thanked the Trustees and members of the administration for their negotiation efforts, and would appreciate the Board's consideration of convening a special meeting before September to review and to approve the MOA. He wished all an enjoyable summer.

Trustee Durso expressed his gratitude for the privilege of having served with Dr. Keen in three different capacities: when he was President of SUNY Farmingdale, when they were Co-Chairs of the Regional Economic Council Workforce Development Committee and when he became President of NCC. There could not have been a better person to have stepped in to take care of the College. With his exemplary grace, demeanor and passion, Dr. Keen is one of the finest people with whom he has worked. They may not have always agreed, but they remained friends. He will miss Dr. Keen tremendously, professionally and personally.

Chair Jackson announced the next Capital and Finance BOT Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Full Board meeting. The Board will open the public session between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m. and resume the public session approximately 7:30 p.m.

Chair Jackson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Durso moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John DeGrace  
Secretary Pro Tem