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OFFICIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON THE 20TH DAY
OF JUNE, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M., AT SUFFOLK
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, RIVERHEAD
CAMPUS, CULINARY ARTS CENTER, MEDIA ROOM,
RIVERHEAD, NEW YORK.

PRESENT:

LOUIS PETRIZZO, ESQ.
Executive Vice President/General Counsel

GORDON D. CANARY, Trustee
DENISE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN, Trustee
GEMMA DELEON-LOPRESTI, Trustee
E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Trustee
KEVIN M. O'CONNOR, Trustee
BELINDA PAGDANGANAN, Trustee

JEROME BOST, Student Trustee

THERESA SANDERS, Chairperson
JAMES MORGO, Trustee/Vice Chairperson

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1 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Good morning, all. We have a
2 packed agenda and little time. As you
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1 VICE CHAIR MORGO: We're now sitting again as the
2 Board of Trustees.
3 Now for the minutes of the Board
4 of Trustees Meeting of May 16, 2019, motion
5 to approve the minutes.
6 TRUSTEE CANARY: Motion.
7 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Gordon.
8 Is there a second?
9 TRUSTEE MURRAY: Second.

10 VICE CHAIR MORGO: All those in favor of approving
11 the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
12 of May 16 indicate by saying aye.
13 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS
14 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

15 VICE CHAIR MORGO: They are approved.
16 Then we also had a special Board
17 of Trustees Meeting on May 24 of 2019. So I
18 need an approval of the minutes that you
19 received for the May 24, 2019 special
20 meeting. Is there a motion.

21 TRUSTEE MURRAY: Motion.

22 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Second.

23 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Okay. All those in favor
24 indicate by saying aye.

25 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS
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1 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

2 Those minutes are approved and I
3 am dislodged. Good morning, Theresa.

4 CHAIR SANDERS: You look like you were having
5 fun, Jim.

6 VICE CHAIR MORGO: well, moving along.
7 We got to the introduction of
8 Gail Vizzini.

9 CHAIR SANDERS: Great, thank you. Good morning,
10 everyone. Okay. So we are at the
11 introduction of Vice President of Business
12 and Financial Affairs, Gail Vizzini to

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14 present the College Budget and College
15 Financial Records.

15 MS. VIZZINI: Thank you, Madam Chair. Based on
16 your revenue and expenditure projections,
17 everything is pretty much trending similar
18 to my previous reports. We had recognized
19 the earlier shortfall and we addressed it by
20 controlling expenditures.

21 The resolutions before you I
22 wanted to highlight; Item One is our monthly
23 sponsor services payment of two point six
24 million dollars to Suffolk County for
25 employee health insurance coverage.

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1 Number Two is Budget transfers.
2 Quickly they consist of \$19,076 for enhanced
3 recruitment efforts. \$100,000 for ball
4 field improvements at both the Selden and
5 the Brentwood campus. \$21,000 for parking
6 lot striping at Grant. \$30,000 for
7 contracted sewage extreme oversight, a
8 situation we need to cover due to the
9 retirement of our sewage treatment plant
10 operator.

11 And \$31,000 for signage and
12 wayfaring signs at the Eastern Campus. And
13 lastly, \$10,000 for carpeting at the Skill
14 Center in Sagtikos Building at the Grant
15 Campus. Item Number 15 is the annual
16 sponsors services payment. This is a
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17 payment to Suffolk County. They administer
18 and and pay out our workers' Compensation
19 program, property, casual and liability
20 insurance as well as provide gasoline for
21 some of our fleet that gas up using the
22 County pumps. The total there is two point
23 five million dollars.

24 As far as the 2019-2020 Operating
25 Budget, we have a budget adopted Tuesday by

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1 the Legislature. The County Executive has
2 recommended a three percent increase in the
3 County contribution as you requested. Thank
4 you, Trustees, for your advocacy.

5 And the Legislature made no
6 changes. So we're all very happy. There
7 will be no further resolutions addressing
8 any shortfalls. That's the conclusion of my
9 report.

10 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much, Gail. You
11 know, it's not just thanks the trustees.
12 This was a whole team effort and we truly
13 appreciate everyone that took that so
14 seriously and advocated from all angles. So
15 it was a good move and we feel good about
16 it. So thank you.

17 Jim, you always have something to
18 say.

19 TRUSTEE MORGO: I will.

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20 CHAIR SANDERS: Okay. Thank you so much, Gail.

21 All right. I would like to request a motion
22 for the approval of College Resolutions
23 2019.33 through 2019.37 plus Resolutions
24 2019.39 through 2019.50.

25 TRUSTEE BOST: Motion.

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1 CHAIR SANDERS: It's been moved.

2 TRUSTEE MURRAY: Second.

3 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Second. I'll second.

4 CHAIR SANDERS: Great, thank you.

5 All in favor?

6 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS
7 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

8 Thank you very much, it's been
9 moved. So we're already moving along. Jim
10 we'll start with Budget and Finance, Jim.

11 TRUSTEE MORGO: Okay. Good. Thank you. The
12 Budget and Finance Committee met on June 13
13 with Chris Murray attending and Jerome Bost
14 over the phone. Chris Adams and Barbara
15 Hurst reviewed 2019-2020 Association Budget
16 proposal as they did at other committees and
17 as they did here this morning, as Chris did
18 this morning. The meeting that we had on
19 the 13th, you can hear, right? I don't need
20 the mic, right?

21 The meeting that we had on the
22 13th was held two days following the
23 Legislatures Education Committee that Lou,
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24 Gail and Ben attended at which the 2019-2020
25 Operating Budget was considered. Ben

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1 reported that the Committee had some
2 questions. Ben reminded the committee that
3 the Legislature's budget review office had
4 prepared a 17 page report that answered a
5 lot of their questions.

6 And in general Legislators were
7 supportive and that support boded well for
8 the Legislature's acceptance of our
9 requested three percent increase at the
10 general meeting of June 18. And as Vice
11 President Vizzini just reported, at that
12 general meeting there was not a negative
13 vote against our budget.

14 In truth the drama this year was
15 removed after the County Executive agreed to
16 propose our budget request of a three
17 percent increase. Ben mentioned had the
18 County Executive not recommended the three
19 percent, Ben would have been negotiating
20 into the late hours to ask for more money
21 from the Legislature as he and others had
22 done last year and in previous years.

23 As far as I know this is the
24 first time that the executive met our
25 request without the Legislators having to

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1 increase the executive proposal. You may
2 remember that some thought it was a big
3 victory when the Legislature agreed to two
4 point five increase last year over the
5 County Executive's objection. We had asked
6 last year for four percent and we had raised
7 tuition last year by the largest amount
8 every \$350 last year.

9 To get the two point five percent
10 increase last year, we had to agree to
11 conditions with the Legislature. Not so
12 this year. So what went right? What went
13 right this year? Well as is true with any
14 successful endeavor, there wasn't just one
15 thing. We spent the committee meeting
16 reviewing some of the things that went
17 right.

18 One of the the most important
19 surely, if not the most important was the
20 advocacy performed by the students who
21 buttonholed the County Executive following
22 the State of the County speech on the Grant
23 Campus April 17. Steve Bellone listened to
24 our students who knew their stuff and
25 obviously took their request for increased

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1 County Aid seriously.

2 At the Committee Meeting we also
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3 reviewed the meeting that Theresa, Chris and
4 I had with the County Executive on May 21.
5 And we emphasized certain things. We didn't
6 emphasize these things so much so that we
7 got to three percent. We emphasized them
8 because we were going to do them anyway.

9 We cut a million dollars in
10 expenditures for the 19-20 Operating Budget.
11 We're using nearly \$4 million in reserves,
12 which you all know we don't like to do. The
13 proposal spearheaded by Dr. Beaudin offering
14 continuing education courses at Wyandanch
15 Rising was also brought up. We want to -- I
16 don't want to get into this. I think that
17 we'll hear plenty about it when it
18 progresses.

19 But the fact that we were talking
20 about a satellite at Wyandanch Rising is a
21 good thing on its own but it also impressed
22 the County Executive. And we also did
23 discuss which was new, our proposal to
24 reduce Board expenditures. The last item,
25 reducing Board of Trustees expenses is

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1 mostly, not completely but mostly cosmetic
2 but was received positively by the County
3 Executive.

