

OFFICIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES HEARING MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS and BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE HELD ON THE 20TH DAY OF APRIL,  
2017 AT 9:14 A.M., BABYLON STUDENT  
CENTER,, AMMERMAN CAMPUS, SELDEN, NEW  
YORK.

PRESENT:

SHAUN MCKAY, College President  
THERESA SANDERS, Chairperson  
JAMES MORGO, Trustee/Vice Chairperson

DENISE LINDSAY SULLIVAN, Trustee  
GORDON D. CANARY, Trustee  
BRYAN LILLY, Trustee/Secretary  
CHRISTOPHER NORTH, Student Trustee  
GEMMA DELEON-LOPRESTI, Trustee  
E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Trustee  
LOU PETRIZZO, ESQ., General Counsel

1 CHAIR SANDERS: Goods morning, everyone. I would  
2 like to call the meeting to order. Can you  
3 please stand for the Pledge.

4 [AFTER RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF  
5 ALLEGIANCE, THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
6 TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY  
7 COLLEGE WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE  
8 CHAIRPERSON, THERESA SANDERS, AT 9:13 A.M.]

9 TRUSTEE CANARY: Can I please ask for a moment of  
10 reflection that the entire Suffolk County  
11 community can come together and work  
12 together to stop the senseless killings of  
13 our young Latinos in our communities. It is  
14 just getting to me. I know it's -- I'm sure  
15 it is getting to you. So just a moment of  
16 reflection that we can all come together to  
17 try to stop this senseless loss of young  
18 life. Thank you. [WHEREUPON A MOMENT OF  
19 REFLECTION WAS HELD]. Thank you.

20 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you.

21 TRUSTEE NORTH: Thank you.

22 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Trustee Canary.

23 I would like to just take a  
24 moment to recognize all our great students  
25 that are here this morning, good morning.

1                   And thank you so much for taking time out.  
2                   Can you just all stand to be recognized,  
3                   please. Thank you very much for joining us.  
4                   I would like to request a motion to adjourn  
5                   the Board of Trustees meeting and call the  
6                   Board of Directors meeting to order.

7 TRUSTEE NORTH:                   So moved.

8 MS. DELEON-LOPRESTI:           Second.

9 CHAIR SANDERS:                   All in favor?

10                   [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
11                   VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE MEETING OF THE  
12                   BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:15 A.M.  
13                   AND REOPENED AT 9:20 A.M.]

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1 CHAIR SANDERS: Great. I would like to call for  
2 the approval of the minutes of the March 16,  
3 2017 Board of Trustees meeting.

4 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Motion.

5 TRUSTEE NORTH: Second.

6 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

7 Any abstentions? [WHEREUPON THE  
8 MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS VOTED ON AND  
9 CARRIED.]

10 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. I would like to  
11 introduce Vice President of Business and  
12 Financial Affairs, Gail Vizzini to present  
13 the College budget and college financial  
14 records.

15 MS. VIZZINI: Thank you, Chair Sanders. Good  
16 morning, Trustees. First of all, the  
17 financial statements. They are before you  
18 for your approval. These are the College  
19 financial statements. The outside auditors  
20 have completed the financial statements.  
21 They are item number five for your approval.  
22 The electronic version was uploaded to the  
23 portal, although hard copies are available  
24 if you indicate you would like one, we have  
25 one for you.

1                   I am very pleased to report to  
2                   the President and the Board of Trustees that  
3                   once again the College received an  
4                   unqualified opinion indicating that the  
5                   College is in compliance with all applicable  
6                   accounting principles and practices.

7                   Similar to last year, all  
8                   financial transactions are authorized and  
9                   timely and accounted for in the proper  
10                  period. As a result of their audit, the  
11                  independent auditors noted no matters that  
12                  resulted in any weakness in internal  
13                  controls or noncompliance with laws and  
14                  regulations that would materially effect the  
15                  financial statements.

16                  Therefore, there was no need for  
17                  a management letter as no findings rose to  
18                  that level. My sincere thanks and  
19                  appreciation go to both my Associate Deans,  
20                  Sarah Gorton and John Bullof for their  
21                  professionalism in ensuring that the  
22                  College's financial house is in order.

23                  As far as the current operating  
24                  budget 2016-2017, you have the monthly  
25                  expenditures and revenue projections in your

1 packets with the accompanying executive  
2 summary. Similar to my report of last  
3 month, enrollment as you know was less than  
4 we had anticipated in the budget. And that  
5 projected shortfall still stands in State  
6 aid, tuition and fees of one point seven  
7 million dollars. But we continue to monitor  
8 expenses and are confident we can mitigate  
9 that.

10 As you can see from the report we  
11 still continue to see this year surpluses in  
12 light, power and water because of our energy  
13 conservation efforts and the fact that oil  
14 was until recently fairly cheap, savings in  
15 the building rental lines, salaries and  
16 certain employee benefit lines.

17 There is one budget transfer  
18 before you, item number two. It's \$30,000  
19 is being transferred from within the  
20 institutional advancement, that's Mary Lou's  
21 budget for to enhance the marketing support  
22 necessary to meet the enrollment projections  
23 for the student relief programs,  
24 specifically cybersecurity and physical  
25 education which are scheduled to begin in

1 the fall.

2 Also before you is item number  
3 six which is the operating budget request  
4 for 2017-2018, request to the County. The  
5 Budget and Finance Subcommittee has  
6 deliberated extensively and is recommending  
7 that you approve item six and the  
8 accompanying item number seven which is the  
9 tuition and fees schedule.

10 The Budget and Finance  
11 Subcommittee directed that the operating  
12 budget be prepared based on the \$50 increase  
13 in state aid per FTE. A \$100 increase in  
14 tuition, which is \$50 per semester and a two  
15 point five requested increase in the County  
16 contribution. The College was able to hold  
17 expenditures to a nominal increase of point  
18 six seven of one percent, likely the lowest  
19 expenditure increase in -- certainly in my  
20 tenure.

21 However, the revenues related to  
22 the increase in the State aid and the  
23 tuition and the anticipated increase in  
24 County contributions would not be enough to  
25 balance the budget. And, therefore, before

1                   you is the resolution which uses six point  
2                   three million dollars from the reserve.

3                   Item seven of course is the  
4                   tuition schedule which reflects the \$50  
5                   increase per semester. I would defer to  
6                   Trustee Morgo to further explain the  
7                   information on the operating budget.

8 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Just for disclosure, Trustee  
9                   Morgo is the Chair of our Budget and Finance  
10                  Subcommittee.

11 TRUSTEE MORGO:                  Do you want me to do it now or  
12                  after the resolution, when we get to the  
13                  resolution?

14 MR. PETRIZZO:                   Now.

15 TRUSTEE MORGO:                  Okay, Okay. All right. Thank  
16                  you, Gail, and I think it should be  
17                  mentioned that you yourself should be  
18                  praised for the job that you did to get us a  
19                  clean audit; no management letter, no  
20                  discrepancy so thank you

21 MS. VIZZINI:                   Thank you, Trustee Morgo.

22 TRUSTEE MORGO:                  I work very closely with Vice  
23                  President Vizzini. And she alluded to the  
24                  deliberations of the Budget and Finance  
25                  Committee. We have been meeting extensively



1           since January. Because of the contribution  
2           of a new member of the committee, now we're  
3           going to have to meet all year. Thank you,  
4           Chris. But I think that's a very wise move  
5           actually. So that we can take a really  
6           detailed look at particularly the operating  
7           budget.

8                        I also want to say that I'm very  
9           happy that all current trustees are here at  
10          this many meeting where we deliberate on the  
11          budget. As you know, we're two trustees  
12          short that have not been named yet, but all  
13          of you coming thank you for that. And I  
14          want to echo what the Chairman said, thank  
15          you, students, it's good to see you  
16          involved. We love it when you come up to  
17          Albany. So we love it when you come in here  
18          and work with us as well.

19                       We met twice since our last  
20          meeting. We met with the  
21          Legislative Committee on the College's five  
22          year budget plan on April 3. And we met on  
23          April 10. We had an extensive meeting on  
24          April 10. And, in fact, we met this morning  
25          before today's meeting.

1                   As I have said often, and my  
2                   fellow trustee all know this, we don't have  
3                   any good choices. We only have control,  
4                   limited control, but we only have two  
5                   sources; student tuition and reserves. And  
6                   as far as the State contribution, as far as  
7                   the County contribution, we can advocate, we  
8                   can make our case. We need the students for  
9                   that. But we don't control those. So we  
10                  can only deliberate on tuition and use of  
11                  reserves.

12                  We vetted, we analyzed the  
13                  budget, we demanded a lot of data from the  
14                  administration, especially from Gail. This  
15                  year that committee went into deliberations  
16                  far more resolved than ever not to balance  
17                  the operating budget on the backs of the  
18                  students. Chairwoman Sanders had said that  
19                  many times, we all say that's not what we  
20                  are supposed to be doing.

