

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONTAUKETT LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER, EASTERN CAMPUS
RIVERHEAD, NEW YORK
MAY 21, 2015

The meeting was held on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Montaukett Learning Resource Center, on the Eastern Campus, Riverhead, New York.

PRESENT:

Dafny Irizarry	Chairwoman
Theresa Sanders	Vice Chair
Bryan Lilly	Secretary
Gordon D. Canary	Trustee
Bergre Escorbores	Trustee
James Morgo	Trustee
Paul Pontieri	Trustee
Denise Lindsay Sullivan	Trustee
Gardy E. Amilcar	Student Trustee
Dr. Shaun L. McKay	President
Louis Petrizzo, Esq.	General Counsel
Jeffery Pedersen	.P. for Planning & Institutional Effectiveness
Gail Vizzini	V.P. of Business and Financial Affairs
Christopher Adams	V.P. of Student Affairs
Mary Lou Araneo	V.P. of Institutional Advancement

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened at 9:10 a.m.

Chairwoman Irizarry welcomed everyone; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Canary.

Chairwoman Irizarry then introduced Kevin Peterman, President of the Faculty Association to present a commencement video. Mr. Peterman began by saying the commencement video was a team effort and he thanked Joan Wozniak, Victoria Penzick, Allison Glutz, Pete DeGregorio and Steven Evans, and Tim Gardinia. He gave a special thanks to Gayle Sheridan for coordinating the production of the video. He noted they worked many hours to produce the video within twenty-four hours. The video was then played. Chairwoman Irizarry stated it was a wonderful video, and she had already showed to her high school students as well as the Board. She thanked Mr. Peterman and the team for the video and stated it was a reminder of why they were at the table.

Chairwoman Irizarry requested a motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting and call to order the meeting of the Board of Directors at 9:13 a.m. Trustee Pontieri so moved, Trustee Sanders seconded, motion was approved unanimously.

Chairwoman Irizarry called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting and reconvene the Board of Trustees meeting at 9:38 a.m. Trustee Morgo so moved, Trustee Pontieri seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chairwoman Irizarry requested a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Lindsay Sullivan stated she had a correction to page 9. The fourth paragraph down, fourth line should read "Trustee Lindsay Sullivan", and not "Trustee Lindsay Sanders". Trustee Escorbores stated the first page should

read 9:00” a.m.” and not 9:00” p.m.” With the corrections made, Trustee Morgo so moved, Trustee Lilly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairwoman Irizarry introduced Trustee Morgo to give his Budget & Finance Committee report, prior to VP Vizzini presentation regarding the 2015-2016 operating budget. Trustee Morgo said he wanted to give everyone some context prior to VP Vizzini’s presentation. At the last board meeting on April 9th, there was significant discussion and the Trustees concluded the budget request to the County include a 5% increase, \$2 million. Since April 9th there have been more discussions on the budget, as well as a meeting with the County Executive, in which Student Trustee Amilcar attended along with two students to talk about what the College does for the students.

Trustee Morgo said he had also met with the County Executive on April 7th. At that meeting he made a request for a \$5 million increase that would have frozen tuition and prevented the College from using its reserves. The County Executive said because of the condition of the County, he would not suggest the \$5 million, and that he would do a little better than the 2%. The County Executive also said at that time that he would meet with the College and come up with a long-term sustainability plan. On April 9th, the College sent over a 5% or \$2 million budget increase request.

Trustee Morgo stated that after the County Executive met with the students, he did come up with a slight increase. He went from a 2% increase to a 2.51% increase. Trustee Morgo said that because the increase is decided by two branches of County government, he then called Presiding Officer, DuWayne Gregory, and spoke to him. Presiding Officer Gregory indicated he would prefer to meet the College’s request of \$2M or 5% budget increase, and that he would try to determine if he had the support from his colleagues to do that. Trustee Morgo called the County Executive the following day, and told him that he had spoken to the Presiding Officer, and that the Presiding Officer said he would like to bring the College to its requested \$2M, and that the College would be derelict in performing its mission if it did not pursue that. Trustee Morgo said County Executive Bellone thanked him for being a straight shooter. Subsequent to that call he spoke to the Presiding Officer and told him he had spoken with County Executive Bellone, and told him the College was going to pursue the original request of \$2M. Presiding Officer Gregory thanked Trustee Morgo for letting him know he had spoken with County Executive Bellone.

Trustee Morgo stated that at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting, VP Vizzini presented various contingencies if the College did not receive the \$2M increase from the County and would now be presenting those contingency plans to the full Board. The Budget and Finance Committee came to a consensus, based on April 9th's meeting, that a \$180 tuition increase was their limit, and took any additional increases in tuition off the table.