4 When I say mostly, what we're
5 talking about in travel, reducing travel

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6 expenses, that's not totally cosmetic. And
7 we're going to have the details worked out
8 by the August meeting to see just how that
9 will work. So enjoy the spread this
10 morning.

11 TRUSTEE CANARY: Take home a doggie bag, it maybe
12 your last.

13 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Anyway, all of the things I just
14 mentioned had a positive effect at the
15 meeting that the three of us had. Two days
16 later at the May 23 commencement in the
17 afternoon, the County Executive said, "Yes,
18 I'm going to go along with the three
19 percent." So, what lessons to take away ?
20 One we already know, our students are our
21 most effective advocates but even they would
22 not be overly effective if this college did
23 not do the great job it does to earn its
24 stellar reputation. And that's because of
25 everybody; the Administration, faculty,

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1 trustees, students.

2 This one may seem obvious but
3 some of you will know why I'm including it,
4 is is better to have a collaborative with
5 the County Executive than an adversarial
6 one.

7 Three, never hesitate to request
8 more of an increase than the County
9 Executive initially suggests. Some of you

10 will remember at the Budget and Finance
11 Committee where it was said that the County
12 Executive said we should ask for one point
13 five percent. We debated it. We said why
14 not ask for more something realistic. And
15 the reason that there was some negative
16 about it, is what happens if he doesn't
17 approve it and what would that do to the
18 budget process?

19 I would submit it's always better
20 to ask for more than what he suggests
21 because we need it. Because it's keeping
22 the College affordable, it's keeping tuition
23 down and it's reducing the use of reserves.

24 Number four, the calls that you
25 made to Legislators and the Executive were

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1 important, because it showed the Trustees
2 were engaged and that they cared.

3 And, five, the work that Lou,
4 Gail, Ben, the Faculty Association do, the
5 work they that do with the Legislature and
6 the executive is essential. I have
7 witnessed Ben many times before the
8 Legislature and the County Executive in this
9 life and in past lives and nobody does it
10 better.

11 The Committee is not meeting
12 again until September. The details -- I

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13 just said this, the details of the new
14 policy on Board of Trustees expenses will be
15 worked out for the August meeting. And I'm
16 sure the wyandanch proposal will be
17 discussed in further detail when it
18 progresses.

19 Finally, thanks again all those
20 how helped; those I mentioned and those I
21 overlooked unintentionally. Of course,
22 thanks to the County Executive Bellone and
23 the Legislature. And, Gail, I don't want
24 this Committee if you're not going to be
25 here. Just saying. Thank you. That's my

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1 report.

2 CHAIR SANDERS: Thanks, Jim. Appreciate that and
3 thank you for all that you do.

4 TRUSTEE CANARY: Again, as I texted yesterday, the
5 fact that it was an 18-zero vote was really,
6 I think, important because it really does
7 show that the Legislators are respecting
8 this institution, understand the great
9 things that are happening. Again with the
10 lobbying efforts, I just kept it -- I just
11 kept running into County Legislatures at
12 meetings and gatherings and press
13 conferences, and to the person that I spoke
14 to, each and every one said, you have our
15 absolute support.

16 TRUSTEE MORGO: Terrific that you spoke. I know
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17 you're not the only one but thank you,
18 Gordon.

19 TRUSTEE CANARY: Again, I feel really great about
20 it. I think those five points should be
21 embroidered on a pillow and we can sell it
22 in the bookstore.

23 CHAIR SANDERS: T-shirts.

24 TRUSTEE CANARY: And again, to the team, again,
25 all of you, thank you for your incredible

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1 efforts in being there, answering the
2 questions, having the data, having the
3 numbers, being available, all was very
4 important to the success. So thank you,
5 again, to everybody involved.

6 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Thank you, Gordon.

7 TRUSTEE MURRAY: I wanted to add one thing. I
8 also think one of the items that you
9 mentioned that was very important was the
10 fact that we are able to reduce expenditures
11 by a million dollars. I think the County
12 Executive appreciated that. That's very
13 hard to do in a governmental situation. And
14 that goes to Gail and the rest of the staff
15 and their efforts. I think that was a sign
16 of how serious we are about keeping
17 ourselves fiscally prudent on behalf of the
18 college.

19 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. Good point. Thank

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20 you.

21 All right. Denise, our Student
22 Success report.

23 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: So Student Success Committee met
24 on Monday. It was myself, Dr. Adams,
25 Dr. Beaudin, Mary Lou Araneo, Carol

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1 wickliffe-Campbell, Barbara Hurst and I was
2 the only Trustee there so I will report, Me,
3 myself and I.

4 The first item that Dr. Beaudin
5 spoke with us about was the Census Access
6 Training that they are starting which is a
7 program that is used to help faculty members
8 to convert documents for students who have
9 disabilities of sorts. I asked Dr. Beaudin
10 for an example and he said that it would
11 allow for all the readings of texts if a
12 student should need that. I thought that
13 was a great thing that we are doing.

14 Dr. Adams reported the
15 Association Budget. He gave me a brief
16 overview with Barbara Hurst and they are
17 anticipating about a negative three percent
18 in enrollment. So they asked -- they sent a
19 letter to all three of the campuses and
20 athletics and asked them to look at reducing
21 their budget by three percent because of
22 that.

23 Part of the problem is that we
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24 charge \$5 per full-time student and \$1
25 part-time students and most of our students

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1 are part time of now. So we're seeing a
2 shift in that in addition to the declining
3 enrollment. So it's presenting an issue.

4 One of the things we also talked
5 about declining enrollment in K-12 education
6 in general. And there is a storm coming.
7 So we need to really be prepared for that.
8 School Districts across Long Island are
9 seeing reduced graduating classes. I know
10 in my school district we have had in high
11 school classes of 186 and my primary classes
12 are 120. So it's coming, definitely coming.

13 Mary Lou talked about joint
14 admission agreements which this one is
15 really exciting. I don't know if any of you
16 saw the announcement for Wednesday, July 17,
17 but we're going into an articulation
18 agreement with Farmingdale College which is
19 called the RN Next Step Program which allows
20 a student to enroll in Suffolk for their
21 first year of the RN program or LPN I
22 believe. And they are automatically
23 accepted to the Farmingdale Baccalaureate
24 Program for years three and four.

25 After they graduate from Suffolk,

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1 they will be able to work as an RN so then
2 they can finish their Bachelor's Degree
3 through Farmingdale. Very exciting. I'm
4 really happy to hear that.

5 There was an ad on the radio just
6 this week that I heard on the Hospital for
7 Special Surgery was looks for OR nurses and
8 offering a \$15,000 sign-on bonus. So if
9 that doesn't accentuate the need for nurses
10 in our area, I don't know what does.

11 CHAIR SANDERS: what was the date of that,
12 Denise?

13 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: July 17.

14 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: July 17, 11:00 a.m.

15 Mary Lou also reported on the Get
16 There From Here Scholarships. There were 20
17 new ones this year. This comes from the \$5
18 million anonymous gift that we received in
19 2008. At the time the donor asked that four
20 million of the five million be used for
21 scholarships for diverse students.

22 Since that time they have awarded
23 50 scholarships. This year there were about
24 a hundred applicants and twenty were going
25 to be awarded or have been awarded. And the

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1 scholarship is renewable for up to five
2 semesters, the hope is for completion.

3 The last thing we talked about at
4 open round table was, you know, we're always
5 talking about the developmental courses and
6 it's I feel like it's a constant
7 conversation. It's been on my radar for
8 four years and it seems like we are still
9 trying to get there. We have seen --
10 there's been a lot of growth in that
11 students are able to retest now where they
12 haven't been in the past.

13 But it seems that, you know, I
14 still get phone calls, Oh, I was placed in a
15 developmental class. Can you help me? Then
16 I make a phone call and we are able to
17 review a transcript and then the student
18 maybe has to only take one class instead of
19 two. And my feeling is, why should it take
20 me having to get involved to do that. So
21 there needs to be more, more collaboration
22 among the three campuses.

23 My personal opinion is that it
24 should be a central process but I am told
25 that would be very challenging. I think it

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1 shouldn't be that the student has to have
2 someone advocating for them in order for
3 them not to take the developmental class.

4 So if this student that I just
5 helped two weeks ago didn't know to call me,

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6 he would have been taking two classes.

7 That's a year of school that he would be
8 paying for because financial aid doesn't
9 cover it. So it's something that should be
10 on all of your radar. That's the end of my
11 report.