21                  We insisted that this year there  
22                  would be no increase in tuition or at most a  
23                  very moderate increase. It hit us that  
24                  since 2013, 2014 we had to increase tuition  
25                  by 18 point two eight percent. Of those

1 four years, no one liked doing that. But it  
2 was something that had to be done.

3 Now, you have already heard Vice  
4 President Vizzini mention that the State  
5 contribution is only \$50 per full time  
6 equivalent student, that's students who are  
7 enrolled full time. That was 50 percent  
8 less than we thought we were going to get.  
9 It's the lowest the State has come through  
10 with since 2013-14. We're disappointed but  
11 in the same breath, it's hard for me to  
12 really be that disappointed with at least  
13 our local representatives. I'm going to  
14 dress but everybody knows about this.

15 We had a four million dollar  
16 shortfall with our health and wellness  
17 center on the East end campus and the  
18 discretion of that. The State came through  
19 expeditiously, as quickly as you could  
20 imagine with two million dollars, half of it  
21 matched, particularly Senator LaValle and  
22 Assemblyman Theil. So as I say I'm critical  
23 of the State not doing what they should be  
24 doing. On the other hand, I have to balance  
25 this with our local representatives being

1 responsive to us.

2 And think about it from the  
3 State's point of view. We are one of 30  
4 community colleges, one of 30. Everyone of  
5 those colleges has its own operating  
6 budgets. Has its own needs. I don't think  
7 any other one has three campuses and I'm  
8 sure no other one has as many students as we  
9 do. So with the State, the State bunches  
10 this up with a bunch of other schools.

11 Our union, our faculty  
12 association president Kevin Peterman does a  
13 great job in advocating with the State.  
14 However, I don't think too many of other  
15 community Colleges faculty association  
16 presidents -- none do what Kevin does.  
17 Students go up to Albany and talk to their  
18 representatives. Our students go up. We  
19 always have the biggest delegation.

20 So I'm disappointed that the  
21 State came through with so little but I  
22 cannot criticize our local representatives.  
23 I know they do what they can. We are  
24 recommending a two point five percent  
25 increase in the County's contribution.

1           That's consistent with what the County did  
2           in the last three years. But obviously, it  
3           would result in the County contributing more  
4           than the State. And you don't have to know  
5           too much about the budgeting process to know  
6           that the State is in better financial shape  
7           than the County. That's not saying much  
8           about the State but it's saying something  
9           about the County.

10                         But with the County, we're not  
11           one of 30 Colleges, we are the County's  
12           college. When I talk about our students,  
13           they are the County students. And I have to  
14           believe that the County Executive and the  
15           County Legislators value this college, their  
16           college, Suffolk County's college. And your  
17           students are their students too.

18                         So I'm hopeful and I'm cautiously  
19           optimistic that the County will meet the two  
20           point five percent increase. One of things  
21           that I know the County Executive knows, I  
22           know that every county legislator knows,  
23           that this college has real effect on the  
24           students' lives. So many of our students  
25           are from lower incomes. So many of them are

1 the first in their family to ever attend  
2 college. This is their chance at prosperous  
3 lives and a chance at the middle class.

4 So if the County Executive,  
5 County Legislators feel that tuition should  
6 be affordable and that they -- that we  
7 should not be balancing the budget on the  
8 backs of our kids, our students, they will  
9 meet this two point four five percent.

10 There's also other good news.  
11 Expenditures are only up point six seven  
12 percent. In other words, spending only went  
13 up point six seven percent. There's been  
14 numerous budget cutbacks, numerous savings,  
15 and it's been good budgeting and that will  
16 be shared you can bet with the County  
17 Legislature and the County Executive.

18 We reviewed significant savings  
19 that the administration as worked on. There  
20 is going to be no increase in fees, which is  
21 another good thing. I must comment Trustee  
22 North who really was insistent that there be  
23 no increase in fees.

24 So to review quickly for my  
25 fellow Trustees, this page is probably the

1 page the most -- the page that spells things  
2 out very clearly. It's called bridging the  
3 gap. There was a 10 million and a half  
4 dollar gap. So this, the budget, getting  
5 into the details, is without grants  
6 \$217,523,458. That's the operating budget  
7 without grants. With grants it's  
8 \$220,882,036.

9 We recommend budgeting six  
10 million -- we will authorize using  
11 \$6,000,286 twenty three from our fund  
12 balance. That's the most that we've ever  
13 authorized from the fund balance, it's more  
14 than six million dollars. If we use it all,  
15 it would leave us with a fund balance of 15  
16 million 141. That's under the 10 percent of  
17 our operating budget, about seven percent.

18 You know, sound fiscal planning  
19 recommends 10 percent. So we are going  
20 under that 10 percent. We have been asked  
21 not to do that but we decided that keeping  
22 the tuition increase to \$100, \$50 a  
23 semester, we have to do that. And that's a  
24 two percent increase. That's the smallest  
25 we have had since 2012, 2013. We wanted it

1 flat. I'm looking at my fellow committee  
2 members. We went into deliberations saying  
3 no increase. We thought we were getting a  
4 hundred dollars from the State, we didn't.  
5 And so to keep it flat was impossible.

6 But a hundred dollars brings the  
7 tuition up, full time tuition to \$4,880.  
8 It's under 5,000. And as I say, we are now  
9 going to be meeting every month and we are  
10 going to be diligent in looking at the  
11 budget and looking for savings every place  
12 we can. That's my report. Thank you,  
13 Madame Chairman.

14 [WHEREUPON PRESIDENT MCKAY ENTERS THE  
15 MEETING ROOM.]

16 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much. And, Jim, I  
17 want to publicly acknowledge the work that  
18 you did in terms of leadership with this  
19 committee. And, again, nobody feels great  
20 about any of this but we have worked really  
21 hard under your leadership under the  
22 committee and I thank you for all that you  
23 have done. In the engagement of all of the  
24 Board members and our student trustee, we  
25 have had to make some difficult decisions



1 and we will continue to be diligent as we  
2 move forward. Yes?

3 TRUSTEE CANARY: Yes, thanks, Jim and the members  
4 of the committee for your great work. I  
5 think one of the other issues with the State  
6 contribution this year is probably the  
7 Excelsior Program. So not only the \$2  
8 million for the consideration of the  
9 additional monies that are going to be going  
10 to into the SUNY, CUNY system. You know,  
11 how that all is going shake out and how it's  
12 all going to filter down to Suffolk  
13 Community College is a big unknown right now  
14 but I think that was one of the other  
15 considerations.

16 TRUSTEE MORGO: Yeah, I'm glad you brought that  
17 up, Gordon. The last meeting on April 10 we  
18 spent at least half the meeting going over  
19 the Excelsior Program. And we concluded  
20 that because of the requirements, it's going  
21 to have a negligible effect on our kids at  
22 most. The requirement that you're only  
23 eligible if you take 15 credits a semester,  
24 you have to complete four semesters. So  
25 many of our kids, so many of our students

1           because it's a the life changing experience  
2           have other life requirements like jobs,  
3           families.    And, if any of our students  
4           haves to take a remedial course, that's an  
5           extra course and that doesn't count towards  
6           the 15.

7                         So I don't want to get totally  
8           off on this, but if it effects 10 percent of  
9           our students, I'll be surprised.

10   TRUSTEE CANARY:                 It was a good sound bite for  
11           president Cuomo -- I mean Governor Cuomo.

12   TRUSTEE MORGO:                 Well, yes. You're not the first  
13           one to say that.   You know, I was remiss, I  
14           should have asked Chris, Chris, Denise  
15           because they were all a big part of the  
16           budget.   Anything to add, anything you want  
17           to say.

18   TRUSTEE MURRAY:                 No. I mean, I echo we said that  
19           we did kind of go into the process hoping  
20           not to be able to raise tuition.   We were  
21           disappointed in the State cutting a hundred  
22           to 50 which created the necessity to do so.  
23           There is concern with regard to use of the  
24           fund balance, it's down the seven percent.  
25           And at this point now that's really kind of

1 pushing the envelope, but there was a policy  
2 determination that we wanted to try keep the  
3 increase in tuition at minimum. But we're  
4 going to be diligent going forward and try  
5 to work with the administration and get as  
6 much savings as possible going forward.

7 And it's, you know, it's a tough  
8 environment and it's going to probably  
9 continue to be a tough environment. But I  
10 appreciate Trustee Morgo's leadership and we  
11 did the best we could.