VP Vizzini began by presenting the budget that was submitted to the County Executive restating the assumptions with the \$100 per FTE increase in State Aid, the tuition increase of \$180 and the request for the 5% contribution from the County. VP Vizzini went through the options for addressing a \$1million revenue shortfall in the event the College does not get the \$2million from the County. The first option is to continue to advocate to the Legislature for the budget that was requested. The second option is an additional tuition increase of \$50 which would generate \$1million in revenue. That would bring the tuition increase from \$180 to \$230. Annual tuition would increase from \$4,390 to \$4,620. VP Vizzini noted that Nassau Community College has recently increased their tuition annually by \$300, and will be at \$4,534. Another alternative available is to use more of the reserves. Under the original scenario to the County Executive and Legislature, the Board authorized the College to balance the budget using \$2.3million from the reserve. If the College were to breach the \$1million gap with reserves, it would bring the reliance upon reserves from \$2.3million to \$3.2million. This would bring the College’s reserves down to 8.35% of the total operating budget. The fourth option available would be for the Trustees to direct the administration to identify cuts and/or efficiencies to make up the \$1million. This scenario would place the College in an extremely challenging position. VP Vizzini stated that implicit in the budget presented were inherent efficiencies in terms of restrictive hiring, energy savings, adhering to practices and protocols that allows the College to operate in the most efficient manner.

Trustee Morgo pointed out that the Budget & Finance committee had discussed at great length that an additional \$50 increase in tuition was not an option they would recommend. He also noted the \$250 tuition increase the prior year and stated he along with Trustee Lindsay Sullivan and Student Trustee Amilcar spent a lot of time asking questions

on the last option in regards to cuts and efficiencies. One of the other options they discussed with VP Vizzini was a combination of use of reserve and cuts and efficiencies. Trustee Morgo stated he believed they would all agree the first option, advocacy for the Legislature, is the best option for the Board to pursue. He noted though that the Legislature could make their recommendation as late as July 28th. He asked that they have a strong, unequivocal, definitive consensus that as the Board of Trustees, they would advocate to the Legislature for the \$1million from the original request.

Trustee Pontieri asked VP Vizzini when was the date by which the College needs to know for tuition and billing purposes. VP Vizzini stated in the interest of efficiency, she authorized the bills to go out with the \$180 increase, and if there were any changes to that, the students would receive an adjustment bill.

Dr. McKay stated the College was in the middle of advocacy discussions and would continue to engage with the County to get a mutually acceptable resolution of this issue.

Trustee Lindsay Sullivan noted the Board and the College has over the last few months been working very hard on its relationship with the County, particularly with the County Executive, and commended Trustee Morgo for being transparent in his discussions with the County Executive and the Presiding Officer.

Trustee Pontieri asked how closely Middle States monitored the percentage of the reserve fund balance and if going below the recommended 10% would put the College in jeopardy for other kinds of issues. Dr. McKay responded that in 2007, the College was told it did not have the reserves for the size of the institution. The College was advised by Middle States that in the event something dramatic occurred at the institution, the College would not be financially able to handle that. Dr. McKay and his team worked over the next four years, to get the reserve fund balance up to where it is now. Dr. McKay stated his concern is the more you tap into the reserves, the more you will have to make up the following year. He noted he spoke with Dr. Adams, and the projection for enrollment is not going to be flat for the next year, and is projected to be down.

Dr. McKay said that during the latest Middle States visit; Dr. McMenamin studied the history of the College, looked at reserve fund balance and complimented the College on the fact that it was able to bring reserve fund balance to a requisite recommended for the size of the institution.

Trustee Canary asked what Middle States position on the 20% liability in unpaid tuition. VP Vizzini said there were several issues. She noted the Board would be presented with a collection policy document for their approval. The concern is whether the analysis is adequately represented from a best practices audit, which comes from how much is out there and how much of that can the College really expect to collect. The College has been within the normal ranges; however the last audit cycle revealed the College was carrying a lot of unpaid receivables that were older than six years, and it was recommended to adjust the reserves downward. The Board approved the \$1million lowering of what that value was. VP Vizzini noted that close to 70% of the College's students are eligible for TAP, PELL or other financial aid. The amount of student loan debt they do incur is modest.

Trustee Canary asked when the College could start to see some dollar amount efficiencies out of the program it has with Cenergistics. VP Vizzini stated the arrangement is five years with Cenergistics. There was a little bit of a slow pick-up in terms of hiring two of the staff members who would be doing some of the legwork as far as doing the behavior modification aspect of it and also remotely monitoring temperatures. Dr. McKay said the reason for that was due to the hiring process, Cenergistics is paying for the salaries of the employees that have been hired. However, it took a little while because they had to go through the civil service system.

Trustee Lindsay Sullivan asked for clarification on the number of aided students. Dr. Adams stated there were nine thousand full-time students that receive full PELL, or TAP or a combination of both. The rest receive partial financial aid, PELL or the TAP. This is about 67% of the College's students and about \$29M in federal government aid.

Trustee Canary noted that it was an election year for the County Legislature, and the College had received a good showing of support from County Legislators at the recent events. He recommended going with the first option of advocating for the \$1million. Trustee Morgo agreed.

Chairwoman Irizzary suggested sharing with the Legislators the amount of students that come from their districts to help them understand their impact and how they can help serve their constituency. She asked if that was possible to determine how many students came from each district. Trustee Morgo also recommended to have students meet with their County Legislators and have them express what the College has meant to them.

Dr. McKay said the College was able to determine which students lived in each of the Legislators district. He noted the Stay on Long Island Scholars luncheon he had attended, in which the students shared what the College meant to them, and how impactful those stories could be with the County Legislators.