12 TRUSTEE CANARY: Can I ask a question on that
13 point? So in the review, when you asked for
14 review, which was discovered that changed?

15 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: So what's discovered is the
16 student's performance. The placement is
17 based off of a test; one test, one day. If
18 you look at the student's transcripts, he's
19 got 80s in English. You know, he's got an
20 80 on his Regents exam. It tells a story
21 but the test, the assessment is one data
22 point in a moment.

23 So, what Dr. Beaudin shared with
24 us is that in California they just nixed the
25 whole AccuPlacer Exam completely. And

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1 they're just looking at -- because they're
2 saying it's unlawful and there's more
3 students that are being placed
4 inappropriately. So our hope is that will
5 get to that point here. But, we're not
6 there yet.

7 DR. ADAMS: That would be a SUNY action.

8 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Maybe you can help with that.

9 DR. BEAUDIN: well, individual campuses are

10 working at that now. This is, as I
11 explained to Denise, there's a lot of
12 conversation statewide about this and it
13 really is, how do we find the best multiple
14 measure placement for students so that
15 students who truly need the academic support
16 of the developmental placement are given
17 that academic support.

18 But we want to make sure, too,
19 that our counselors feel free to use
20 professional judgement to make placements.
21 And so we have transformed things.
22 Dr. Adams, working with his staff and me
23 working with my staff, we've transformed
24 things in four years but it is a slow
25 process. And we anticipate that within the

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1 couple of years we're going to be
2 dramatically different levels of placement.

3 We want to make sure that
4 students who need the services gets the
5 services, but that students who truly don't
6 need the services, their spending a little
7 bit more time looking at the high school
8 transcript. So thank you.

9 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: And I think that that's also a
10 very good point. If a student needs it,
11 they need it. The last thing we want to do
12 is put someone in a course that they are not

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13 capable of passing. But the other thing
14 that Dr. Beaudin has worked on diligently
15 also is the designing of courses that
16 integrate the service into the course.

17 That I think is huge. Because
18 what that does is allow the student to not
19 only get the remediation services but they
20 are also getting college credit at the same
21 time. So they are not losing time, they are
22 not losing money. So I think that's really
23 important.

24 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. I would love to see
25 you keep that as an agenda item for student

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1 Success.

2 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: As long as I'm here, it's not
3 going away.

4 CHAIR SANDERS: I mean, you know, it goes so much
5 deeper than just what happens to the student
6 when they're here because that leads to
7 student debt.

8 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: And four percent. If they took
9 or more remedial courses, they have a four
10 percent chance of finishing with their
11 Associate's. That is -- I mean, it's a
12 moral obligation.

13 CHAIR SANDERS: All right. Thank you, Denise.

14 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Thank you.

15 CHAIR SANDERS: Governance.

16 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you, Madame Chair. I

17 apologize to everybody for being late this
18 morning. But that fog on Sunrise Highway,
19 I'll tell you, it was tough going this
20 morning. Anyway, before I even get into
21 this, I think just want to preface by saying
22 half of this is going to be about the
23 bill -- the bill, I'm still in the
24 Legislature mode here -- the Resolution we
25 just passed on the sexual and relationship

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1 thing. So, I don't want to be redundant,
2 but again half of this going to about that.

3 But Governance met on Monday, the
4 17th, 4:15, myself and Chairwoman Sanders,
5 Trustee Morgo, Alicia O'Connor, Ashley Pope
6 and our Trustee Recording Secretary Gail
7 Canahan. DGC Ashley Pope discussed the
8 feedback from the latest round of changes
9 with College governments regarding the
10 Sexual Romantic Relationship Policy.

11 The only change being requested
12 was a grammatical change and not a changed
13 content. The Committee reviewed the policy
14 and agreed with the request. The Committee
15 requested that a resolution be drafted and
16 added to the agenda to this Thursday's
17 meeting, done.

18 An e-mail will be sent to all
19 Trustees and a copy of the resolution and

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20 the policy attached advising them the
21 committee is recommending that the Sexual
22 Romantic Relationship Policy be adopted.
23 The Committee thanked DGC Pope for getting
24 the policy completed so quickly. They
25 believe we will be one of the first

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1 community colleges in the SUNY system to
2 adopt this new policy requirement. DGC Pope
3 stated that much of the thanks could go to
4 Dr. Beaudin and Dr. Adams for facilitating
5 discussions with Governance. So, gentlemen,
6 again, we thank you for that, for that help.

7 And thank you guys, we got it
8 done and it's new policy. It's important.
9 And thank you for the vote this morning.
10 Next item on the agenda was the use of
11 college facilities as we continue to tweak
12 that policy and take a look at it. Because
13 things are popping up. Deputy General
14 Counsel O'Connor stated that she had a
15 conference call with Neftali Collazo, Dean
16 of Athletics and Special Events and Richard
17 Steed Alberti, Assistant Director Special
18 Programs and Events to discuss the issues.

19 DGC O'Connor provided the
20 committee with a copy of the policy
21 authorizing the use of College resources by
22 non- College entities, adopted by the Board
23 on August 18, 2016. The policy shows that

24 we already have in place a provision for
25 events at the College that are cosponsored

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1 by College employees or Departments. Any
2 such cosponsored use of College Facilities
3 has to be fair and reasonable compensation.

4 Discussion was held on charging a
5 reduced rental fee for those cosponsored
6 events, perhaps 50 percent of the rental fee
7 that would have ordinarily been charged. It
8 was suggested that for the sake of
9 consistency, it maybe advisable to have a
10 central administrator approve applications
11 for cosponsored events.

12 In addition, discussion was had
13 about creating a fee waiver procedure for
14 cosponsored events. A waiver could be
15 granted provided specific criteria
16 consistent with the College's mission were
17 met. An application for a fee waiver could
18 be reviewed by a Committee consisting of a
19 representative from the Special Events
20 office, student affairs and legal affairs.

21 Committee also discussed
22 requiring outside entities who are using
23 College facilities for fundraising purposes
24 to donate a portion of their fundraising
25 proceeds to the Foundation. A response and

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1 request from last month's Board of Trustees
2 Governance Committee, DGC O'Connor shared a
3 report that shows total fees that were
4 waived by the College for County, State and
5 Local Government use of College facilities.
6 And so in the 2016-2017 year that was
7 approximately \$619,000. In the 2017-18
8 year, approximately \$473,000 and for 2018 up
9 until May -- I'm sorry from 2018 up to May
10 of 2019 approximately \$577,000 thus far. So
11 there's some significant dollars there. We
12 just wanted to get a feel for that and have
13 a picture.

14 So I'm pleased to share that with
15 you. The Committee will continue
16 discussions on these topics at the August
17 Governance Committee meeting. So that will
18 include the review of the proposed revisions
19 to Facilities Use Policy. Next Governance
20 Committee will meet Monday, August 12 4:00
21 p.m. President's Conference NFL at Ammerman.
22 And we were out of there in a record
23 breaking 4:47. Thank you. That's my
24 report.

25 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Gordon, there were two things.

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1 You did mention that to take a special look
2 as those outside entities who are using it
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3 for fundraising and sometimes there were
4 groups that come in and want to use our
5 facilities for no charge but they actually
6 charge an admissions fee.

7 And Theresa mentioned that it has
8 to be something that has some relevance to
9 the college and education. So those were
10 mentioned. So we're taking a deep dive.
11 It's a difficult thing because like anything
12 else, not one way or another.

13 TRUSTEE CANARY: Right. It's a difficult policy
14 to tackle and again we're going to continue
15 to tweak it and take a look. Things pop up
16 which are brought to our attention and we
17 say, oh, gee we didn't think about that.
18 Okay, we'll have to take another look at
19 it. So we'll continue to do that to try to
20 get this fair and equitable for all the
21 outside entities.

22 TRUSTEE MORGO: But the loss to our Operating
23 Budget which we're always talking about is
24 significant.

25 TRUSTEE CANARY: Yes. Again, somebody's got to

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1 breakdown, and that's a cost to us so we
2 need to be cognizant of that.

3 MR. PETRIZZO: Well, you have to bear in mind
4 that part of our sponsored services
5 Agreement kind of requires us to make

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6 facilities available to the County. So with
7 respect to the County usage, we're kind of
8 locked in on that. I think what you are
9 really talking about is outside usage, not
10 sponsored by the County Executive or one of
11 the --

12 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Not the State.