12 TRUSTEE MORGO: Denise.

13 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Yeah, I don't want to reiterate  
14 what everyone said but I do want to speak to  
15 the students. I just want you to know that  
16 every Trustee on this Board is here with  
17 passion and because of you and because of  
18 your needs and to make sure that you get  
19 what you need in order to be successful in  
20 life. I am currently an assistant  
21 superintendent in a school district and I'm  
22 an alumni from Suffolk County Community  
23 College and I'm proudly the serve here and  
24 all of us do.

25 And we don't take any of this

1           lightly. It's the last thing that we wanted  
2           do to but at the same time we have to  
3           fiduciary -- we have to keep have a  
4           fiduciary responsibilities at the forefront.  
5           Because otherwise, we can't give you the  
6           quality education that you deserve and that  
7           you're entitled to.

8                         And when we look around our  
9           Island and we saw see all of the financial  
10          distress that other institutions are having  
11          right now, some closing their doors, we're  
12          going to be no good to anybody if we don't  
13          make sure that our dollars are where where  
14          they need to be. So if that means taking a  
15          chunk out of the reserves, and we're taking  
16          more out of the reserves than we ever have  
17          and take a little bit from you guys, that's  
18          what we have to do.

19                        So I just want you to know that  
20          this is never ever taken lightly. We take  
21          it very very seriously. And we love seeing  
22          your faces and hearing your voices. And we  
23          want you to know that that's why we do what  
24          we do. Thank you.

25   CHAIR SANDERS:                         Thank you. Chris?

1 TRUSTEE NORTH: Reiterating, I'm glad to serve as  
2 your student trustee and honestly this was  
3 not an easy vote. It is a time where we  
4 want to stay open where a lot of colleges  
5 are closing. So I want to thank Jim Morgo,  
6 Dr. McKay and Chair Sanders as well, and  
7 Dr. Adams as well making sure that we stay  
8 open.

9 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you.

10 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Thank you.

11 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much.

12 I would like to request a motion  
13 for the approval of College Resolution  
14 Number 2017.26, 2017.27.

15 TRUSTEE MORGO: So moved.

16 TRUSTEE NORTH: Second.

17 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?

18 Any oppositions?

19 Any abstentions?

20 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
21 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

22 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much everyone. I  
23 would like to request a motion for approval  
24 of College Resolutions Numbers 2017.21,  
25 2017.22, 2017.23, 2017.24, 2017.25, 2017.28,

1                                   2017.29   2017.30.

2   TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:   Motion.

3   TRUSTEE NORTH:                    Second.

4   CHAIR SANDERS:                    All in favor?

5                                    Any opposed?

6                                    [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS

7                                    VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

8   CHAIR SANDERS:                    Thank you very much. I would like  
9                                    to move to the committee reports. We just  
10                                   heard from Budget and Finance so I think Jim  
11                                   deserves a good cup of coffee right now.  
12                                   We'll leave him alone for a minute.

13   TRUSTEE MORGO:                   Thank you.

14   CHAIR SANDERS:                    I know Denise, we did not meet  
15                                   last month. Do we have any updates on the  
16                                   next meeting?

17   TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN:   No, no, at this time.

18   CHAIR SANDERS:                    Okay, so we will let you know  
19                                   when the meeting is scheduled for our  
20                                   Student Success Subcommittee.

21                                    Facilities Committee, Bryan.

22   TRUSTEE LILLY:                    Okay. The committee met on 4/19,  
23                                   yesterday. Gordon and I sat down. I was  
24                                   waiting on Gordon to rehabilitate himself.

25   CHAIR SANDERS:                    Fancy patch.

1 TRUSTEE LILLY: Fancy patch.

2 But the topic of discussion was  
3 the proposal from the Roughrider  
4 Organization.

5 TRUSTEE MORGO: Excuse me. I'm leaving the room.  
6 I'll take my coffee with me.

7 MEMBER CANARY: Take something to nosh on.

8 TRUSTEE MORGO: Let me know when you are  
9 finished.

10 TRUSTEE LILLY: Wait for the door to close.  
11 [WHEREUPON TRUSTEE MORGO LEAVES THE MEETING  
12 ROOM.]

13 CHAIR SANDERS: Just for the record Trustee Jim  
14 Morgo has recused himself from this part of  
15 the meeting.

16 TRUSTEE LILLY: Okay. And we went over some of  
17 the facts. We have given -- there's been  
18 five presentations and six if you want to  
19 include the public comments at the last  
20 Board of Trustees meeting. We have taken  
21 questionnaires and we were discussing the  
22 pros and the cons of the project. And we  
23 will be making a presentation to the Board  
24 of Trustees in executive session to discuss  
25 whether or not to go forward with this

1                   proposal. That was -- you know. The meat  
2                   and potatoes of the meeting was you know  
3                   just this discussion. Some of the, you  
4                   know, going over some of the opinions and  
5                   questions that were raised at the five  
6                   public meetings.

7                   And I would like commend Trustee  
8                   North. He organized a student trustee,  
9                   student participation at the Captree Commons  
10                  in March. We got a different side point of  
11                  view that some of it I guess we had the  
12                  meeting at the December 8, back that far,  
13                  December 8 meeting at Captree Commons which  
14                  was a public forum. Okay, this was a nice  
15                  addition to it. We got to see some of the  
16                  different concerns and questions from the  
17                  students. We have taken all that into  
18                  consideration and we are going to be  
19                  discussing it in executive session.

20   CHAIR SANDERS:                Thank you, Bryan. I know that  
21                                    this has been a long process but we take it,  
22                                    again, seriously when we are approached with  
23                                    a project of this magnitude. And we look  
24                                    forward to getting some of the details so  
25                                    that the entire board can be fully informed



1 and thank you for making sure that you got  
2 input from all of our constituents on this  
3 project. So we will be discussing it  
4 further. Thank you.

5 [WHEREUPON TRUSTEE MORGO RETURNS TO THE  
6 MEETING ROOM.]

7 Governance, I know that we did  
8 not meet but do you have something to add,  
9 Gordon?

10 MEMBER CANARY: Just that, again, I was  
11 convalescing with my eye surgery. And I  
12 apologize for having to cancel now two  
13 meetings in a row. We will be rescheduled  
14 for May. And again the primary subject we  
15 were we will be discussing is the facilities  
16 use fee schedule, and, Gail, I'm sorry, I  
17 can't see you with my right eye. Gail will  
18 be coming and giving us an overview of those  
19 numbers and we will have further discussions  
20 on that. So that's all my report.

21 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. We'll make sure that  
22 we notify everybody, each of the  
23 subcommittees' meetings and encourage you if  
24 you can to participate. I'll move to the  
25 Student Trustee report.

1 TRUSTEE NORTH: Thank you, Madame Chair. I'm  
2 going to be very brief with my report. I  
3 just want to thank Dr. Adams, again, for  
4 being an advisor for the Student Assembly  
5 Conference. Some of the students are in the  
6 room. I also want to thank Student  
7 Government for yesterday on the Ammerman  
8 Campus campus for hosting an Earth Day  
9 cleanup around campus. On the Eastern  
10 Campus, Fi Beta Kappa Honor Society, they  
11 are hosting a food panty, nonperishable  
12 goods.

13 Right now we have 200 goods they  
14 have donated so far and Student Government  
15 will be sponsoring a day as well. And  
16 that's basically the end of my report.

17 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much, Chris.  
18 We'll move to the Foundation report.

19 MS. DIAZ: Good morning, everyone. I'm  
20 Sylvia Diaz, I'm the Executive Director of  
21 the Foundation. I'm happy to report that we  
22 too have just completed our external audit  
23 and our further pleased to report that we  
24 have no issues or findings and no management  
25 letter this year from our auditors.

1                   The auditors reported that our  
2                   financial statement disclosures are neutral,  
3                   consistent and clear. And we're most  
4                   pleased to have completed this in a great  
5                   timeframe, so...

6                   We're just a bit over two weeks  
7                   from our May 4 gala to be held at the  
8                   Huntington Hilton and of course honoring  
9                   Randi Weingarten the president of AFT. Our  
10                  staff is working diligently, special thanks  
11                  to Mary Lou because Mary Lou has actually  
12                  parked herself in our office to make phone  
13                  calls and of course many of you here are  
14                  overwhelmingly supporting the event. We  
15                  really, really, really appreciate that.

16                  If you haven't jumped, just  
17                  online, have gotten your tickets to the  
18                  event, please do so right away, we try to  
19                  make it very easy. And, of course, this  
20                  event supports student scholarships. And,  
21                  you know, on behalf of our many students  
22                  here that do benefit from the scholarships  
23                  program that we have here at the College, we  
24                  want to really thank you for that support.  
25                  And we look forward to seeing you on May

1 4th. Thank you very much.