VP Vizzini said there were two required public hearings, for the College to attend. She will share those dates with the Board as soon as she receives them. Trustee Morgo asked Student Trustee Amilcar and upcoming Student Trustee Gomez to reach out to their fellow students when they receive those dates to help in the advocacy efforts.

Trustee Escorbores said he was in agreement with his fellow Trustees, noting it was incumbent upon them to request and advocate for more money for the College. He also requested a copy of the numbers for option B.

Trustee Lilly asked if it was possible to have a form letter that goes out to the students with a link to each of their respective Legislators asking them to help advocate for the \$1million. Dr. Adams said they had done that this past spring working with the Faculty Association. He suggested that after the meeting he, Kevin Peterman, Student Trustee Amilcar and Ms. Gomez get together and strategize an advocacy plan. Trustee Lilly stated he was in agreement that tuition should not be raised over the \$180. He noted it would be a shame to take “affordable” out of the sentence when describing Suffolk County Community College.

Trustee Sanders said she would like to see an advocacy plan, with support and resources for Student Trustee Amilcar and Ms. Gomez.

Trustee Lindsay Sullivan suggested using some of the videos from the Gala and Graduation, and possibly coming up with something specific to the Legislators that could be e-mailed and used through social media. Mr. Peterman said he confirmed the graduation had been shared with State and County elected officials.

Trustee Lindsay Sullivan said it was important for the hardships of the students to come through as part of the message to local elected officials. Dr. Adams stated that he would be working with a team to come up with a collaborative effort along with the students for an advocacy plan. Dr. McKay asked Ben Zwirn to be part of the team to help Chris Adams get the message out.

Trustee Morgo stated he agreed with Trustee Sanders on having an advocacy plan, and noted having been a Legislator he emphasized the impact of having a student coming to his office to tell their story, and he would like to see that be part of the plan.

Trustee Lindsay Sullivan stated that she knew from being around the Legislature for the last twelve years, they are very concerned with what they call the brain drain. Students leave and don't come back.

Dr. McKay said part of his report on Stay on Long Island scholars, would be to expand the program beyond Long Island to stay within New York State. The College is proposing along with the HIA and LIA to employ students to stay right here in the County. He reiterated Trustee Lindsay Sullivan's comments on how important it is to showcase the impact the College has on the region and trying to get that story out.

Chairwoman Irizzary said it was a great discussion and it's now evident the advocacy efforts have to be more visible and more active.

VP Vizzini concluded her presentation by stating the College continued to manage the current year's budget prudently and the College was trending to the positive for the 2014-2015 budget. She noted Stacy Bushing from her office has notified the Trustees of their respective login information to access the Board of Trustees folder online. She encouraged the Trustees log in and make sure you they could access the folder. VP Vizzini reminded them that as Trustees, they are eligible for reimbursement from the College for certain travel as well as mileage to meetings.

She asked anyone seeking reimbursement to notify Stacy in her office and she would prepare the forms for them. Trustee Canary noted he was able to log on to the website without any problems.

Chairwoman Irizarry requested a motion for the approval of College Resolution 2015.40 to 2015.45, and 2015.46 to be considered after a presentation. Trustee Pontieri so moved and Trustee Sanders seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015.40 - APPROVING MONTHLY SPONSOR SERVICES FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHEREAS, the State University of New York Regulation No. 602.7 requires the Suffolk County Community College Board of Trustees to review and approve all Sponsor provided services and their estimated value in advance of the service being rendered, and

WHEREAS, the regulation also requires the approval of the payment of each Sponsor Service satisfactorily performed, and

WHEREAS, health insurance is considered a Sponsor Service, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the health insurance payment to the County of Suffolk in the amount of \$2,367,822.88 for the month of April 2015 (Attachment I) is hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015.41 - MAKING A SEQRA DETERMINATION FOR THE RENEWABLE ENERGY AND STEM CENTER ON THE MICHAEL J. GRANT CAMPUS, CP 2141

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Suffolk and Suffolk County Community College, dated April 16, 2009, the College Board of Trustees serves as Lead Agency for determinations issued pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") (NYS Environmental Conservation Law, Article 8) and its implementing regulations at Title 6 NYCRR Part 617, and

WHEREAS, construction of the 34,000-square foot Renewable Energy and STEM Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus is funded in both the current Adopted County Capital Program and the current Adopted New York State Budget, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 6 NYCRR §617.6(a)(3), an Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") was prepared by the College, as shown in Attachment II, attached hereto, to systematically consider environmental factors involved with this action to make a reasoned determination regarding the likelihood that the action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and

WHEREAS, this review has indicated that the construction of the Renewable Energy and STEM Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and,

WHEREAS, accordingly, the College recommends that this project be considered an "Unlisted Action," pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.2(ak), be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby finds and determines that the Renewable Energy and STEM Center to be constructed at the Michael J. Grant Campus constitutes an "Unlisted Action," pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.2(ak), and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.7(b)(2), the Board of Trustees hereby makes a negative declaration that the construction of the Renewable Energy and STEM Center will not have a significant adverse environmental impact for the following reasons:

1. The action will not exceed any of the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c), which sets forth thresholds for determining significant adverse impacts on the environment;
2. The action does not adversely impact surface or groundwater, nor increase erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems as the topography remains flat, and the building will be seweraged;
3. The action does not impact a significant habitat area;
4. The action does not conflict with the College's Master Plan;
5. The use of electricity and natural gas is not significant relative to the rest of the Michael J. Grant Campus as the building will be designed as a "Net Zero Energy Building." The energy required to illuminate, heat, cool and ventilate the building will be equal to or less than the energy produced from solar and wind sources;
6. All necessary State and County approvals will be obtained.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015.42 - MAKING A SEQRA DETERMINATION FOR THE MASTER PLAN UPDATE, CP 2186

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Suffolk and Suffolk County Community College, dated April 16, 2009, the College Board of Trustees serves as Lead Agency for determinations issued pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") (NYS Environmental Conservation Law, Article 8) and its implementing regulations at Title 6 NYCRR Part 617, and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan Update is a College-wide study funded in both the current Adopted County Capital Program and the current Adopted New York State Budget, and

WHEREAS, the College has reviewed the list of SEQRA Type II actions identified in Title 6 NYCRR Part 616.5, and recommends that the Master Plan Update be classified as a Type II Action, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(18), because it constitutes information collection, including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soil studies that do not commit the College to undertake, fund or approve any Type 1 or Unlisted action, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby finds and determines that the Master Plan Update is a SEQRA Type II action, pursuant to Title 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c) (18), since it constitutes information collection, including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soil studies that do not commit the College to undertake, fund or approve any Type 1 or Unlisted action, and be it further

RESOLVED, that as a Type II Action, no further review under SEQRA is required.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015.43 - AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE GRANT-FUNDED STORMWATER REMEDIATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, Suffolk County Community College received a Green Innovative Grant Program (GIGP) grant administered by the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation to fund storm water remediation projects on the Michael J. Grant and Ammerman Campuses, and

WHEREAS, public bids for the construction of storm water remediation projects on the Grant and Ammerman campuses were solicited and opened on May 18, 2015, and

WHEREAS, these bids were reviewed and the qualifications of the lowest responsible bidder were checked by the College and its Consultant of Record, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the College President or his designee is authorized to enter into a contract with Steven Dubner Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$249,555 for the construction of the storm water remediation projects on the Michael J. Grant and Ammerman Campuses, upon such terms and conditions as shall approved by the College General Counsel.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015.44 - ACCEPTING A DONATION OF A 2006 FORD VAN FROM THE SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

WHEREAS, the Suffolk Community College Association, Inc. (Association) holds title to a 2006 Ford Van (VIN 1FDWE35S76DB36999), which is no longer needed for Association purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Association wishes to donate said van to Suffolk County Community College for use in its Radio and Television Production Program to function as a mobile video/production studio to cover College events, such as student athletics and campus activities, and

WHEREAS, the College wishes to accept this donation from the Association, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the donation of a 2006 Ford Van (VIN 1FDWE35S76DB36999), to be utilized in the College's Radio and Television Production Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the College President, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any necessary documentation, upon such terms as shall be approved by the College General Counsel, to facilitate said donation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015.45 - APPROVING BUDGET TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has established a policy on the authorization of budget transfers, and

WHEREAS, according to said policy, budget transfers must be authorized by a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, the Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs recommends the budget transfers on Attachment III as necessary for the operation of the College, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the budget transfers shown on Attachment III are hereby authorized and approved.

Trustee Morgo addressed the Chairwoman, saying with many people following the discussions between the College and the County on Start Up New York, he was glad to see there was a resolution and asked if someone appropriate from the College could talk about how it came about.

Mr. Lou Bekofsky introduced himself as Director of Private Development for Suffolk County Planning for Start Up New York. He said that after the last year or so of working together to develop a campus plan for the College and to identify space that could be designated as a tax-free zone for the program, he believes this resolution is the final step to getting approval. He thanked President McKay and his team, saying they have been engaged and met with the County Executive, the Deputy County Executive, and members of the Start Up NY team. He said they had identified some great space, and are doing a combined application with Wyandanch, Selden and Brentwood. He said he and the College are looking forward to getting the application up to the State, getting it approved and moving forward. He said he would be happy to answer any questions. Trustee Morgo asked if anybody from the College would like to say anything.

Dr. McKay said it was a delight to be able to work with the County and Commissioner Minieri and the entire team, and that he looks forward to progress in economic development in the region and to the subsequent approval of this plan. He said the Board advised the College to approach the County Executive and his team, which they did, and the plan before the Board is one that the College and the Board both agreed upon, but was being presented to the Board today for approval. He said on behalf of the administration, it is a plan that College supports, and thanked the Board.

The Chairwoman recalled that for the Grant campus, letters were requested from the elected officials about that side of the Start Up NY project and asked if new letters are being requested. Mr. Petrizzo replied new letters will be sent out. He explained that previous applications submitted did not contain any property in the Town of Babylon, so there was never any notice to the Town. He stated the Board was going to authorize the withdrawal of the pending application, and the resubmission of a new application containing the three properties, and then the College will prepare that application in conjunction with Economic Development and resend notices to the municipality, IDA's and others required by the law.