13 MR. PETRIZZO: So you have to make that
14 distinction because some of those things
15 we're kind of obligated to do and some of
16 them are discretionary.

17 TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you for the clarification.
18 You're absolutely right. But, again, those
19 dollar amounts is something that we just
20 wanted to quantify.

21 TRUSTEE MORGO: And it's probably true that most
22 of it is because of the County.

23 MR. PETRIZZO: Yes. A great deal of it is Civil
24 Service Testing, County Departments holding
25 meetings and educational seminars in our

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1 facilities, and things of that sort.

2 TRUSTEE CANARY: My own -- full disclosure, my own
3 boss Senator Boyle has used our facilities
4 frequently for all kind of training things
5 and seminars and public hearings, so...

6 VICE CHAIR MORGO: But that wasn't what got the
7 discussion of the policy going.

8 TRUSTEE CANARY: No.

9 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Outside use.

10 VICE CHAIR MORGO: It was private, not-for-profits
11 coming in using the facilities, charging a
12 fee and using it for fundraising.
13 TRUSTEE CANARY: Especially fundraising kind of
14 raised our eyebrows. Wait a minute, you're
15 asking for a reduction or a freebie and then
16 you are doing fundraising at our facilities,
17 wait a minute, time out, let's take a look.
18 So, yes, thank you.
19 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much, Gordon. We
20 don't have a Personnel Committee report.
21 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: I do.
22 CHAIR SANDERS: Okay, Gemma.
23 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Just that the Project Review and
24 Update the Presidential Evaluation process
25 which was enabled. You know, the Committee

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1 had set it as a priority so we have it in
2 place before the next term of office.
3 CHAIR SANDERS: Good. Thank you very much.
4 Our facilities, anything? No.
5 Okay we'll have our foundation
6 report.
7 TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN: Thank you, Board. The first
8 thing we have is the Foundation has sent
9 2,474 alumni welcome e-mails to the Class of
10 2019. The message had a 58 percent open
11 rate. The Foundation sponsored and promoted
12 the 53rd annual Puerto Rican Hispanic Day

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14 Parade on June 2, 2019.

15 This was attended by numerous
16 College students and alumni. The event was
17 highlighted in Newsday. And our students
18 and the college band that were included in
19 the papers photo summary.

20 Through the Gilbert Fund, the
21 Foundation purchased a much needed software
22 program for the College for \$44,000. The
23 program is to be used for scheduling and
24 data management for the College students
25 with disabilities, needed counseling and
other specialized services and can be used

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1 for all students attending the College.

2 The week of June 17 was
3 scholarship selection week for all three
4 campuses and College wide continuing student
5 Scholarships.

6 The Foundation Office Liaison
7 will meet with each campus for its election
8 on Friday for the College Wide Committee.
9 Scholarships for incoming students will be
10 awarded the week of June 24. Lastly, on
11 June 6, 2019 several of the Foundation Board
12 Volunteer Leadership and College
13 Administration attended the Suffolk Federal
14 Credit Union Scholarship ceremony where six
15 enthusiastic college incoming Freshman were
16 awarded \$35,000 in scholarships.

17 The event is a highlight of the
18 newly formed two point eight five million
19 partnership between the College, the Suffolk
20 County Federal Credit Union and the
21 Foundation. The Naming Rights Agreement
22 proposed to the Trustees at the previous
23 meeting has been signed. And the
24 partnership will be announced formally at
25 the Foundation's upcoming golf event on June

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1 24 at the Nissequogue Golf Club.

2 You have been made aware that the
3 Suffolk County Federal Credit Union and
4 their president Ralph Spencer will be
5 recognized at this event. We are asking any
6 Trustee that can join us to please attend
7 this gathering to help us announce this
8 groundbreaking partnership. That's all I
9 have.

10 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Bell. And you did say
11 that there was a sponsorship for the Parade.
12 And I just wanted to highlight a former
13 employee was the parade marshal which was
14 Renee Ortiz which was exciting to see her
15 come back and still serving the community.
16 And I will see you Monday.

17 Thank you very much.
18 Our Student Trustee, Jerome Bost.
19 TRUSTEE BOST: Chair Sanders, I don't have a

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20 report but as this being my final meeting, I
21 would like to say it has been and honor to
22 serve on the Board of Trustees as its
23 student representative. And I to thank the
24 students of Suffolk County Community College
25 for electing me for the last two years and

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1 entrusting me to the responsibility of being
2 their representative on the Board.

3 I will say that it hasn't always
4 been easy but we, you know, navigate our
5 responsibilities of what we were called to
6 do here. And I have confidence that Caitlin
7 will be able to continue do the great work
8 of the student body and I look forward to
9 seeing you rolling your sleeves up and
10 getting to work. And thank you everyone in
11 the room.

12 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much, Jerome. You
13 served well and you were in so many places
14 and still managed to snag some statewide
15 awards and academic performance. So thank
16 you very much. You set a great example.

17 TRUSTEE CANARY: Jerome, thank you for your
18 service. How many Trustees have done two
19 years, guys? Any historians here?

20 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: At least one. At least one other
21 I think Jerome is the second. I'm not sure
22 if there were more.

23 TRUSTEE CANARY: Again, thank you for your service
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24 for two years and congratulations on
25 graduating. Really appreciated your

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1 comments at the graduation. I have a lot of
2 respect for you and I appreciate you sharing
3 that with the audience, your trials and
4 tribulations. But I just want to wish you
5 the best and thank you.

6 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you.

7 Okay. We will move into the
8 Chair's report. Just wanted to again say
9 commencement was wonderful. It moved so
10 smoothly. I kept leaning over and saying,
11 we need to take this on the road for other
12 colleges. Every time I go to another
13 college's commencement, I go, oh boy, they
14 need to go talk to Suffolk. One of my
15 cousins actually graduated, I can't remember
16 I think it was Fordham. And you know, our
17 regular commencement guru showed up and
18 everybody was holding their breath.

19 And when Schumer got up and he
20 took the mic, everybody was like -- and I
21 turned my family, and I go, I know his whole
22 speech. He's going to talk about his wife.
23 And you know what he did, he said, I have a
24 speech by I know you're tired of sitting
25 here. And he rips up the paper. And they

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1 all looked at me like yeah right.

2 But, you know, our commencement
3 again congratulations. It moved very well.
4 I know the afternoon went very well. And we
5 had a lot of happy families, saw a lot of
6 students and met a lot of parents and just
7 excited to know that they came through
8 suffolk and all the work that we do, the
9 hours we spend in meetings and all of the
10 work that faculty and staff and
11 Administration does, it's all well worth it
12 when when we sit in commencement.

13 Jim, you mentioned the Wyandanch
14 Rising Project and how that kind of, you
15 know, fell public at the right time because
16 it is a project that's needed in the
17 community that is transforming. And it's at
18 a transportation hub. Anyone would be able
19 to get there to take classes. It's just
20 going to be very exciting to see the College
21 branded in the community.

22 And I'm raising that because some
23 of the collaborative and creative things we
24 have been talking about and that I hear, you
25 know, some of the discussions around how are

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1 we going to solve this problem of a reduced
2 high school graduation and where is our next
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3 FTEs coming from?

4 And we're going to have be
5 creative. It means we are going to have a
6 talk to the business community, and, you
7 know, certificate programs. There's all
8 types of programs that we have that we're
9 going to look at is that really going to be
10 where our strength is going to come from as
11 we deal with the community. We got to be in
12 the community.

13 There maybe students that are not
14 coming here. And it's not just the trend on
15 Long Island, it's a national trend. You
16 know, people need to graduate. They need to
17 have skills. They need to go to work. How
18 are we going to make that happen? So all of
19 these partnerships that I see that are in
20 the pipeline, I think we are poised and
21 ready to really get in front of the
22 challenge.

23 We have got great facilities. We
24 have got, you know, dedicated people. And
25 we just need the continue to collaborate

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1 communicate internally and externally to
2 make sure that we are able to meet these
3 challenges. Good stuff.

4 So I had gotten a quick text
5 message and call about the EAP received a

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6 New York State award, Daphne Gordon was very
7 excited. She was at a conference and said
8 she didn't even know she was getting an
9 award. And then Lou mentioned that this was
10 part of several awards that that Center has
11 won, and that's the Entrepreneurial Center.

