

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MILDRED GREEN ROOM, BABYLON STUDENT CENTER
AMMERMAN CAMPUS, SELDEN, NEW YORK
April 21, 2016**

The meeting was held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Mildred Green room of the Babylon Center on the Ammerman Campus, in Selden, New York.

PRESENT:

Theresa Sanders	Chair
Jim Morgo	Trustee
Gordon D. Canary	Trustee
Paul Pontieri	Trustee
Dafny Irizarry	Trustee
Bergre Escorbores	Trustee
Denise Lindsay-Sullivan	Trustee
Dr. Shaun L. McKay	President
Louis Petrizzo, Esq.	General Counsel
Jeffery Pedersen	V.P. for Planning & Institutional Effectiveness
Mary Lou Araneo	V.P. of Institutional Advancement
Gail Vizzini	V.P. of Business and Finance
Christopher Adams	V.P. of Student Affairs

Chair Sanders called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting and convene the Board of Directors meeting at 9:10 a.m. Trustee Pontieri so moved, Trustee Irizarry seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Sanders called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. Trustee Lindsay Sullivan so moved, seconded by Trustee Canary. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Sanders introduced Dr. Christopher Adams, Vice President for Student Affairs, to present the Association financial report for the period ending March 31, 2016. Dr. Adams reported that all of the Association financials are in good standing and in the black. He noted the Association is looking forward to five more months of activity, organizations, clubs, and also Commencement which is on May 15, 2016.

VP Adams reported that the audit for the 2014-2015 year resulted in an unqualified opinion for the Association. He noted that this was a very big feat for the Association which had come a long way in its financials from two years ago. He thanked and gave credit to Barbara Hurst who did lot of work putting together policies and procedures that were approved by the Board of Directors that put the Association in the great financial shape it is in now. He added that he and Chair Sanders had a conference call with the auditors and they were absolutely glowing about the financial standing of the Association.

VP Adams discussed the recent travel ban to the State of North Carolina and Mississippi by the Governor based on those states' laws pertaining to transgender people. This could impact the Association. The College's baseball team, which is number one in Region 15 with a 9-3 record, could potentially play in the College World Series which is being held in North Carolina this spring. He said they have been working with General Counsel Lou Petrizzo who has written a letter to SUNY general counsel's office to get an opinion whether or not participation of the baseball team under the Association would be banned by the Governor's Executive Order.

Trustee Canary asked if SUNY reports back that the Association does come under the travel ban, can the College then reach out to the Governors' staff and ask for a special exception under the circumstances. General Counsel Petrizzo said the College could request a waiver, however, the likelihood of getting such a waiver was remote. SUNY Brockport was unable to send 37 students to a science fair in the State of North Carolina recently. The Executive Order is being interpreted as a very strict ban for any State-funded or State-sponsored events. Trustee Morgo asked if there was any chance that they may move the location. Dr. Adams said they were looking into it and he has had several conversations with Athletic Director, Kevin Foley, who is working with the NJCAA. There are also two other community colleges in the State of New York that this can also impact. Dr. Adams noted this is only if the College's team qualifies.

Trustee Morgo referred back to the audit and asked VP Adams when he took over as the Director of the Association. Dr. Adams said he began in January of 2014 as the Director and it has been a two-year process that included the Board of Directors, Barbara Hurst and all of the campus activity directors, association employees and Executive Deans that put together the policies and procedures to tighten up the Association. Trustee Morgo noted that VP Adams had a big part in bringing the Association back to a good financial standing. Dr. Adams thanked him for his comments, and said it was really a team effort.

Dr. Adams then said that in their packets the Directors each had an invitation to either the Grant campus or Ammerman campus student recognition award ceremonies. He said this year they decided to split it in order to accommodate more students. He said they split up the Trustees to invite them to go to either the Ammerman recognition ceremony or the Michael J. Grant recognition ceremony which are both on Friday, May 6th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Ammerman campus ceremony will be at the Watermill Inn and the Michael J. Grant campus will be at the Upsky Hotel. There is also an invitation to the Eastern Campus student recognition ceremony, which will take place the same day of the next Board meeting on Thursday, May 19th at 11:00 a.m. at the Atlantis in Riverhead.

Chair Sanders called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting and reconvene the Board of Trustees meeting at 9:19 a.m. Trustee Escorbores so moved, Trustee Canary seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Lilly
Secretary