2 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much. And, again,  
3 I reiterate this is such an fun event, even  
4 if you don't, you know -- highlight I guess  
5 is to see who gets up to dance, lets down  
6 their professional guard and actually has  
7 fun. Everybody starts pointing at  
8 Dr. Adams, by it is --

9 DR. ADAMS: All in good fun.

10 CHAIR SANDERS: All in good fun and we have a  
11 great time. Please try to come out. And  
12 I'm going the combine my Executive Report  
13 with the Chair's report. The Executive  
14 Committee met Monday and, again, we -- part  
15 of it preparation -- excuse my voice -- part  
16 of preparation is to get ready for this  
17 meeting to make sure that all our documents  
18 are in place. We do a dry run of the agenda  
19 and make sure that all of the items are  
20 presented an we didn't leave anything off  
21 the table for this meeting. So the  
22 Executive Committee Meeting is kind of a  
23 very straightforward, routine meeting.

24 For the Chair's report, there's  
25 been a lot that has gone on this last month.

1 I sometimes say I ended up with a key to an  
2 office the last meeting and I might as well  
3 plant myself somewhere on this campus  
4 because it's positive when you start getting  
5 involved that it just becomes routine.

6 So, over the last month, I have  
7 been to a couple of different student driven  
8 events which is always the reminder of why  
9 we do what we do when you get in front of  
10 the students. So I participated in the  
11 diversity conference. This is my second  
12 year participating in the College wide  
13 diversity conferences. It was a great turn  
14 out with students. We had a great  
15 facilitator.

16 I also was invited to participate  
17 in a Woman's Lib Summit in the African  
18 Student Unions -- African American Student  
19 Union. And it was, again, exciting and it's  
20 eye opening when we see the level of  
21 engagement of our students. And this is  
22 outside of their economics. So they get  
23 involved. They're really driving this  
24 College community. And they're developing  
25 their leadership skills outside the

1 classroom.

2 So again I commend you because  
3 you still have to study, you still have to  
4 go to class, you've got a life outside of  
5 Suffolk County Community College and you're  
6 still finding time like this morning to come  
7 and engage as leaders. So thank you again.

8 A lot of discussion, last 30  
9 days, about the Excelsior free tuition  
10 program. I shared with some people I got  
11 several calls, one was someone that had  
12 relocated to Florida telling me they are  
13 move back to New York because they want  
14 their kids to have free tuition and I said,  
15 hold on, because we don't have the details.

16 And there have been several  
17 parents that have called me. They want the  
18 details. We do not have the details. We  
19 got what the rest of the public got which is  
20 that it is a concept, it's an idea. And as  
21 we get through more of the details, we'll be  
22 able to share more accurate information with  
23 our students and families. So, just hold on  
24 tight, as soon as we get the details we will  
25 be sharing that in a more formal fashion.

1                   We touched on the violence in the  
2                   community, that, you know, in our community.  
3                   We are located here and many of the students  
4                   that are being impacted and the families  
5                   that are being impacted, some of them attend  
6                   the College, some of them have friends that  
7                   attend the College. Some people work here  
8                   and we just don't know the details how the  
9                   people are impacted by the violence that  
10                  surrounds particularly the Grant Campus.

11                  And we are a safe haven. This is  
12                  a place where people come to restart their  
13                  lives. So they want to escape. And if you  
14                  could escape within the gates of Suffolk  
15                  County Community College, we have to stand  
16                  strong. We have to make sure that we keep  
17                  our tuition affordable so that when people  
18                  do want to change their lives, there is a  
19                  local place for them to go.

20                  I have repeated this a couple of  
21                  times this week and I'll say it again. You  
22                  go to church and you go to Suffolk Community  
23                  College. You find your religious  
24                  sanctuaries, because when you have senseless  
25                  acts of violence, sometimes you just can't

1 figure out why would people do certain  
2 things, why do that act in certain ways.  
3 And in order for you not to become polarized  
4 as a person, you have to find other outlets  
5 and other ways to appreciate life. Get your  
6 education, enroll in school, take a course,  
7 do something, be around like minded people  
8 that are here trying to improve their lives.

9 And if you have a spiritual  
10 outlet, now is the time to use it. It's  
11 senseless but you have to rise up as role  
12 models; particularly our faculty, our staff,  
13 our students, to show that there are good  
14 people in the world. Because sometimes the  
15 negative stuff gets so much coverage that  
16 you tend to get a little sad and depressed  
17 and emotional about the situation.

18 But the good people must rise and  
19 we must show that there is good in the world  
20 and we have to keep that balanced.

21 We talked about budget  
22 negotiations and I'll phrase that all  
23 together, because unless we keep a good  
24 fiscal eye on how this College operates, you  
25 don't end up with a good audit -- and,



1           again, audits are done. We have external  
2           audits. People come in that are totally  
3           independent from this College and as we  
4           continue to get clean bills of health that  
5           we are operating in a responsible fiscal  
6           manner, that's, you know, 99.9 percent of  
7           what governance of this Board has to do to  
8           make sure that we keep tuition affordable  
9           and we monitor our fiscal health.

10                         Graduation is coming up, always  
11           an exciting time of the year. You know, I  
12           love sitting on that stage during graduation  
13           and looking out over that gym. That is  
14           probably one of the most inspiring things.  
15           Anybody that knows me, knows that I like to  
16           post pictures and Tweet and do all of that  
17           stuff. Everybody loves when I post a  
18           picture of that gymnasium on graduation. I  
19           get so many hits, I get so excited.

20                         Because people look at that and  
21           you realize the magnitude of othe impact  
22           that this College has had on people's lives.  
23           So if you have not confirmed, Trustees,  
24           please confirm that you will be attending  
25           the graduation. It is going to be May 21st,

1                   that is a Sunday. And look forward to  
2                   seeing -- any graduates, any students  
3                   graduating?

4 TRUSTEE NORTH:                   Yes.

5 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Yeah, congratulations. We look  
6                   forward to seeing you cross that stage. And  
7                   that is the end of my report.

8 MR. PETRIZZO:                   Madame Chair, at the Executive  
9                   Committee as you indicated, there was a  
10                  discussion about the Excelsior Scholarships.  
11                  In response to that, Legal Affairs has  
12                  prepared a brief outline of what we know to  
13                  date regarding the Excelsior Scholarships so  
14                  we'll give it out to you. We haven't seen  
15                  the regulations and the implementation of  
16                  it, but so that you have some information to  
17                  answer that questions that may come to you,  
18                  we prepared this document for you to use as  
19                  you see fit for your own purposes.

20 TRUSTEE NORTH:                   Thank you.

21 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Yes, thank you very much.

22                                    Yes, Jim.

23 TRUSTEE MORGO:                  Just to emphasize your point  
24                  about really the awe inspiring nature of  
25                  graduation. I sat next to you last year and

1           if you remember I said to you that this is  
2           Donald Trump's worst nightmare because of  
3           the diversity. It's just an astounding --  
4           and as we said earlier, this College changes  
5           lives for people.

6                        Secondly, thank you for doing  
7           this. And what we do know about the  
8           Excelsior Program, we know it's going the  
9           precious little effect on our kids, what we  
10          know already. It's -- and this is what I  
11          was thinking about when you were talking  
12          about it. When the State systems, State  
13          powerbrokers decide about higher education,  
14          they think of the four year schools. And  
15          this will have far more effect on students  
16          in the four year schools.

17                       I don't know why, we're almost in  
18          a second class citizens but that's how  
19          community colleges are. That's why it's so  
20          important, by the way, that the students go  
21          up and talk to the legislators and say that  
22          they are from community colleges, because  
23          community colleges in these touch economic  
24          times make so much sense. Less expensive,  
25          you do well you go as a junior to a four

1                   year school and you certainly find jobs  
2                   after leaving community colleges. That's  
3                   it.

4   CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you.

5   TRUSTEE MORGO:                   That annoys me.

6   CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you.

7                   We will now move to our  
8                   President's report, Dr. McKay.

9   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                 Madame Chair and Members of the  
10                   Board. I apologize for being a little bit  
11                   late but I had pulled into the parking lot  
12                   and a contractor who was moving past just  
13                   hit my car. So I had to be down there with  
14                   SCPD and giving a statement and all the  
15                   other stuff, you know, just being. And they  
16                   may get me from this meeting to go back down  
17                   you know. But unfortunately, you know, I  
18                   was down there. I was on time by the way.  
19                   But I thought I was on time until somebody  
20                   hit my car.

21                   So, yes, I apologize for being a  
22                   minute late. Let me say this, that we're  
23                   doing a couple of things that are really  
24                   really great at the College which is tying  
25                   -- Susan, join me. Tying Planning -- and

1                   Jeff, could you join me. Planning  
2                   Assessment ATD, you know, Achieving the  
3                   Dream and all that we are doing here at the  
4                   College to try to make sure that also the  
5                   President's goals which you can evaluate me  
6                   on is a line to all of this.