12 So perhaps at a future board
13 meeting we can have her come and kind of
14 highlight that. Because that's, again,
15 creativity. How do we pipeline students
16 into the College? Some people are just
17 coming for skills training which they will
18 get at the Entrepreneurial Center and then
19 we enroll them as a full-time student at
20 Suffolk.

21 SUNY and the Chancellor have been
22 very supportive and excited to know that
23 they will be Zooming in today. Our Vice
24 Chancellor will be Zooming in to talk to all
25 of us about Presidential Search and being

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1 excited.

2 I'm excited. I think we have a
3 great opportunity and excited about the
4 support that we're getting from SUNY. And I
5 know as board member, we have been talking
6 about this and we are ready to support all
7 of your efforts. And, Lou, publicly thank
8 you. Thank you for being in charge and
9 stepping up.

10 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Oh, you're welcome.

11 CHAIR SANDERS: Helping us steer the ship and
12 making sure that all of these things that we
13 have been talking about, the great successes
14 that they continue. And that is the end of
15 my report. I will then move into election
16 of officers, good segue. Because it's time
17 for me to rest a little bit. I'm still
18 going to be on board. I'm just moving out
19 of the hot seat a little bit.

20 We have been working in this.
21 It's called succession planning. And so all
22 great organizations plan. And we move
23 around. We're going to play checkers here.
24 So I am going to turn this over to our
25 Trustee Gemma to present our 2019-20 slate

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1 of officers.

2 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Okay.

3 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Okay. I would like to put forth
4 and recommend for approval the following
5 slate of officers, all whom have agreed to
6 serve as officers for the next year. And
7 they are unchallenged, so there are no other
8 nominations that I am aware.

9 So they are Chris Murray as
10 Chair. Jim Morgo First Vice Chair. Shirley
11 Coverdale, Second Vice Chair. And Gordon
12 Canary for Secretary.

13 TRUSTEE BOST: Motion.
14 TRUSTEE O'CONNOR: Second.
15 CHAIR SANDERS: There is a motion and a a second.
16 All in favor?

17 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS
18 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

19 Thank you very much and welcome
20 aboard, Chris.

21 TRUSTEE MURRAY: All I would like to say is I have
22 big shoes to fill. Theresa, you have done a
23 great job and I hope I do half as good job
24 as Chairperson.

25 VICE CHAIR MORGO: I would like to say something.

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1 As some of you know, sometimes I get to be
2 the little jocular. I'm not talking about
3 my athletics. I'm going to try. I want to
4 talk about the service that Theresa gave to
5 the College. Some of you who have been here
6 for more than a couple of years will
7 remember a Board of Trustees that did not
8 operate in synergy as this one does.

9 And I really attribute that to
10 Theresa completely. You have qualities that
11 I envy; patience, discretion, timing. I
12 don't have those qualities. And because you
13 do this Board of Trustees was transformed.
14 And you were the transformational agent. So
15 thank you.

16 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, Jim, appreciate that.

17 TRUSTEE CANARY: I just want to echo --
18 CHAIR SANDERS: wait, let me put the tape on.
19 MR. PETRIZZO: It's on.
20 TRUSTEE CANARY: Jim, thanks. Your comments are
21 right on the money. Theresa, thank you. And
22 also thank you for timely getting back to my
23 texts and phone calls, I appreciate that.
24 But you have really done a tremendous job.
25 And we really really from the heart want to

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1 thank you for -- it's not an easy job. And
2 for the amount of time and effort that goes
3 into it. All that extra time and effort for
4 all that extra money, is it appropriate for
5 me to ask for an increase in my secretary
6 salary?
7 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Yes. This would be the right
8 time.
9 TRUSTEE CANARY: Double it.
10 CHAIR SANDERS: Double zeros.
11 TRUSTEE MORGGO: By the way, no more mileage
12 reimbursement.
13 TRUSTEE CANARY: And we welcome aboard our new
14 President and we know you're going to do a
15 great job. And Shirley, she's not here, but
16 she'll be moving into the executive level
17 here, the executive board. So we look
18 forward to the next year with our new slate.
19 Thank you guys.

20 CHAIR SANDERS: And thank you you two for
21 continuing. Most people run away.
22 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Only because of the pay raise.
23 TRUSTEE CANARY: But let me say, Gemma, back me up
24 on this, I said I will step aside if
25 somebody else wants to be secretary. That's

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1 fine. But apparently nobody foolish enough
2 to do that.
3 TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: I think I heard crickets.
4 TRUSTEE CANARY: Crickets. But just for the
5 record.
6 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you very much. And thank
7 you for your kind words. It's going to be
8 great to continue to serve in a different
9 capacity. So thank you.
10 Okay. Do we have round table
11 items? Are there any round table items.
12 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: well, you just kind of blew by me
13 there.
14 CHAIR SANDERS: Oh, yes, the President's report.
15 Sorry about that.
16 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: It's okay because all of you
17 spoke about most of the things I wanted to
18 talk about anyway. The July 17 meeting with
19 Farmingdale State and the Wyandanch Village
20 Initiative which we are following up on.
21 And it's an interesting initiative because
22 it does kind of dovetail with our enrollment
23 efforts to reach a new population, some of

24 the more mature workers and some retraining
25 efforts. We think that this is an area

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1 where we can expand a little bit as well.

2 I did want to let you know that on
3 June 13 we received our last payment from
4 Suffolk County. So they have paid in full
5 the County contribution. As you know, it's
6 always a kind of a little bit of a yin and a
7 yang at this time of year with finances, but
8 we are very solvent going into the summer.

9 You will have an education and
10 training session on July 8 at 9:30 on the
11 Grant Campus in the LRC. This will be on
12 Presidential selection. And the SUNY Vice
13 Chancellor will be running that session for
14 you and bringing you up to speed on all the
15 SUNY regulations regarding Presidential
16 search, the composition of the search
17 committees and the procedures that SUNY
18 wishes that you follow in going through with
19 the Presidential search.

20 We spoke about Daphne's award
21 which was wonderful. We are also having a
22 meeting on July 16 with the new president
23 from Nassau Community College. The outgoing
24 president called to make that meeting. The
25 new incoming president Dr. Williams will be

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1 on on campus on the 16th for kind of a meet
2 and greet. And we'll get to know the new
3 president and talk to him about his plans
4 and his ideas and maybe share with him some
5 of the things that we're doing and see if he
6 can find some synergies between Nassau and
7 Suffolk County Community Colleges.

8 It seems that we should probably
9 be able to find some places where we can
10 meet and work together on some issues. And
11 we're looking forward to that actually. The
12 RN press conference is open. Anybody who
13 wants to attend is welcome. That will be
14 the very next day July 17. It will also be
15 on the Grant Campus.

16 In terms of awards we did also
17 have one of our engineering educators win
18 the prestigious Engineer Educator of the
19 Year Award, that was Albert Dawson received
20 that award from the Society of Professional
21 Engineers in Nassau and Suffolk County. So
22 it's been a good award season. In addition
23 to the EAP and athletics, to receive this
24 engineering award also recognizing
25 outstanding work from our faculty.

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1 And that's pretty much it.
2 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. Sorry I skipped you
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3 Lou.
4 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Not a problem.
5 CHAIR SANDERS: Any other round table?
6 TRUSTEE CANARY: Yes. A couple of interesting
7 things. So I wanted to report to you that I
8 was involved Senator Boyle and I were
9 involved with getting a new crosswalk
10 installed on Green Avenue at the
11 intersection of Sweezy Street in Sayville
12 which is right near our annex, our Nursing
13 School Annex.
14 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Just three minutes and the Vice
15 Chancellor will be ready.
16 TRUSTEE CANARY: Okay. I'll make sure I'm fast.
17 So anyway, we're getting this new sidewalk
18 crosswalk installed. The senator reached
19 out to the library director. We reached out
20 to the Town of Islip. This was a record
21 breaker. Within four weeks they are going
22 to start to install like tomorrow and it's
23 just -- it's going to be a good, a very good
24 thing.
25 They're putting in a new

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1 sidewalk, curbcuts, crosswalk. And it's
2 going to help in that area. So as I get the
3 phone call from the Town of Islip Head of
4 Traffic Safety, his name is Pete Kletchka.
5 Pete and I are talking about it and he's

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6 giving me all the good news, this is an
7 \$80,000 project.