Dr. McKay further explained that as soon as the College gets the approval of the Board of Trustees, they enter into the thirty day process, and send it to the individuals or agencies or towns. He said he certainly did not anticipate any concerns. Mr. Bekofsky reiterated the process, explaining that what happens after this meeting is the application goes to SUNY first for review, and it may come back for additional comment. They will meet next week, make their comments and then it would go to the thirty day period and to ESD for final approval.

Trustee Morgo stated the [former] application never got to ESD, but this is a new plan, and hopefully would be better received. Trustee Canary asked if the plan going to SUNY first for their review and approval would have specific designated areas with acreage to be looked at, not a concept, but a specific location. Trustee Morgo stated it is an identified location, mentioned in the application. Trustee Canary asked if there is a possibility SUNY could select one of the three. Dr. McKay did not believe so. The Board passed a resolution as a part of this process. The College has to get concurrence with the County that those properties identified can go forward, which it now has. The Board has to agree and pass a resolution saying that they are in concurrence, and can advance it now. Once it is approved at this meeting, it gets advanced to SUNY, and SUNY doesn't have the right to tell the College which of the three locations it can advance. He stated what they look at is the content of the proposal to make sure it is within the confines of what the governor's staff are looking for in the proposal. Then it comes back here locally and then a committee comprised of a working group must be put in place to review proposals that will come in. Then the College submits proposals going forward, which have to come in the permitted areas. He said the initial proposal is to get the College into the plan. Once it does, the College must start all the extra work that needs to be done.

Trustee Morgo said it was not a secret that the reason the proposal didn't proceed past SUNY to Empire State Development was that there was a perception that the County and College were not in tune on first the ten acres in Selden, and then the acreage that the College proposed in Brentwood. He said he believed the resolution before the Board at present is a good manifestation that the College and the County are working together, and that these specific locations have more potential for locating a business and jobs, which is really the whole idea, particularly because it's clear that the College and County did work together to develop this resolution.

Trustee Canary asked if there is a time frame for trying to get this approval back from SUNY. Mr. Bekofsky replied it is about a forty-five day turn-around time. He said at about sixty days it will go to the Legislature after going through the thirty day commentary. He said they look at the MOUs associated with the County's properties, but about sixty days is the time frame.

Trustee Sanders made a recommendation to correct a typo in the summary resolution, where "Wyandanch" was spelled wrong. Dr. McKay said the adjustment would be made in the summary. The Chairwoman requested a motion to approve Resolution 2015.46 authorizing the implementation of the Start Up New York plan for designation of tax free areas for certain properties located in Selden, Wyandanch and the Michael J. Grant campus of Suffolk County Community College. Trustee Morgo so moved and Trustee Sanders seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015.46 - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, SUBMISSION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SECOND REVISED START-UP NEW YORK "CAMPUS PLAN FOR DESIGNATION OF TAX-FREE AREAS" FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED IN SELDEN, WYANDANCH, AND ON THE MICHAEL J. GRANT CAMPUS OF SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Economic Development Law (EDL) §435, the Start-Up NY Program is an initiative to create tax free communities for new and expanding businesses on SUNY and other college campuses across the state, and

WHEREAS, by a resolution duly adopted on September 18, 2014, this Board authorized the submission of a "Campus Plan for Designation of Tax-Free Areas" which designated 62 acres of Suffolk County-owned vacant land located adjacent to the Ammerman Campus in Selden, as well as 10,000 square feet of space located in a building to be constructed on Suffolk County-owned land located in Wyandanch, and

WHEREAS, the Start-Up NY Program did not approve the "Campus Plan for Designation of Tax-Free Areas" containing the Selden and Wyandanch locations, as submitted, and

WHEREAS, subsequently, by a resolution duly adopted on January 15, 2015, this Board authorized the submission of a revised Start-Up NY "Campus Plan for Designation of Tax-Free Areas" application which designated 7.86 acres of vacant land located on the eastern-most portion of the College's Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood as a Tax-Free NY Area, and

WHEREAS, the Start-Up NY Program has not, as yet, approved the "Campus Plan for Designation of Tax-Free Areas" containing the Michael J. Grant Campus location and said plan should now be withdrawn and/or amended, and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk has prepared and submitted to the College a revised "Campus Plan for Designation of Tax-Free Areas," including Selden and Wyandanch properties and has agreed that the previously designated parcel on the Michael J. Grant Campus should also be included in the amended Plan, and

WHEREAS, the College wishes to submit a Start-Up NY application, designating three locations – Selden, Wyandanch, and on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood – as proposed Tax-Free NY Areas, be it therefore,

RESOLVED, that the College President is hereby authorized to execute, submit and implement a revised "Campus Plan for Designation of Tax-Free Areas" for certain property located in Selden, Wyandanch, and certain vacant land on the Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the College President, or his designee, is authorized and empowered to execute any required Start-Up NY Affiliation Agreements, for the Selden and Wyandanch properties upon such terms as shall be approved by the College General Counsel, and be it further

RESOLVED, that any amendment to said Campus Plan shall require the approval of the Board of Trustees by resolution duly adopted.