7                                 And I got my team with me because  
8                   I want them to really talk a little bit  
9                   about how we are move forward. Because at  
10                  this point in time we're going to have to  
11                  report back to both ATD, Achieving the Dream  
12                  add Middle States. And then at the same  
13                  time, Middle States as you know, we have  
14                  already gotten Dr. Quentin Bullock as our  
15                  Team chair.

16                                So I want to have Suzanne and  
17                  Jeff speak a little bit about what we're  
18                  going in regards to ATD and then Middle  
19                  States, could we?

20   MS. JOHNSON:                         Sure. Thank you, Dr. McKay,  
21   Trustees, Chairperson Sanders. My name is  
22   Susan Johnson, Vice President for Academic  
23   affairs. I'm happy to provide this report  
24   on behalf of our steering committee  
25   cochairs, Dr. Lauren Tacke-Cushing and

1 Professor Dan Linker. Both were unable to  
2 be here today because they are busy doing  
3 other aspects of of their job.

4 For middle States, an update.  
5 Our self-study process is currently on  
6 target and following the approved timeline  
7 set forth in our design. All seven standard  
8 committee reports were submitted to the  
9 steering committee cochairs by the scheduled  
10 due date which was April 1st, no irony  
11 there. While the reports are still in a  
12 draft form, each committee feels confident  
13 that they have demonstrated how we meet all  
14 the criteria for this standard.

15 The last steering committee  
16 meeting of the semester was held on April  
17 13. Each committee was given the  
18 opportunity to discuss the recommendations  
19 that they made in their narrative, in terms  
20 of the self-study committee reports, as well  
21 as to share highlights from their own  
22 self-study experience so far. Cochairs  
23 Tacke-Cushing and Professor Linker are  
24 currently reviewing the submitted reports in  
25 depth to verify that they address all seven

1 Middle States standards and related  
2 criteria.

3 The will be reviewed for areas of  
4 repetition, opportunities to condense  
5 information and for examples of evidence.  
6 Upon completion of this initial review, the  
7 reports will be given to the writing  
8 committee for further editing. Cochairs  
9 Tacke-Cushing and Linker are scheduled to  
10 meet with the writing committee on May 2 to  
11 discuss the style, tone, general  
12 presentation and voice of the report,  
13 finding a common one voice.

14 We anticipate the three writing  
15 committee members will be working on editing  
16 over the entire summer in conjunction with  
17 the cochairs and that we will be ready to  
18 share a draft of the self-study report with  
19 the college community by early September.  
20 Dr. Quintin Bullock as. Dr. McKay indicated  
21 is our Middle States team chair scheduled to  
22 visit the College on November 7 to review  
23 our self-study draft and confirm the team  
24 visit.

25 The team visit, the official team

1 visit will be held from Sunday, March 18 to  
2 Wednesday, March 21, 2018. That is an  
3 update on Middle States.

4 An update for Achieving the  
5 Dream, upon returning, there was a team of  
6 us that attended the ATD Dream Conference,  
7 it was a week long conference held at the  
8 end of this past February in San Francisco.  
9 Upon our return, the data and core teams  
10 have extraordinarily busy. Since the  
11 beginning of March we have had several joint  
12 meetings of the data and core teams to  
13 further collect and analyze student outcomes  
14 stated here at the College.

15 We have had several conference  
16 calls with our ATD coaches, that would be  
17 Dr. Christine MacPhail and Dr. Donna  
18 McKusick as provided to us by ATD. We have  
19 been discussing our ongoing data analyses of  
20 student populations and completion rates in  
21 our college and planning for our next steps  
22 in sharing of our students' data to the  
23 college community on to work force plans for  
24 action to address closing achievement gaps  
25 and completion among our students.



1                   Our ATD coaches will be visiting  
2                   this June on June 20 and 21st. There will  
3                   be two primary focuses of the visit; to  
4                   further discuss with us our data analyses  
5                   and implications of those results and our  
6                   plans for action to address our capacity to  
7                   best support our diverse student population  
8                   in our next year of partnership with them.

9                   I wanted to see if Dr. Pedersen  
10                  would like to add anything or additional  
11                  items?

12   MR. PEDERSEN:                   Just in terms of Middle States,  
13                                    what we're doing right now, we're in our  
14                                    evidence collection phase so all of the  
15                                    reports have been written, the drafts of the  
16                                    reports have been written. So what we are  
17                                    doing right now is making sure that we have  
18                                    all our evidentiary material. As the  
19                                    Trustees, know Middle States is an evidence  
20                                    based accreditation process. So what we're  
21                                    doing is we're using our integrated planning  
22                                    model to direct all of assessments and  
23                                    evaluation data, put it all in one place so  
24                                    that we'll have a comprehensive library of  
25                                    evidence for Middle States. So we're in

1                   that phase now and progressing very steadily  
2                   on that.

3   CHAIR SANDERS:                   Really like to hear that. One of  
4                   the things that I know when they did their  
5                   last visit was the evidence, evidence,  
6                   evidence. They kept saying that to us. So  
7                   I'm very pleased to hear that we have a  
8                   catalog of evidence to support, you know,  
9                   our progress.

10   MS. JOHNSON:                   And if I may, I have one  
11                   additional item that I would like to share  
12                   with all here. This is an example I think  
13                   of one of the most remarkable events for us  
14                   as a community college and also a remarkable  
15                   event for SUNY. And I wanted to share with  
16                   everybody and VP Araneo is going to be  
17                   distributing them.

18                   Tomorrow the entire day at our  
19                   Grant Campus, Suffolk County Community  
20                   College will be the first community college to  
21                   host the SUNY Undergraduate Research  
22                   Conference for the State. I cannot say how  
23                   proud I am to just be the voice of sharing  
24                   this information with you. But I would like  
25                   to take a moment to acknowledge the fact

1           that this event is made possible by the work  
2           over many, many individuals in this room and  
3           I want to say a special thank you to some  
4           special students.    There is a SURC steering  
5           committee that has been working since last  
6           summer on bringing this event to fruition.

7                        Besides myself, that would be VP  
8           Araneo.   A wonderful faculty member who has  
9           been our SURC East coordinator, Dr. Candace  
10          Foley who you know as a professor of  
11          chemistry here also been a recipient of  
12          numerous NFS STEM Grants.   Janet Haff,  
13          another one of our science faculty here.  
14          Gary Ris, Neftali Collazo.   Executive dean  
15          Keane.   Tania Velasquez, VP Adams, VP  
16          Azzam-Gomez, Deborah Lesser and VP Vizzini.

17                      This has constituted our steering  
18          committee that has led an effort that has  
19          generated a tremendous program that you are  
20          looking at here.   I want you to know that we  
21          have several dozen faculty volunteers that  
22          will be coordinating all events tomorrow in  
23          terms of panel discussions, presentations,  
24          symposiums performances, as well as 22  
25          Suffolk students who will be presenting

1                   their research with their faculty mentor at  
2                   this conference.

3                   We will have over 400 people here  
4                   attending including SUNY and CUNY schools.  
5                   This to me, I'm sure to all of you, is a  
6                   testament to the fact that our community  
7                   College provides as good as or better  
8                   education to students in this county and  
9                   this region as any other institution and we  
10                  constitute the best value a of student's  
11                  education dollar.

12                  So I cannot be prouder to just be  
13                  the person who provides this to you but this  
14                  is evidence of what we do as a team here at  
15                  Suffolk County Community College. So thank  
16                  you.

17   CHAIR SANDERS:                    Congratulations and thank you so  
18   much.

19   MS. ARANEO:                        Excuse me, Madame Chair. Madame,  
20   Chair may I just add one other really  
21   important item to share with you.

22   MS. JOHNSON:                        Yes. I wanted to leave it for  
23   you.

24   MS. ARANEO:                        Mary Lou Araneo, Vice President  
25   for Institutional advancement. I would like

1 to call up my colleague, Sylvia Diaz, the  
2 Executive Director of the Foundation to  
3 commend her for her work. We had some  
4 conversations very early on in the process  
5 to discuss the need for a sponsor for this  
6 event.

7 And Sylvia took that challenge in  
8 hand. She had a donor in mind. And very  
9 expeditiously spoke to that donor and was  
10 able to secure a gift of \$47,600 to  
11 underwrite both the conference and to  
12 provide a \$20,000 endowment or scholarship.  
13 So Sylvia did a great job. I want to make  
14 sure you know about it. And you probably  
15 had noticed on the inside cover of this  
16 brochure the organization is Shwachman  
17 Diamond Project. And we are hoping to  
18 engage with them for future support of the  
19 College on a go forward basis.

20 PRESIDENT MCKAY: And I must say Madame Chair and  
21 Members of the Board, it's the first time  
22 ever that this conference is sponsored by  
23 anyone and the first time that it's been  
24 sponsored at a community college. We've got  
25 to give the team a hand.