8 And I said, oh, you know, I got
9 to put on my hat as a Trustee and this is
10 great news for our nursing annex over there.
11 And he says, you know what? He's like, I
12 totally forgot you were a Trustee. He said,
13 this gives me the opportunity to tell you
14 that my daughter, Jennifer Kletchka loved
15 attending Suffolk Community College.

16 She was in the Honors Program.
17 She got two of our scholarships, Stay on
18 Long Island, Getting There From Here. She's
19 a senior successful student at St. Joseph's.
20 And she said to dad, you know, Dad, if it
21 was a four year college, I would have done
22 my full four years at Suffolk Community
23 College.

24 Now this is unsolicited. Just in
25 this conversation he felt compelled to bring

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1 this up to me. And it's just like, ahh, you
2 just to love to hear that. And, I'm saying
3 yeah, Pete, you're not telling me anything I
4 don't know, but it's always great to hear
5 it.

6 I said, I'm going to bring that
7 back to the Board at Meeting coming up on
8 Thursday. Just the other night Kevin and I
9 were at St. John the Baptist High School

10 where I went to high school for their annual
11 Gentleman's Dinner where major fundraiser
12 for their needy students. They had four
13 recipients and one of which was Steve
14 Kuehhas.

15 Steve received the Chancellor's
16 Award for Outstanding Adjunct Professor.
17 He's here at Suffolk and I was able to give
18 Steve a proclamation. Which was interesting
19 because I was able to give him the medal at
20 the convocation that year when he got the
21 award and now here I was giving him a
22 proclamation that I personally wrote. But
23 let's not get into that. And sitting at the
24 table having dinner the gentleman across the
25 way from me is Phil Branagan. And Phil is

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1 an adjunct professor at Suffolk Community
2 College.

3 And he and I got into this very
4 long discussion. He loves teaching here.
5 He was so enthused about dealing with the
6 students. I mean, it was just -- it was a
7 great conversation. Again, to hear out of
8 the blue, we get to meet one another, we
9 exchange cards. And his background is
10 amazing. He's worked in three different
11 police precincts. Got his degree as an
12 officer working at night.

13 And the guy -- he's great. And
14 he just love his students. And he's, again,
15 one of our adjunct professors. And, again,
16 it just reminds me of the success of this
17 college goes to all of our full-time
18 professors as well as our great cadre of
19 adjuncts who bring just a tremendous amount
20 of experience. So I just want to throw that
21 out there.

22 CHAIR SANDERS: It's always good when you have
23 conversation, like, you know, out of the
24 blue.

25 TRUSTEE CANARY: Out of the blue.

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1 CHAIR SANDERS: Are we ready, Lou?

2 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Not yet.

3 CHAIR SANDERS: So while we are waiting, one more
4 thing. So that after the Chancellor
5 finishes, we can go. Jerome, on behalf of
6 the Board, the College, we do have something
7 for you. A little token of our
8 appreciation. Is that a good backdrop?
9 [PRESENTATION OF AWARD, APPLAUSE AND
10 PHOTOGRAPHS].

11 CHAIR SANDERS: Okay. We'll recess the meeting.
12 [WHEREUPON THE MEETING WAS RECESSED FROM
13 11:02 A.M. UNTIL 11:05 A.M.]

14 CHAIR SANDERS: We would like to call the meeting
15 to order again. We do have our Vice
16 Chancellor, Johanna Duncan-Poiteir, is on

17 our Zoom. And Johanna, can you hear us?
18 MS. DUNCAN-POITIER: We can now. Good morning,
19 everyone. Can you hear me.
20 CHAIR SANDERS: Good morning, yes.
21 MS. DUNCAN-POITIER: So I heard your meeting is going
22 quickly. So I can be brief with my remarks.
23 But tell me when you're ready.
24 CHAIR SANDERS: Okay. We're just having everyone
25 sit back down and we will start it in one

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1 second. Yes, we are.
2 MS. DUNCAN-POITIER: So, again, hi, everybody. Thank
3 you for this time. I'll just introduce my
4 colleague Jennifer Miller. Jennifer Miller
5 is here with me.
6 MS. MILLER: Hello.
7 MS. DUNCAN-POITIER: And myself. I'm Johanna
8 Duncan-Poitier, your Senior Vice Chancellor
9 Or Community Colleges. Just a couple of
10 things for the purposes of today. First,
11 thank you for this time. I appreciate very
12 much the opportunity to speak with you, be a
13 part of your meeting.
14 Couple of things I just want you
15 to know as we start this process together,
16 that the State University of New York and me
17 personally are very, very proud of Suffolk
18 Community College. And we would like to
19 thank you very very much for your leadership

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20 of this institution.

21 As you know, we have 30 community
22 colleges and Suffolk we consider to be truly
23 one of the gems in the SUNY crown. So I
24 thank you so much for your leadership. And
25 it is for that reason and the impact it has

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1 on not only students on Long Island but
2 really students across the state and the
3 country, the selection of your next
4 president is going to be very very
5 important.

6 we will be working side by side
7 with you. We do not have a vote. We only
8 work with you as technical advisors for the
9 process. You should know that you are not
10 alone. There are -- every year we have new
11 community college presidents and boards that
12 go through this process. I know that for
13 Suffolk, however, it's been a long time
14 since you have had to go through this
15 process.

16 So I have been in conversation
17 with Trustee Sanders and we are going to
18 have a special education session with all of
19 you so we can sit in a room and, you know,
20 go through some of your Q and As. That will
21 be on July 8. But just to just give you for
22 the purposes of today just a couple of
23 highlights, and then if you have any

24 questions that you might like to ask me.

25 But just so you know, as I

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1 mentioned, there are other campuses, so this
2 year, really within the last month, we the
3 SUNY Board of Trustees made appointments to
4 Nassau Community College, which is of course
5 one of your neighbors, new president
6 Jermaine Williams; Carlee Drummer for
7 Columbia-Greene; Joe Keegan for North
8 Country; and Bill Mullaney for Corning
9 Community College.

10 I'll just hit a couple of pieces
11 just so you know what to expect when we have
12 our conversation on the 8th. But just three
13 things we always mention. Again, the
14 process is important. We consider a
15 president for the State University of New
16 York, whether they're a community college, a
17 tech college, a medical college, university
18 center, they're presidents of a very large
19 system of SUNY.

20 Second, confidentiality when we
21 do go through this. And I'm saying this
22 because I know we are in public session and
23 it's important for everyone to know this.
24 Confidentiality will be critically important
25 because Suffolk is Suffolk, you are going to

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1 attract folks from all over the country who
2 are going to want to be your next president.
3 And the confidentiality of the process is
4 critically important. So that you really
5 will get talent coming to the table as we
6 proceed.

7 You know, some of the most
8 talented people will not want to be in the
9 pool if they think that their current
10 position is compromises. So confidentiality
11 will be critical.

12 And really the last piece that
13 you'll hear me say today but in subsequent
14 meetings as well, is the importance of your
15 role. This will be a resolution of the
16 Suffolk County Community College Board of
17 Trustees. You will make the final
18 determination as to who you want to
19 recommend to be your next president.

20 So I'm going to go quickly to get
21 us through the steps to get us to that
22 point. The SUNY Board of Trustees approves
23 your recommendation. It's a formal
24 resolution, it's a formal vote. The SUNY
25 Board of Trustees approves that decision but

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1 it will be yours. So your role is
2 critically important.

3 Just real quickly, I'm just going
4 to highlight because I know you were pretty
5 much wrapping up your meeting so I don't
6 want to delay that. But we will be going
7 over the RFP for the recruitment of a search
8 firm. We will be sharing with you search
9 firms with whom the State University of New
10 York has worked with for over probably the
11 last 10 years.

12 The president who they have
13 appointed, it's one of our experience, but
14 it again will be an RFP process and your
15 decision. We do not make recommendations as
16 to who you would pick. But of course, you
17 can speak with other boards and see what
18 their experience has been. There will be --
19 we'll go over the process in greater detail
20 than I'm doing right now.

21 There will actually be a meeting
22 with the Chancellor, so Kristina Johnson
23 will be meeting with you and the search
24 committee that you will be selecting. We
25 will go over with you the appropriate

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1 representation. So you have campus
2 representation, everything from faculty,
3 board members, yourself who will be on that
4 search committee. We will develop a
5 timetable. We will talk about a job

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And I would say between now and the time that we speak it will be good to start thinking about the -- I would say the attributes that are critically important to you as Suffolk Community College. Of course there's some generic things that any community college -- I would say any college president, would need to hold. But start thinking about the characteristics of your institution and what's particularly important.