The Chairwoman moved on to the committee reports, stating that Trustee Morgo already submitted his Finance report. She said Trustee Shybunko-Moore was currently in Washington, that she had planned on coming but there was confusion about the time of the meeting. She apologized for not being present, however, she had conveyed to the Chairwoman that she received from President McKay the list of individuals selected to provide assessment on the performance of the President, to be shared with the members of the Personnel Committee, and that was her report.

Chairwoman Irizarry asked to move on to the Student Success Committee. Trustee Sanders reported they'd had an abbreviated Student Success Committee meeting as far as our general topics. She said they discussed the alternate spring break and other activities that students were doing, including position transition, but that they spent a majority of the time discussing the budget.

Student Trustee Amilcar added that on April 24th, he and a group of students went on their last trip for the academic year for positioning and transitioning to Adelphi University. He thought it was about twenty-one students, and said it was a great experience for the students. They got to see themselves outside their element at Suffolk and see themselves in context of what would be the next step for them after Suffolk. He said they made a lot of great relationships, and have seen what these other institutions have to offer. He said he hoped it is an initiative that continues, and that he would do his best to continue to be involved with the program, even when transitioning himself to his next step, which was still undecided.

Pertinent to the Board's comment that they would like to see students being channeled into the College and exposed to what it has to offer, the Trustee Amilcar added that he had come back to the Grant Campus after Adelphi to attend an event organized by Professor Daphne Gordon. (He asked her to stand and be recognized, and the group applauded her.) Student Trustee Amilcar explained it was the Extreme Entrepreneurial Tour, which he'd attended last year and got to see people close to or younger than his age that had started businesses, and had become successful; some had become millionaires. He said they were able to show that with the right education, the right level of the commitment, anybody can be successful. Last year the Van Nostrand Theatre was filled to the brim with high school students as well as Suffolk students, and this year attendance exceeded that amount and needed a larger venue. Over two hundred students from the Wyandanch area as well as Suffolk Community College students got to hear testimony from young entrepreneurs close to their age. It was a great opportunity for the high school students to not only hear from them, but to see what kind of programs exist at Suffolk, and to picture themselves here.

Student Trustee Amilcar stated he believed the message is starting to be heard. He said he lives in Elmont, a bit far from Suffolk, and his younger sister is also going to attend the College, wanting to join the nursing program. He added a few of his peers in Elmont are asking him about his education here, indicating the College's message is being heard and will continue to funnel in some of our most talented students from Long Island.

Dr. DeLongoria reported that the night before, she attended the Wyandanch Board of Trustees session where Daphne Gordon and her students were presenting. The students shared their experience and the Board was so moved that someone from middle school approached Dr. Gordon about bringing the program to the middle school, and there were others as well who were interested and asked for her card. She said the students, divided into two groups, had each developed their own businesses. She said they were successful and even made a sale at the event, and asked Dr. McKay to elaborate. Dr. McKay said he was so impressed with one of the students who manufactured tee shirts; he made the first purchase from that gentleman. He said he gave the tee shirt to his son and had to tell him that it could not be worn every day. Dr. McKay said he's seen this many, many years, seeing the exuberance and the joy of the students who are in the program, and to hear them tell their story about how they created the products and what they're doing is significant.

Dr. DeLongoria added that Wyandanch was pleased to have the program and is looking at other collaborations with the College going forward. Dr DeLongoria stated it is a district that would benefit from its association with the College because a lot of talent goes unrecognized and undeveloped.

Ms. Gordon then explained this project, the Youth Entrepreneur Boot Camp, was conducted over spring break with twenty students from the high school and middle school learning about entrepreneurship. She explained she believes the program is so valuable and making such a big push because it links reading, writing and math to the students' passion, teaching them the business model to turn it into a business opportunity, and it reconnects them as to why

they understand math, why they have to read. She said they give the students a credit card and give them interest rates, telling them they can spend all this money if they like, but when it comes time to pay the bill, the program takes all their money. She said they pay in Obama bucks, and the students cry when the money is taken from them, but then are told they did not read the fine print. This reinforces their commitment to school because they understand how they can apply reading, writing and math into real life and turn what they love into a business opportunity.

Ms. Gordon reported the students gave presentations yesterday and they all want to start businesses. This means twenty individuals who in a few years will be starting businesses in Wyandanch. She said this goes back to the Regional Economic Council because that is where the funding for the project comes from. She said she hoped with the new round that is opening up now the program will create something where it can go into the schools again and work with the high school and middle school to improve their scores and their grades.

Trustee Escorbore asked how long the program was. Ms. Gordon replied the boot camp was a week, from Monday to Saturday, and they created the businesses and also had a walking tour of Wyandanch. She said the program is working with the Town of Babylon to see if the students can run the walking tour, either through the Youth Center or the school itself, because there are a lot of historical sites in Wyandanch that people are not aware of, and she wants to see how the plans they created can be implemented. Trustee Escorbore stated that as a middle school principal, he was certainly interested.