1 MS. JOHNSON: I will add one other comment.  
2 SUNY, all of SUNY central up in Albany, has  
3 corresponded with Dr. McKay and to Professor  
4 Foley and said that the fact that we were  
5 able to secure sponsorship and with the  
6 robustness of this event, we have set a bar  
7 that has not been established before but any  
8 SUNY institution.

9 So, just kudos to Dr. Diaz and  
10 the humbleness of Dr. McKay and the sense of  
11 this. Because quite honestly, I wrote to  
12 him last summer when I got this solicitation  
13 to all SUNY schools. And I asked, do you  
14 think we should try for this? And he said,  
15 absolutely get on it. And so through the  
16 work of some academic chairs and faculty we  
17 prepared a proposal and sent it and this is  
18 the result.

19 TRUSTEE MORGO: Question. Who is Shwachman  
20 Diamond Project? Where are they located?

21 MS. DIAZ: Happy to answer that. Shwachman  
22 Diamond Project is actually the brainchild  
23 of a woman named Carol Kolar and the Kolar  
24 family. Carol actually owned a couple of  
25 nursing homes and came through us through a

1                   personal relationship that our former board  
2                   chair, the foundation board, Ed Vogel had.  
3                   Ed introduced me to Carol. Carol actually  
4                   had a wonderful tour of the new science  
5                   building here at the Ammerman Campus, was  
6                   blown away by it.

7                                 She comes from a family of  
8                   nurses. Her children are nurses and  
9                   educators as well. And if you come tomorrow  
10                  to the conference, she will actually be  
11                  there presenting and talking a little bit  
12                  about the impetus of the foundation which is  
13                  named of honor of her grandson Dylan, who  
14                  suffers from a bone marrow disease.

15 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   So it's a foundation?

16 MS. DIAZ:                         Yes. The project actually is  
17                                       separate from the foundation. But it's an  
18                                       actual -- the foundation funded the registry  
19                                       and the Project is sort of an arm of the  
20                                       foundation.

21 TRUSTEE MORGO:                   What is the business? What does  
22                                       it do?

23 MS. DIAZ:                         They basically fund research.  
24                                       They support research in this particular  
25                                       area. They formed a registry with this and

1                   other bone marrow related illnesses and  
2                   hopefully bringing attention to those types  
3                   of illnesses and potentially cures for those  
4                   types of illnesses.

5   TRUSTEE MORGO:                   Where are they located.

6   MS. DIAZ:                         Sayville.

7   TRUSTEE MORGO:                   Oh.

8   MS. DIAZ:                         A neighbor, local foundation.

9   MS. ARANEO:                      And just one other thing which I  
10                   always like to mention if I have the  
11                   opportunity and that is that Carol's  
12                   daughter Jen who will also be with us  
13                   tomorrow is an alumni.   So we always like to  
14                   make that connection for everybody.  We're  
15                   everywhere.

16   TRUSTEE CANARY:                  So what would be -- the one eyed  
17                   guy.  Look into my good eye, please.  What  
18                   would be the most opportune time to try to  
19                   stop by at the event tomorrow?

20   MS. JOHNSON:                     I can help with that.  During the  
21                   luncheon we will be having a presentation by  
22                   Dr. McKay, our keynote speaker who is the  
23                   president of Stony Brook University Sam  
24                   Stanley as well as our donor will have a few  
25                   moments at the podium.  So during the



1                   luncheon time which is noted in the schedule  
2                   of the program would be the perfect time for  
3                   your swing by. Of course your welcome for  
4                   the whole. Some of us will be there by 7:00  
5                   in the morning. But lunchtime is indicated  
6                   there. And of course you are welcome for  
7                   any of all or day that you can provide.

8   MS. ARANEO:                   Also, just one other thing.  
9                   Their head researcher, if you are interested  
10                  in the science portion, is also on the  
11                  program. I had think it's the last or next  
12                  to last.

13   MS. DIAZ:                    3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

14   MS. JOHNSON:                A large presentation. Johnson  
15                                  Liu will be here.

16   MS. DIAZ:                    Yes, Dr. Johnson Liu. He's their  
17                                  principle investigator. So we invited him  
18                                  as well and his schedule accommodated us at  
19                                  that time. So, it's very exciting. It  
20                                  really is wonderful. It's just really  
21                                  exciting.

22   MS JOHNSON:                 It's a remarkable day tomorrow.

23   CHAIR SANDERS:               It's exciting to see how all the  
24                                  components of the College came together to  
25                                  make this happen. So I definitely will come

1                   around lunchtime tomorrow just to support  
2                   you all. This is wonderful.

3   PRESIDENT MCKAY:                   Thank you. And it's very  
4                   important again, Madame Chair, Members of  
5                   the Board, to see the different facets of  
6                   the College coming all together and being  
7                   recognized, not just statewide but  
8                   nationally. And then statewide being the  
9                   first community college to ever host the  
10                  SURC conference. And then to have an  
11                  endowment that's happening at the same time.

12                                        So, again, I want to, you know,  
13                   congratulate Candice Foley and the entire  
14                   team and Suzanne and Gail and others.

15                                        That concludes my report.

16   CHAIR SANDERS:                    Thank you so much, Dr. McKay.  
17                   And again congratulations to you and the  
18                   entire team. There's lots of moving parts  
19                   and I would love to make sure our sponsor  
20                   knows about the great things that we are  
21                   doing here on this campus.

22                                        And just to go back to the ATD  
23                   piece, we know that the making sure that our  
24                   students are successful not only do we want  
25                   to enroll, but we want them to complete, is

1 a huge part of this ATD. And we had a lot  
2 of discussion as a Board in terms of should  
3 we engage with this Project when you first  
4 brought it to us. So, I'm excited that we  
5 are benefitting from the partnership with  
6 ATD. Thank you again.

7 So I would like the move to the  
8 to round table. And I'll kick it off  
9 because we often get these mailings to the  
10 Board of Trustees. Please make sure that  
11 you know, there are a couple of events.  
12 There's the Honors Convocation which is May  
13 17. And on Thursday May 18 is the student  
14 recognition banquet.

15 And if you look in your calender,  
16 your April calenders, a couple weeks left  
17 there's several events that take place on  
18 various campuses. So please go through your  
19 mailings. There is also an ACCT, which is  
20 the Community College Trustee Association,  
21 is having their next conference in Las Vegas  
22 and I'm always a proponent -- don't think  
23 and Vegas, think about conferences, you will  
24 be in the hotel all day so if you are  
25 thinking anything else, forget it.

1 TRUSTEE MORGO: What happens in Vegas.

2 CHAIR SANDERS: Yeah. But part of the training,  
3 and I do emphasize the continued  
4 professional development training for  
5 trustees, I say this all the time. We do a  
6 great job here locally because when you  
7 engage in training mechanisms, it really  
8 enhances your performance as a Trustee.  
9 Most of you have gone already, Trustee  
10 Canary just came back. And I would like for  
11 him to just say a little bit about the ACCT  
12 training because we have another one coming  
13 up in Vegas soon.

14 And if you have not engaged,  
15 particularly the new trustee track, some of  
16 the seasoned trustee tracks, it really is a  
17 great professional development opportunity.

18 So Gordon.

19 MEMBER CANARY: Thank you, Madame Chairwoman, one  
20 of things that I always enjoy about going to  
21 the training institutes is that getting to  
22 interact with other trustees from throughout  
23 the country to hear about our common  
24 problems and our common issues. And let me  
25 tell each and every one of you that all of

1 the issues that we are concerned with and  
2 are facing, everybody is facing.

3 We had four days of training. I  
4 flew in on Tuesday but, you know, starting  
5 Wednesday, all day Wednesday, Thursday,  
6 Friday, Saturday we had all day training  
7 sessions. We were hosted by the Kapolei  
8 Community College in Hawaii in Oahu, right  
9 outside Diamondhead, we were situated right  
10 behind Diamondhead. So they bussed us from  
11 our respective hotels downtown, about a 15,  
12 20 minute drive to get down to the college.

13 And they did a great job for us.  
14 This was the first time they held this event  
15 in Hawaii and one of the reasons why they  
16 did it was they wanted the Micronesian  
17 Island community colleges, which you don't  
18 think about, but these people are coming all  
19 the way from Guam and the other territories  
20 out there. And of course the State of  
21 Hawaii has about eight community colleges on  
22 the various islands.

23 So, they were very pleased that  
24 there was about 125 attendees because they  
25 had no idea how many were going to show up

1                   for this event, and again, trying to get  
2                   people to Hawaii. I want to thank Carmen  
3                   for all your help in planning.

