

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM  
MAY 13, 2021

The meeting was held in-person and via Zoom on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at the Van Nostrand Theatre, Sagtikos Arts & Sciences Building, Michael J. Grant Campus.

PRESENT:

E. Christopher Murray	Chair
James Morgo	Vice Chair
Shirley Coverdale	Second Vice Chair
Gordon Canary	Secretary
Theresa Sanders	Trustee
Belinda Pagdanganan	Trustee
Kevin O'Connor	Trustee
Gemma deLeon-Lopresti	Trustee
Priscilla Zarate	Trustee
Kaitlyn Gambina	Student Trustee
Louis J. Petrizzo	Interim President
Alicia O'Connor	Deputy General Counsel
Ashley Pope	Deputy General Counsel
Dr. Mark Harris	V.P. for Business and Financial Affairs
Dr. Paul Beaudin	V.P. for Academic Affairs
Mary Lou Araneo	V.P. for Institutional Advancement
Shady Azzam-Gomez	V.P. for Information Technology Services
Angelica Rivera	A.V.P. for Employee Resources

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The meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened at 4:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Canary. Trustee Canary asked everyone to please stand for a moment of silence in recognition of National Police Week and the tragic loss of a New York City police officer Anastasio Tsakos, who was killed on duty by a drunk driver on April 27th.

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Chair Murray called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting and convene the Board of Directors meeting at 4:06 p.m. Trustee O'Connor so moved, Trustee Canary seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Murray called for a motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting and reconvene the Board of Trustees meeting at 4:08 p.m. Trustee O'Connor so moved, Trustee Canary seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

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Chair Murray requested a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2021 Board of Trustees meetings. Trustee deLeon-Lopresti so moved, Trustee Morgo seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

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Chair Murray introduced Dr. Mark Harris, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs, to present the College Budget and Financial report. Dr. Harris said the income and expense statements being presented represent transactions from September through April and were the best high-level estimates. As a result of the analysis they did, they saw no significant change in the expected revenue from the County. Based on the recently approved budget from the State, the College's appropriation for Fiscal '21 has been reduced by about 5%, which translates to about \$2.6 million dollars in reduction from the original appropriation that was given to the College. SUNY asked the College to resubmit its Fiscal '21 budget by May 10th, which was done, and as a result of that, the College needed to submit a resolution to reflect the change in the total appropriation, which is Resolution 2021.33. The initial budget that was submitted for Fiscal '21 proposed a \$7.7 million use of fund balance. As a consequence of the reduction of \$2.6 million, the adjusted fund balance use for FY'21 is \$10.35m. Because the College will be able to recoup the \$2.6 million in lost revenue from HEERF II, there is actually no financial impact. Revenue reduction in tuition and fees is approximately \$5.6 million; the State cut is approximately \$2.6 million, but reimbursement from HEERF for lost revenue and eligible expenses is approximately \$5.9 million. Net projected revenue loss is \$2.2 million. The cost mitigation efforts that were implemented starting Fiscal '20 with a roll over into '21 are yielding positive results, with personnel services lower by about 11.9%, supplies about 20.2%, and contractual expenses lower by about 10%, with an overall expense reduction of about 8.6%.

VP Harris added that when looking at the revenue, the benefits that have been derived from the expense reduction, as well as the benefits that the College will gain by use of HEERF, the College is projecting a healthy fund balance for Fiscal '21. He is not sure what that number will be as of now because there are still some moving parts to it. There are some fiscal year-end expenses that they have to identify and make some accruals for those. He said he should be able to give the Board a firmer number on where Fiscal '21 will end by the next Board meeting.

The County has provided the College with a cash flow schedule. The College will be receiving tomorrow, May 14th, the 3rd payment from the County of a million dollars a week up to June 11th, and from June 11th until about August 4<sup>th</sup>, the College will be getting \$5 million a week with a balloon payment the 1st week in August. This is a significant improvement to the cash flow schedule that the County gave the College last year. The last payment that the College received from the County for FY'20 appropriation was in September of 2020 and that is because they started the payments much later.

VP Harris then reviewed the resolutions with financial impact. Item Number 1 in the resolutions is the standard monthly services payment to Suffolk County for employee health insurance. There is a significant difference with what the College is paying the month of April relative to what was paid in March, about \$576,000. The two factors that have reduced that number is one, the Medicare credit that the College receives, and also the County has been reassessing the premiums per employee per month now quarterly, versus yearly. The College has seen about a 10.8% reduction in the premiums per employee per month. The College has a meeting with the County on Tuesday to discuss the budget and hopes to get some clarification on what some of the primary drivers were for the reductions. This could result in over \$3.6 million of potential savings over 12 months if this trend continues. Item number 2 is approving the budget transfer for \$157,000, which is a re-class to pay the direct charges to SUNY for computer software. The other item that was included in the package was reconciliation for transfers related to CARES for saliva testing, \$435,000, and then the PPE due to COVID for \$23,000. Item number 9 is the resolution to modify the original Fiscal '21 budget to reflect the \$2.6 million reduction and the increase use of fund balance from \$7.7 million to \$10.35 million.

Chair Murray noted that one resolution in the packet was for the extension of approving a Strategic Plan. He said with a newly appointed President, the College wants his involvement in developing the Strategic Plan.