And again, once you have your job description the position will be posted. There will be -- then once you get to a point where you actually have your search committee, you have candidates, people who will be applying, it will be important because as is the case for really all of our campuses large or small, you're going to

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have a lot of people that will be interested in the position.

Those candidates will be going through a search firm. So if you know of somebody who is interested at this point in the process, tell them stand by, we'll soon have a search firm and then you can submit your application to them on behalf of the college.

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13 the campus. And then that process will
14 inform your decision as Members of the Board
15 of Trustees. You will be informed how that
16 person did on the, you know, the campus.
17 Sometimes some of you will attend those
18 campus interviews. It's open to the public.
19 Folks can ask anything they want.

20 And it's an opportunity for you
21 to see how they actually work in a setting
22 such as that. And then you will have one on
23 one interviews with that candidate. And
24 then you will be selecting the one, the one
25 candidate that you want to forward.

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1 And I'll just mention one other
2 step and I recognize I'm going through this
3 quickly, so not to worry. We'll be going
4 over it all again. But there will be an
5 extensive vetting process. So before the
6 candidates actually go to the public
7 session, we go through a vetting process as
8 does the search terms you will hire.

9 It's the most basic things where,
10 you know, making sure somebody doesn't have
11 a criminal background and so forth. But
12 often there are other things. We want to
13 make sure there isn't anything that would
14 embarrass Suffolk Community College when you
15 put this person out for public scrutiny.

16 And then it's someone you really
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17 would be proud to have as your next
18 president. And from where Jenn and I sit,
19 we believe you're going to have a very rich
20 pool from which to draw. After all of the
21 vetting, after you're informed about what
22 the search committee thinks, what the public
23 feedback has been, you will then decide the
24 one candidate.

25 The one candidate then comes to

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1 Albany. They meet with the Executive
2 Leadership Team of which I am a member.
3 It's important because I am able to help
4 inform, though I don't have a vote, and you
5 will hear me say this often, will not
6 influence your position.

7 But what I will be able to do is
8 inform the Chancellor the process you've
9 engaged in and what you're thinking.
10 Sometimes as a question comes up, well, you
11 know we have seen this person hasn't been in
12 this given job for a long period of time.
13 I'm making this up.

14 We'll say, well, you know, that's
15 a question that the search committee asked
16 as well and then learned that there was a
17 death in the or the wife had Alzheimer's. I
18 mean, sometimes there's extenuating
19 circumstances that we are able to convey.

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20 The Chancellor and her Executive
21 Leadership Team then meet with the candidate
22 and then she, Kristina Johnson, will make a
23 recommendation to the SUNY Board of Trustees
24 with your recommendation that this is the
25 person that you want as the next president.

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1 All of this is kept confidential
2 until the absolute final days. which is
3 which, again, we want a pool of folks that
4 you would be comfortable with. So again, if
5 someone drops out before they get to the
6 final step, you have others from which to
7 draw. Sometimes folks are re-interviewed or
8 whatever.

9 I kind of went through that
10 really really fast. I think it's really
11 really -- thank you. Jennifer is reminding
12 that there's one other step. The SUNY Board
13 of Trustees will make the final call but
14 it's only after they have a subcommittee
15 interview. So, again, you have your
16 candidate. That person meets with a smaller
17 committee of the Board of Trustees before
18 they take a vote.

19 In terms of the search committee,
20 again, we will talk lots more about that.
21 And, again, we'll be providing you with more
22 information. But usually you have one, two,
23 three members of the Board, your Board of

24 Trustees, on the search committee. And
25 usually you have a member of the Board of

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1 Trustees actually head the search committee.

2 But I would highly recommend -- I
3 wish I could be there in person. We
4 actually have our Board of Trustees meeting
5 here today. I just came out of our finance
6 committee, and good news, we're talking good
7 things about the floor for future funding in
8 importance of continuing that advocacy.

9 So I will be going back to our
10 committee but be in person, again, to have a
11 rich conversation. Jennifer and I are
12 looking forward to coming out to Long Island
13 on the 8th of July. So, with that speed
14 overview, do you have any questions of me or
15 Jennifer?

16 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes. Trustee Canary.

17 TRUSTEE CANARY: Yes. Thank you. The question is
18 about salary. Does SUNY have a set salary
19 schedule or do you leave it up to us or do
20 you review what we come up with and say
21 well, that's crazy, that's way too much,
22 you're going to put other colleges in the
23 jeopardy if you offer that kind of money.

24 MS. DUNCAN-POITIER: We will not recommend to you what
25 you should pay your next president.

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1 However, we will inform the process so you
2 have an understanding of what campus
3 presidents are making across the state. So
4 we will provide you with a profile of what
5 everyone is making from Niagra Community
6 College to Nassau Community College. It
7 will include a profile of their benefits,
8 compensation, car, housing allowance,
9 retirement benefits, et cetera.

10 And in some cases boards have
11 asked that we provide additional information
12 in terms of comparable sized campus
13 presidents across the state. Sometimes
14 we'll make phone calls. But we will offer
15 you that information and you decide what you
16 believe.

17 I'll just add one other thing to
18 that. Sometimes search firms will ask early
19 on what you believe the range will be. Will
20 it be as much as the previous president is
21 making? How high will you go? Are you
22 looking for a lower salary?

23 They usually are informed by that
24 because if they attract campus presidents or
25 people from all over the country, we

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1 encourage them to not take someone down the
2 garden path and they think they can come to
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3 you and ask for half a million dollars. I'm
4 not subjecting that you don't do that, but
5 my guess is that's not the salary range you
6 have in mind.

7 So we want to make sure that it's
8 an informed process and the time is well
9 spent.

10 TRUSTEE CANARY: Great. Thank you.

11 CHAIR SANDERS: Any other questions.

12 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: If I may. I just want to thank
13 you for your time. And the resources that
14 we were sent to preview looked really rich
15 and very valuable. So I really welcome the
16 partnership and we appreciate your support.

17 MS. DUNCAN-POITIER: well, we thank you for your time
18 and your leadership. So thank you so much
19 of kind comment.

20 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you. And we will see you
21 soon. Thank you again for squeezing out
22 this time between your busy schedule today,
23 Johanna. You know, I personally appreciate
24 the support.

25 MS. DUNCAN-POITIER: It's a pleasure. And thank you

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1 so much and thank you, Theresa. She's been
2 my lifeline on latest developments. So
3 thank you so much, everyone. I look forward
4 to seeing you seen. I hope it's a sunny day
5 on Long Island. I'll go to Jones Beach.

6 CHAIR SANDERS: We'll see what we can arrange.
7 MS. DUNCAN-POITIER: Bye, everyone.
8 CHAIR SANDERS: Thank you, everyone. We are at
9 the end of our meeting unless there's any
10 other additional questions.
11 TRUSTEE CANARY: As a follow-up to the situation,
12 so if I just heard her correctly. SUNY is
13 recommending three Board of Trustees members
14 be appointed to a search committee.
15 CHAIR SANDERS: well, she's going to go over
16 that. She gave that as an example. But
17 when she comes on the 6th, she's going to
18 give us the real parameters.
19 TRUSTEE CANARY: Okay.
20 CHAIR SANDERS: I didn't hear a lot more detail
21 on that.
22 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: I think we -- did we provide you
23 with the members of the last search
24 committee?
25 TRUSTEE CANARY: Yes.

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1 CHAIR SANDERS: Yes.
2 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: To give you an idea.
3 CHAIR SANDERS: From the last search, yes.
4 TRUSTEE BOST: And, you know, this being my last
5 meeting, I would just urge the Board to give
6 the student representative, student trustee,
7 to be a voice for the students and be a part
8 of the vetting process for the next
9 president.

10 CHAIR SANDERS: Oh, yes. Oh, yes. The profile
11 that they gave us is very inclusive;
12 community, the College. It's a lot of
13 people on the search committee
14 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Yes.
15 CHAIR SANDERS: So thank you very much.
16 I would like to request a motion
17 to enter into -- well, we don't have
18 executive session -- just adjourn. Our next
19 board meeting will be Thursday, August 15 at
20 9:00 a.m. in the Alumni Room at the Ammerman
21 Campus.
22 So I would now like to request a
23 motion to adjourn this meeting.
24 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Motion.
25 TRUSTEE MURRAY: Second.