4   MS. O'HARA:                   Sandy.

5   TRUSTEE CANARY:               I'm sorry?

6   MS. O'HARA:                   It's Sandy.

7   TRUSTEE CANARY:               It's the eye. Thank you, Sandy  
8                   for all your help in putting my travel  
9                   arrangements together. But again, to bring  
10                  back and try to summarize this as quickly as  
11                  possible, everybody is concerned about  
12                  affordable tuition. Guys, believe me,  
13                  everybody is on board with that trying to  
14                  keep tuition as affordable as possible.  
15                  Everybody is dealing with declining  
16                  enrollments, with just again birth rates  
17                  that are declining and those are concerns.

18                                 We were warned and cautioned that  
19                                 success based funding, you know, is on the  
20                                 horizon from both the Feds and our  
21                                 individual States and we need to be  
22                                 cognizant of that. Everybody has deep  
23                                 concerns with accreditation and all the  
24                                 accreditation issues we have got to deal  
25                                 with.

1                   Campus safety, shooter incidents.

2                   We had like a whole morning just based on  
3                   how to protect the campuses, how to deal  
4                   with local law enforcement, how to do  
5                   drills, how to set up teams that, God  
6                   forbid, incidents do occur, how to handle  
7                   those incidents.

8                   You know, one of the things I  
9                   took away from that was a lot of the  
10                  colleges are setting up in reserve 800  
11                  numbers for information that again. God  
12                  forbid an incident does happen, that they  
13                  are able to quickly set up an 800  
14                  information number for concerned family  
15                  members.

16                  And, again, I even hate to have  
17                  to sit here and talk about this and we pray  
18                  to God it never happens to us but they said,  
19                  guys, be ready, be prepared, know how to  
20                  deal with it. And particularly in the  
21                  aftermath, how to deal with the mental  
22                  health issues for staff and faculty and  
23                  students. So that was like a whole morning  
24                  on Friday morning that we talked about  
25                  shooter incidents.

1 Cesar Paulownia, Dr. Paulownia  
2 ran the conference. And as you know she  
3 does a great job and she does a good job  
4 with getting everybody to interact and to  
5 meet with one another, setting us up into  
6 various groups to talk a one another, meet  
7 one another, have little sidebar  
8 discussions, again discussing our concerns  
9 and interests. I actually unbeknownst to  
10 me, she said, Gordon you're going to be a  
11 group leader and you're going to --

12 CHAIR SANDERS: That's Suffolk.

13 TRUSTEE CANARY: -- she said, here's a 38 page  
14 document. I want you to go back to your  
15 hotel room and study and glean the important  
16 points out of this. And this was the family  
17 friendly campus imperative, supporting  
18 success among community college students  
19 with children. So that's why, Chris, I was  
20 firing off e-mails trying to get some data  
21 and information about our childcare  
22 services.

23 And, again, as part of student  
24 success, recognizing in the community  
25 college environment how many of our students



1 are full time workers and parents, men and  
2 women as parents. And as part of the  
3 student's success and helping them be  
4 successful we need to do such things as help  
5 them with childcare services.

6 Some of the colleges, again,  
7 interesting dealing with the colleges from  
8 the Midwest in on the coasts. People handle  
9 these situations differently. In the  
10 Midwest, they actually have retired  
11 grandparents who volunteer and provide  
12 services on some of their campuses. And  
13 they do that for free so they are able to  
14 keep the tuition down very, very much for  
15 the childcare service or the fees for that.

16 In other areas, they are teaming  
17 up with YMCAs that are in fairly close  
18 proximity to the college campuses and having  
19 a subsidization to lower the fees through  
20 the YMCAs, so that was interesting. We  
21 talked about again for the success,  
22 students' success, such things as  
23 transportation, childcare, mental health  
24 programs.

25 And I was very pleased to be able

1 to tell everybody about our great mental  
2 health programs that we have here now that  
3 we have instituted and how successful they  
4 are. So they were very impressed at how far  
5 we have come along with our mental health  
6 programs. So I was very proud to be able to  
7 report that back to the whole group.

8 Transportation, again, especially  
9 for Suffolk County Community Colleges with  
10 our three campus and the Chris North's of  
11 the world, and God bless you, Chris, for all  
12 you got to go through to get to campus.

13 We talked about bussing, we  
14 talked about subsidization of bus passes.  
15 One of the colleges coordinated with their  
16 local county sponsor and actually got a bus  
17 hub built on one of their campus to  
18 facilitate again better services by bus. So  
19 we talked about how whether it was surface  
20 transportation, subways, some cities have  
21 tramways, some of them have surface  
22 transportation, they are not really subways  
23 like electric trolley cars.

24 Again coming up with  
25 subsidization programs that help defer the

1 cost on transportation. Again, all really  
2 gearing into what more can we do on the  
3 community college level to guarantee our  
4 students' success, because it's going to  
5 drive the numbers, it's going to drive  
6 funding. We know that already. We're doing  
7 all we can do here but there's always more  
8 that can be done so we talked a lot about  
9 that.

10 I could spend another hour going  
11 over -- I got many many notes, four days and  
12 somebody said, so how much of Hawaii did you  
13 get to see? You know, not a heck of a lot.  
14 It was an 11 hour plane ride and just to get  
15 my family and office together so I could  
16 leave, I was like a maniac for the first two  
17 days running around just to get on the  
18 plane.

19 So when I hit Honolulu, man, the  
20 jet lag hit me like you wouldn't believe. I  
21 had to get up early the next morning, start  
22 of the whole program, four days straight.  
23 Sunday was the last day I had, you know, to  
24 really give myself some time. I did get to  
25 Pearl Harbor and I did pay my respects to

1 servicemen who lost their lives at Pearl  
2 Harbor, that was the one thing I was  
3 determined to do.

4 But as I was walking down the  
5 street to go rent a surfboard to hit Waikiki  
6 Beach is when I got my detached retina, just  
7 walking down the street. So that kind of  
8 killed my Sunday. It was like, oh man, I  
9 can't believe this.

10 But anyway, I was proud and  
11 pleased to represent Suffolk Community  
12 College at this conference, at this training  
13 institute. Dr. Paulownia was very very  
14 pleased. Oh, I was the guy from New York.  
15 Everybody wanted to meet the guy from New  
16 York. I was like the only guy there not  
17 only from New York but from the whole east  
18 coast. It was amazing. So they were really  
19 impressed that I was there for the College  
20 and they have very appreciative.

21 And got a bunch of notes. And  
22 the GLI Leadership Institute booklet 214  
23 pages, I just asked Sandy to print that out  
24 so that we can have that for our reference  
25 library, it's chock full of very good

1 information. So that, Madame Chairman is my  
2 report. And the bottom line is, I took it  
3 in the eye for this institution. Let the  
4 record reflect.

5 CHAIR SANDERS: Gordon, I really truly  
6 appreciate. I know we struggled with, you  
7 know, Hawaii? I thought it would be a good  
8 training opportunity. I'm glad you came  
9 back with that. And I also note, Chris  
10 North attended the student assembly. So I  
11 know this is roundtable but we had left  
12 these two pieces off.

13 TRUSTEE NORTH: Attending the Student Assembly  
14 Conference I was a not voting delegate but I  
15 got to sit down and kind of talk about the  
16 issues that they are going through as well.  
17 Talking about extra classes and they talk  
18 about advocacy. And basically that we're  
19 the largest community college and when I  
20 talk about there, Suffolk can actually drive  
21 the advocacy because we are the largest of  
22 64 campuses and the largest of 35 community  
23 colleges.

24 Also on another note, I want to  
25 thank Dr. McKay and Dr. Adams and Mary, the

1 intern dean, Mary Reese, for coming to the  
2 EOP, academic achievement --

3 DR. MCKAY: It was great. It was great.

4 TRUSTEE NORTH: Thank you very much for coming.

5 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. Thank you very much.

6 Yes, Suffolk sets the bar high for a lot of  
7 things, appreciate it.

8 And the roundtable.

9 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: I just have a question. How do we  
10 measure up in terms of providing adequate  
11 childcare for our students.

12 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Childcare?

13 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Yes.

14 PRESIDENT MCKAY: We did a survey recently to ask  
15 faculty and staff, you know, their needs in  
16 the regards to childcare and transportation.  
17 And also we did that specifically for the  
18 East Campus, because the East Campus had  
19 done away with child care on that campus.  
20 And then we looked at that, Chris Adams, if  
21 you remember, the results. Could you speak  
22 on that, Chris?

23 DR. ADAMS: Yes. One of the things that we  
24 realized -- well, first off, our Ammerman  
25 and our Grant campuses both have thriving

1           childcare centers. And we are, I mean Vicki  
2           Calderon at the Grant Campus and Linda  
3           Christie here at the Ammerman Campus do a  
4           great job. They are leaders in the State.  
5           They are always tasked for speaking at  
6           conferences and they're very well known.