Trustee Sanders commended Ms. Gordon and said she's seen this program in action in the community for many years. She said the College has been supportive, and congratulated her for all she is doing. (Applause.) Trustee Sanders told a humorous story of how the students were told they had to rent their chairs and had to decide if they wanted to get frivolous and spend their money or stand up. Ms. Gordon explained that is part of the initiative. When they started a small business within the camp that was one of the ways they earn revenue. She said in some cases with other funding, the program was able to furnish the Obama bucks into real ones, and that was a learning experience and a surprise to them. She said some of the kids at the end of the week only got a dollar, and that was another lesson, to give a hundred percent because you never know. The Chairwoman thanked Ms. Gordon and moved to the Governance Committee.

Trustee Canary said it was exciting to be able to follow the meeting and read off their first set of minutes, referring to the Governance Committee meeting on April 16th on the Grant Campus. He said they had full attendance, with Trustee Escorbore, Chairwoman Irizarry, Trustee Morgo, Trustee Pontieri, Counsel Petrizzo and Deputy Counsel O'Connor. He reported they discussed bringing all the Committees into compliance with the Open Meetings Law. He said Robert Friedman, the head of the open meetings law meeting in Albany, felt all the committees, even if they don't take official action, should fulfill the requirements of the open meetings law, and the Governance Committee members all concurred with that. He said they are employing that new policy.

Trustee Canary continued, reporting that the committee talked about having the committee meeting in rooms that would be large enough to accommodate the public, if the public were to show. It was their opinion that probably won't be the case, but they did need to get out of the cubicle Room 114. He said they also discussed whether the committee minutes should be verbatim or a summary and decided they will create summary minutes, which will be in compliance. He stated at the next Governance Committee meeting they will talk about the whether to make the format of the minutes a little more concise.

Trustee Canary reported the committee discussed recommendations made by Donna Bullock at last year's BOT retreat, including looking at travel attendance policies, and changes to some of the bylaws, an item for the next meeting. They also will be looking into and discussing at the next meeting a list from Counsel, which includes expanding the code of ethics and conflict of interest policy, and taking a comprehensive look at all existing college policies to bring them up to date, which Counsel Petrizzo advised is part of the Middle States compliance initiatives. Also disclosure statements, the different policy and procedures, the RFP and RFQ process, whether we have an appropriate nepotism disclosure. He announced the next meeting date, Wednesday May 27th, at 3:00 PM at Captree Commons.

Trustee Canary stated there will also be further discussion on the questionnaire prepared by Dr. Adams concerning the Association. He said the meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM and the committee went into executive discussion to

have further discussions with special counsel. With that he concluded his report. And that, Chairwoman, is my report.

Chairwoman Irizarry called for the Facilities and Technology committee report and Trustee Lilly announced there was no report that he would reach out to Trustee Morgo to set up a date for the next meeting.

Chairwoman Irizarry requested a motion for appointing Trustee Escorbores to an Ad Hoc Committee for the Trustee nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary to the Board of Trustees and report back to the Board at the June meeting. Trustee Morgo so moved and Trustee Lindsay Sullivan seconded. Trustee Escorbores abstained, and

Chairwoman Irizarry moved on to her report. The Chairwoman shared that she had the privilege to attend the Nurse Pinning Ceremony, ESL graduation and Commencement. She said she very much appreciated Trustee Sullivan, Trustees Canary, Escorbores, and Morgo being at the ESL graduation.

Chairwoman Irizarry called for the President's Report. Dr. McKay thanked the Chairwoman and members of the Board. He recognized that this has been a tremendous year for the faculty and staff in regard to their commitment. He applauded the work of the faculty, administrators and staff for successfully completing the sixty four credit requirement in a timely fashion this year, recognizing that this was a difficult effort, with over seventy plus programs, and over thirty certificate programs. This was the first time in the history of the College a dramatic change has occurred in curriculum review. He said this required consulting with governance and all faculty in the disciplines, which was a tremendous effort. In addition, the College just came off of Middle States review and is facing another Middle States visit coming up October 1st. He stated he wanted it on the record that he commend the faculty and staff for a job well done.

Dr. McKay added that at the same time the College had to plan for a Gala, having to find major honorees and everything else, and he commended the Foundation staff for a job well done. He said the Gala committee worked to make sure that this was one of the best Gala events in the history of the College, and he believes it was. He announced that to date the College has collected over \$200,000-plus dollars, with still more to come in from that event. Simultaneously, the College is working on a golf event in August.

Dr. McKay continued, stating at Commencement, 4,306 students graduated, the largest group of students eligible to graduate in the history of this College Dr. McKay publicly commended Chris Adams, and Mary Lou Araneo and her team, and all the faculty and staff who have been involved in this, saying these students wouldn't qualify to graduate unless the faculty support staff, counselors, advisors really worked together to get the students ready for commencement and graduation, and he wanted to publicly go on the record and say this has been a tremendous year for this institution and to thank all the faculty and staff involved in this area.

The President reported that the student recognition ceremonies have been well attended by parents and families. He said he heard phenomenal words over the past month or so from all the events he attended, from the parents who never went to college, and saw themselves in those individual students and upon commencement they felt as though they got a degree themselves. He recalled the luncheon attended by Trustee Canary and the student's stories about their experiences and that this should be a four year institution. He said he wanted to thank all the Trustees, knowing they have a lot that they do but spending time with the students and can hear their stories and tell them about who they are, it means so much to them.