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1 CHAIR SANDERS: All in favor?
2 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS
3 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]
4 Thank you very much. Don't
5 forget, you better take some food. This is
6 it. From now on, bread and water.
7 [WHEREUPON THE MEETING WAS CLOSED BY THE
8 CHAIR, THERESA SANDERS, AT 11:22 A.M.]
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PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SUFFOLK
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE HELD ON THE 20TH
DAY OF JUNE, 2019 AT 10:01 A.M., AT
SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE,
RIVERHEAD CAMPUS, CULINARY ARTS CENTER,
MEDIA ROOM, RIVERHEAD, NEW YORK.

PRESENT:

LOUIS PETRIZZO, ESQ.
Executive Vice President/General Counsel
GORDON D. CANARY, Member
GEMMA DELEON-LOPRESTI, Member
DENISE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN, Member
E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY, Member
KEVIN M. O'CONNOR, Member
BELINDA PAGDANGANAN, Member
JEROME BOST, Student Member
JAMES MORGO, Member/Vice Chairperson

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1 VICE CHAIR MORGO: We are now sitting as the Board
2 of Directors. I would like to request a
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3 motion for the approval of the minutes of
4 the May 16 Board of Directors Meeting.
5 Motion.
6 MEMBER O'CONNOR: Motion.
7 MEMBER BOST: Second.
8 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Moved by Kevin, seconded by
9 Jerome.
10 All in favor?
11 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I'm going to abstain.
12 MEMBER DELEON-LOPRESTI: Abstain.
13 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Okay. Denise Lindsay-Sullivan
14 and Gemma-Deleon Lopresti abstained.
15 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: wait a minute, hang on.
16 VIVE CHAIR MORGO: we don't have enough?
17 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: That's only five.
18 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Five said yes.
19 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Still not enough.
20 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: I mean, I'll vote aye. I wasn't
21 here, but, okay. I approve.
22 VICE CHAIR MORGO: The motion is passed.
23 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: And Gemma --
24 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Gemma, although you were not
25 here, would vote in favor so it can pass.

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1 You read them and they were fine?
2 MEMBER DELEON-LOPRESTI: Yes.
3 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Okay. I would like to now
4 introduce Vice President of Student Affairs,
5 Dr. Chris Adams to present the Association's

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6 financial report.

7 DR. ADAMS: Good morning, Vice Chair Morgo
8 and Members of the Board of Directors. In
9 your packets or on your portal you should
10 have received the May 31, 2019 report. It
11 goes from December 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019.

12 Very happy to report once again
13 that the Association in all the cost centers
14 are operating in a positive fashion on all
15 our various accounts. I also would like to
16 bring to the attention of the Board of
17 Directors that we ended the year in a very
18 positive way.

19 We had an outstanding
20 commencement ceremony, two ceremonies took
21 place on May 23. Again, that is all funded
22 throughout the Association. It was a really
23 outstanding day, a lot of work went into.
24 It. But I thought that the ceremony -- we
25 had a debriefing with Executive Vice

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1 Petrizzo and the members of the Commencement
2 Committee. There were a few things that we
3 needed to clean up for next year's ceremony,
4 but overall, the ceremonies went very well.
5 It was a very positive two ceremonies. We
6 were able to give our student graduates more
7 tickets and overall the day was outstanding.

8 There's so many people to thank,
9 I could spend all day doing that, but the
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10 entire community rallied. It was really
11 outstanding and I just wanted to thank
12 everyone that was part of that.

13 Secondly, I wanted to bring to
14 your attention athletics which is also run
15 out of the Association. Finished the number
16 one program in the country for the second
17 consecutive year; that, is Non-Scholarship
18 Community College Programs across the
19 country. We were awarded the Director's
20 Cup. Again this was Neftali Collazo's first
21 year as the Director of Athletics.

22 Very proud of the work that went
23 into our athletic program. And, again, to
24 finish the top program in the country for
25 the second year in a row is pretty amazing.

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1 we also had three Outstanding
2 Leadership banquets that really capped the
3 end of the year. It was a really great year
4 in the Association. I will end here, the
5 report, and go over the resolutions unless
6 anyone has any questions about the report
7 for May 31, 2019.

8 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Any questions for Chris before he
9 reviews the Association Resolutions? [NO
10 RESPONSE]. Okay, what is it, three
11 resolutions?

12 DR. ADAMS: we have three resolutions on the

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13 docket. The first resolution has to do with
14 full-time members of the Association that
15 are working in a a full-time capacity that
16 have stepped out to give a three percent
17 increase to those employees. We did that
18 the last couple of years and we would like
19 to continue with that. We ask for the
20 approval of the Board of Directors to give
21 again those members, there's four members of
22 the Association that are a part of the
23 full-time staff, to be able to give them a
24 three percent cost of living increase and to
25 move that forward.

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1 The second resolution has to do
2 with all the full-time members that have not
3 stepped out. That's why we have a second
4 resolution to give them an additional step.
5 Again, this mirrors in what we see in the
6 College side. We're asking for the
7 full-time employees of the Association to
8 get their annual step increase as per the
9 step charts that we keep in the Association.

10 And finally the third resolution
11 has to do with the 2019-2020 budget of the
12 Association. I presented that at various
13 subcommittee meetings including Business and
14 Finance, Executive of the Board and Student
15 Success. The line by line items of the
16 Association we went over. It's in the
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17 portal.

18 I'll just briefly share with you
19 in the interest of time, we ask that each of
20 the campuses take a negatives three percent
21 in all their budget areas within the
22 Association. That was offset by the
23 increase of the student activity fee that
24 was voted by the Board of Trustees at the
25 April meeting. It was a five dollar

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1 increase for full-time students and a dollar
2 increase for part-time students.

3 Again, the adding of the increase
4 of the student activity fee and the taking
5 the negative three, it was really a
6 negligible -- it was very smart to be able
7 to do that. Again, we're projecting a three
8 percent -- three point five actually in
9 decrease enrollment in the 19-20 year. We
10 are seeing now more part-time students so I
11 think it was really in our best interest to
12 increase that activity fee for this year.

13 So the budget is presented to
14 you. I'll answer any questions that you may
15 have. But the budget was vetted very
16 carefully by the campuses including our
17 students that are part of the Campus
18 Association Advisory Committee. It was then
19 presented to the executive deans on each of

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20 the campuses. It then was presented to
21 myself. And myself and Barbara Hurst then
22 presented it to Executive Vice President
23 Petrizzo to get his endorsement before we
24 presented to the subcommittee of the Board
25 of Trustees/Board of Directors.

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1 So I want thank Barbara Hurst and
2 her team for helping to put this together.
3 I think it's a very fiscally sound budget
4 for the 19-20 year, again mirroring what the
5 college did on the side, understanding the
6 decline of enrollment.

7 Are there any questions?
8 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Okay. Let's get the resolutions
9 moved and seconded and then if you have
10 questions.

11 Is there a motion to approve the
12 resolutions of the Association.

13 MEMBER MURRAY: Motion.

14 TRUSTEE LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Second.

15 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Motions by Chris Murray, seconded
16 by Denise.

17 Any questions for Chris about it?
18 Any questions on the resolutions? As Chris
19 mentioned, it was presented at Budget and
20 Finance. We had questions there. The funds
21 for the raises are coming from the
22 Association, not from our Operating Budget,
23 so that made me happy.

24 So I see no discussion, is there
25 a motion to approve.

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1 MEMBER MURRAY: Motion.
2 VICE PRESIDENT PETRIZZO: Just to be clear, we're talking
3 about Association Resolutions Number 2019.A5
4 through 2019.A7.

5 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Okay. So there was a motion to
6 approve by Chris.
7 Second?

8 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Second.
9 VICE CHAIR MORGO: By Member Sullivan.
10 All in favor?

11 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS
12 VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

13 The three resolutions carry.
14 Thank you.

15 DR. ADAMS: Thank you for your support.
16 VICE CHAIR MORGO: I would like now a motion to
17 adjourn the Board of Directors Meeting and
18 call the Board of Trustees Meeting to order.

19 MEMBER LINDSAY-SULLIVAN: Motion.
20 MEMBER BOST: Second.
21 VICE CHAIR MORGO: Denise motion, Jerome second.
22 All in favor?
23 Any opposed?

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25 DIRECTORS OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY

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