7                        They come up with us when we  
8           advocate. Every year the governor takes  
9           money out of his budget. We go and advocate  
10          to the assembly and State senate. One of  
11          the two directors comes with us to advocate.  
12          This year it was Vicki Calderon. It's been  
13          very positive.

14                       The eastern campus, a couple of  
15          years ago we had a childcare center. It was  
16          decided to remove that because it was losing  
17          a lot of money based on, in the surrounding  
18          area in the eastern campus there's a lot of  
19          different free services for childcare center  
20          and we remember competing against that.  
21          Because although we have a reduced rate,  
22          there still is a cost and we were losing a  
23          lot of revenue and it just became more --  
24          much better to do away with the childcare  
25          center at the eastern campus.





1 states. And I'm very pleased to report that  
2 New York ranks third out of 50 in providing  
3 childcare on campus. So in New York at two  
4 year institutions, 36 of the two year  
5 colleges provided, 83 percent and 43 of our  
6 four year institutions, 73 percent supply  
7 childcare services.

8 So that gives us a high ranking  
9 of number three out of all the 50 states.  
10 But, again, having availability of it is  
11 only half of the equation. The other half  
12 is affordability. And you can have all the  
13 childcare that you want, but if it's not  
14 affordable for our students, then they can't  
15 avail themselves of it. So that's the other  
16 important factor.

17 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Trustee, did we answer the  
18 question?

19 MS. DELEON-LOPRESTI: Yes, yes, thank you.

20 PRESIDENT MCKAY: Thank you.

21 CHAIR SANDERS: Anything else for roundtable?

22 TRUSTEE MORGO: Do we still have an advocacy  
23 program?

24 CHAIR SANDERS: Well, no.

25 TRUSTEE MORGO: It's just not filled.

1 CHAIR SANDERS: It's not. And it's almost like  
2 we all advocate in the individual committees  
3 based on the subject. So that might be  
4 something we want to talk about was we fill  
5 trustee positions.

6 TRUSTEE MORGO: Trustees, yes.

7 CHAIR SANDERS: Is that it for roundtable?

8 Okay. I'd like to request a  
9 motion to enter into executive session to  
10 discuss the medical, financial, credit or  
11 employment history of a particular person or  
12 corporation in terms of a contract, matter  
13 leading to the appointment, employment,  
14 promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension  
15 dismissal or removal of a particular person  
16 or corporation. And there will be no  
17 further business after executive session.

18 TRUSTEE NORTH: So moved.

19 MEMBER CANARY: On the point, wait, on the point,  
20 Theresa, do any of the students want to  
21 speak to the Board?

22 CHAIR SANDERS: I didn't have anything here.

23 PRESIDENT MCKAY: On the floor, we can, if the  
24 students do want to make a statement or  
25 speak they can on the floor.

1 TRUSTEE MORGO: You don't have to.

2 MR. VIGLIAROLO: Tyler Vigliarolo,  
3 V-I-G-L-I-A-R-O-L-O. I just want to say  
4 that on behalf of the students here at  
5 Ammerman as someone who has been involved in  
6 student government, less now than before  
7 because of my schedule, I kind of just pop  
8 in and out. But we talk about a lot of  
9 issues in the Student Government Advisory  
10 Committee that Chris North has started,  
11 thank you very much. The Board of Trustees,  
12 we just want to thank you for looking our  
13 for our best interest. We did have a hard  
14 discussion with all the student governments  
15 about the tuition increase.

16 Formally we are against it, of  
17 course, because it does fall on our backs  
18 but we do understand the decision that has  
19 to be made due to the increase. So I just  
20 want to thank you all again for looking out  
21 for our best interests and continuing to run  
22 the College.

23 TRUSTEE MORGO: We're against it, too.

24 TRUSTEE CANARY: It's unanimous.

25 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Thank you for saying that.



OFFICIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS and OF THE SUFFOLK  
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HELD ON THE 20TH  
DAY OF APRIL, 2017 AT 9:15 A.M., BABYLON  
STUDENT CENTER, AMMERMAN CAMPUS, SELDEN,  
NEW YORK.

PRESENT:

SHAUN MCKAY, College President  
THERESA SANDERS, Member/Chairperson  
JAMES MORGO, Member/Vice Chairperson

DENISE LINDSAY SULLIVAN, Member  
GORDON D. CANARY, Member  
BRYAN LILLY, Member/Secretary  
CHRISTOPHER NORTH, Student Member  
GEMMA DELEON-LOPRESTI, Member  
E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Member

LOU PETRIZZO, ESQ., General Counsel

1 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you.

2 I would like to have approval of  
3 minute from the the March 16 Z 2017 board of  
4 director meeting

5 MEMBER NORTH: So moved.

6 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Second

7 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor ?

8 Any abstentions, objections?

9 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
10 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

11 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. We'll next introduce  
12 the Vice President of Student Affairs,  
13 Dr. Christopher Adams to present the  
14 Association's financial reports.

15 DR. ADAMS: Good morning, Chair Sanders and  
16 Board of Directors of the Association. You  
17 should have by now your financial report  
18 from the Association September 1, 2016 to  
19 March 31, 2017. I'm very happy to report  
20 that we are operating in the black in all of  
21 our various accounts of the Community  
22 Association.

23 I want to take you back to last  
24 month's meeting where we had a deficit in  
25 our student accident insurance. Very happy

1 to report that we did receive the money that  
2 was collected from the College because we --  
3 the bill for the premium had come in. We  
4 had paid it. We were waiting for the money  
5 to come in from the College. The money has  
6 come in and that account has cleared up and  
7 we actually are running positive in the  
8 student accident insurance accounts so very  
9 happy to report on that.

10 Another aspect that I want to  
11 report on by the Association is the auditors  
12 finished their 15-16 audit. You received  
13 via e-mail the financial reports and the  
14 auditor's communication letter. Very happy  
15 to report that the audit was very useful and  
16 very positive in its impact for the  
17 Association.

18 In fact, we recently had a phone  
19 call, myself and Chair Sanders, who is the  
20 governance representative and myself as the  
21 person from the College overseeing the  
22 Association. And the phone call went very  
23 positive. If you recall from the last  
24 couple of years, the Association we had 17  
25 over -- over 17 recommendations from the

1 Association and I'm very happy to report  
2 that we cleared up all 17 recommendations  
3 and we are now in very great shape via the  
4 Association. So very happy to report the  
5 Association with five months left in the  
6 academic year is running very smooth.

7 If you recall, the  
8 Association sponsors everything from all of  
9 our athletic teams to all of our  
10 co-curricular offerings across the three  
11 campuses. It's very positive for engaging  
12 our students, retaining our students and  
13 giving them opportunities for leadership  
14 involvement and getting involved across the  
15 three campuses.

16 And all of our students that are  
17 here take advantage of the offerings by the  
18 Association and obviously it's working very  
19 positively. So, I want to thank you. Is  
20 there any questions pertaining to the  
21 financial report for September 1, 2016 to  
22 March 31, 2017? [NO RESPONSE].

23 Chair Sanders, do you have  
24 anything you would like to add from the  
25 phone call?



1 CHAIR SANDERS: Well, I had it in my comments  
2 during the Chair's report but I will take  
3 the opportunity. I was absolutely pleased  
4 and I know that the entire Board would be  
5 pleased at the corrective action that we  
6 took in a very short period of time in terms  
7 of the Association's financials.

8 This is our external audit so it  
9 is a very detailed process that we go  
10 through. And, again, I want to congratulate  
11 Dr. Adams, Barbara Hurst and the entire team  
12 that made sure that we had all of the  
13 corrective actions completed for this audit.  
14 So thank you again.

15 DR. ADAMS: Thank you. And I also wanted to  
16 thank the three campuses, the Associate Dean  
17 of Student Services, Mary Reese at the  
18 Eastern Campus. Chuck Bartolotta here at  
19 the Ammerman Campus and Merrill Rogers at  
20 the Michael J. Grant campus. They obviously  
21 worked very closely in our campus students  
22 activities. Sharon Silverstein here at the  
23 Ammerman Campus. Denny Teason and Lisa  
24 Hamilton at the Michael J. Grant campus.  
25 Everyone working collectively to make things

1                   happen for the Association. So thank you  
2                   very much.

3 CHAIR SANDERS:                   Thank you.

4 DR. ADAMS:                   Thank you.

5 CHAIR SANDERS:                   All right.

6                   As there are no resolutions so I  
7                   would like to request a motion to adjourn  
8                   the Board of Director's meeting and call the  
9                   Board of Trustees to order.

10 MEMBER CANARY:                   Moved.

11 MEMBER NORTH:                   Second.

12 CHAIR SANDERS:                   All in favor?

13                   [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS  
14                   VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE MEETING OF THE  
15                   BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS CLOSED BY THE  
16                   CHAIRPERSON, THERESA SANDERS, AT 9:20 A.M.]

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