Dr. McKay said the College's Stay on Long Island scholarship luncheon was the first one that we held. He said he received over fifty cards of thank you from this current class and read every single one the night before. He said starting with Trustee Escorbores, he would ask each Trustee to read the messages, to see the lives that the College is transforming here, which is significant. Dr. McKay went on to say quite a few veterans graduated as well, and he recognized them at every event the College had, that he thinks it's important.

He said what Neftali Collazo did at HSEC was amazing. He turned around the health sports building in three days, a really phenomenal effort. Now he's getting ready to go into the HIA event. Dr. McKay said he would write them a personal note, and asked those present if they see Nef, just thank him for a job well done.

Dr. McKay continued his report, stating that he met with the students in the athletic area the night before, and said they won the most awards the athletic program received in the history of the College, even winning the sportsmanship award in two categories. He said he set up a challenge, that the basketball court of the Ammerman campus will be named after Coach Foley if they could raise \$250,000-plus for scholarships for students. Dr. McKay reported he asked the Foundation to set up an account to receive donations, and is sure it will surpass that \$250,000. He said that is within the Foundation naming rights policy. He said it was phenomenal to see what occurred that night, for a gentleman who worked thirty-nine years at the College, coaching and achieving what he has done.

President McKay then addressed the ESL and 50th anniversary nursing programs. He congratulated Trustee Pontieri on being the keynote speaker at ESL, explaining he was at the 50th anniversary and couldn't do both, but was there in spirit. He stated the nursing program had the largest graduation in its history as well. He thanked Trustee Morgo for his work and guidance in regards to what Gail Vizzini and he are doing working with the County. He thanked the Board for passing the resolution on the Start Up New York, and concluded his report.

The Chairwoman agreed with Dr. McKay that there is nothing like listening to the students, that it is transformational for them and for the Board and College. She said it is good for the Board to remember its mission, and because of that also thinks it is important that the students hear from the Board. She said the Board should continue to advocate, to continue to be present at special events and at the gala it would be nice to have a message on behalf of the Board, as it was on the nursing publication on the nursing ceremony. She recommended the Board be included in as much as possible so the students can see how proud and how committed the Board is to helping them.

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Chairwoman Irizarry moved on to the Roundtable session. Trustee Amilcar added to Dr. McKay's praise of the faculty in regards to the College's situation with seamless transfer. He said it was a very challenging experience for everyone and to get through that together as an institution and he believes it should not go unnoticed. He said in addition to the faculty, he wanted to commend Jennifer Browne for her contribution in regard to the seamless transfer, and understood she has been instrumental in ensuring that the College made it through that situation. He also asked Dr. DeLongoria to stand and be recognized for not only all her responsibilities as the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, but her responsibility as Dean on the Eastern campus. He said it is commendable and he wanted to recognize her for your commitment to this institution.

Trustee Canary added to Dr. McKay's comments on the honors luncheon, saying it was kind of accidental that he attended because he came to the Ammerman campus to donate blood that day, and when Chris Adams found out he was on campus, he asked him to come to the honors luncheon. He said he was so glad he did, it was so amazing to sit there and listen to these students almost shedding tears over the fact that they have to graduate and leave the school, and so many students came up to him and said you have to make this a four year institution. He said it was also heartwarming to hear the veterans' stories. He thanked Dr. Adams for the invitation and stated all the Trustees need to interact more often with the students.

Trustee Amilcar reported that he'd had a conversation with the student leader Steven Curcio during the commencement rehearsal regarding the PELL grants situation as well a lot of other things that affect the student body. He announced that he and Mr. Curcio are going to collaborate on the PELL freezing issue, and with Dr. DeLongoria and a group of student leaders would come up with a plan to take our situation up with the County, leading with the PELL grants as well as the County as a whole. He said Mr. Curcio had the idea of reaching out to certain resources to try to get a televised public service announcement advocating on behalf of community colleges. He said with the assistance of the College and the support of everyone in the room, the College could kind of make an impact and have a profound effect on what will lie ahead for this institution with regard to the funding.

Dr. McKay addressed the Chairwoman, saying he would volunteer Dr. Adams again and Drew Biondo on social media, and ask Kevin Peterman to help. He explained that the Reauthorization Act is the bigger picture, and

embedded within that is PELL grants. The student loan issue there is the discussion, subsidized loans to be taken off the table and become unsubsidized and the rate on the loans will be moved to 8.25%. He said it is an in-depth discussion, and that David Baime from the AACC where Dr. McKay serves on two of the commissions, has promised to help the College in regards to language and to assist the students if they so choose to get involved. He said he would call David Baime and have him available to Trustee Amilcar and the students. He acknowledged it is certainly a national discussion happening, and said he knows the Presiding Officer has talked about it, and the College has testified on it. He said it was his goal certainly to assist moving forward.

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Chairwoman Irizarry requested a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation. She stated the Board would not be taking further action after the executive session. Trustee Escorbores so moved, Trustee Canary seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

With no further action, the meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The Board of Trustees next meeting is June 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Media Room of the Culinary Arts Center, in Riverhead, New York.

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Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Lilly
Secretary