Trustee Morgo said he wanted to note how remarkable it was that the College was able to freeze tuition for a second year. He said that the \$5,470 total tuition makes the College the most affordable institution of higher education in the region and the freezing of tuition two years in a row says something about the College's priorities, namely, to its students.

Trustee Canary said he read an article in yesterday's Newsday on stimulus aid heading to Long Island universities and colleges and was confused. The article said half of the money needs to go to helping students in trouble, the other half needs to go to outreach. He asked if the money can be used to cover institutional costs, such as loss revenue, reimbursement for expenses, technology costs, etc., and if there were clear guidelines from the federal government on how the stimulus money can be used.

VP Harris said the news article he was asking about referenced the American Recovery Program. The program is structured so that students would get half and the other portion is designated for the institution in support of student success. The proceeds are allocated for eligible expenses. Once the guidelines from the U.S. Department of Education and SUNY are released, the College will review to see if it has eligible expenses. He said that at no point does the U.S. Department of Education automatically deposit the funds into the College's account. The College has to meet those guidelines, provide support documentation and then the College can draw the proceeds down. What the College has done is take a four-pronged approach before the draw down can occur. Based on the guidelines that have been developed, he assesses what those are and looks at what the potential revenue loss calculations are to see

whether or not the College meets them, as well as the eligible expenses. He prepares a certification that is then sent to the Office of Legal Affairs to review. If they agree with those items, they would sign off and then it gets escalated to the President's office. When all three signatures are received, a final step would be a person who is designated as an auditor to review everything, and once that's done and that person signs off, then the College draws down the funds.

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Chair Murray called for a motion for the approval of College Resolutions 2021.25 through 2021.33. Trustee O'Connor so moved, Student Trustee Gambina seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021.25 - Approving Monthly Sponsor Services for Suffolk County Community College**

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

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

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

**RESOLVED**, that the health insurance payment to the County of Suffolk in the amount of \$2,563,224.44 for the month of April 2021 (*Attachment I*) is hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021.26 - Approving Budget Transfers**

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

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

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

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021.27 - Approving an Extension of Suffolk County Community College's Strategic Plan**

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the public health emergency resulting from the novel coronavirus COVID-19, and the resulting disruption of College activities, the Strategic Planning Council previously recommended that the College's strategic planning process be placed on hold for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year and resume in the 2020-2021 academic year, and that Suffolk County Community College's 2013-2020 Strategic Plan, including the College's Mission and Vision Statements, Institutional Goals, and Measurable Institutional Objectives, be reaffirmed through August of 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, based upon this recommendation and by resolution duly adopted on May 14, 2020, the Board of Trustees reaffirmed and extended the College's 2013–2020 Strategic Plan through August 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, the Strategic Planning Council believes the global pandemic and its impact warrants re-engaging the College community in the strategic planning process beginning in April 2021 and anticipates completing this process by May 2022, and recommends reaffirming the 2013–2020 Strategic Plan, including the College's Mission and Vision Statements, Institutional Goals, and Measurable Institutional Objectives, through August 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, by resolutions duly adopted on March 15, 2012, January 27, 20213, May 6, 2013, and May 14, 2020, the Board of Trustees previously approved and accepted the College's Institutional Goals, Measurable Institutional Objectives, and 2013-2020 Strategic Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees concurs with the recommendation of the College's Strategic Planning Council to reaffirm and extend the current 2013–2020 Strategic Plan through August 2022 due to the current public health emergency and to provide sufficient time to complete the College's strategic planning process following its resumption in May 2021, be it therefore,

**RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County Community College 2013–2020 Strategic Plan be, and the same is, hereby reaffirmed and extended through August 2022.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021.28 - Accepting a Federal Grant for the 2021 – 2022 Federal Work Study Program (FWSP)**

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County Community College has applied to participate in the Federal Work Study Program (FWSP) authorized under Part C of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Education Amendments, and

**WHEREAS**, the application has been approved in the amount of \$515,311, and

**WHEREAS**, the federal regulations allow the sum of \$75,000 or 10 percent of the allocation, whichever is less, to be set aside for the Job Locator & Development Program, and

**WHEREAS**, this federal grant must be matched by a 25 percent contribution, and

**WHEREAS**, amendments to the law became effective in October 1986 allowing a five percent administrative expense allowance based on total student expenditures for the FWSP, be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the total federal allotment of 2021- 2022 Federal Work Study Program funds in the amount of \$515,311, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that \$51,531 be set aside for the Job Locator Program, with the College matching contribution of 20 percent to be provided by in-kind contributions, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Federal Work Study Program's five percent administrative allowance be charged against the FWSP and deposited in the appropriate account, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the On-Campus Work Study Program shall continue to be matched by a 25 percent contribution by the College and that the Off-Campus Work Study Program be matched by a 25 percent contribution from the respective participating off-campus agencies, except for the Community Service Employment, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the off-campus agencies shall contribute their respective shares of Employer's FICA and Workmen's Compensation, except for the Community Service Employment.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021.29 - Approving the Allocation of the 2021 – 2022 Federal Work Study Program (FWSP) Funds**

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County Community College is composed of three campuses, and

**WHEREAS**, the Financial Aid Office on each campus offers financial assistance via the Federal Work Study Program, be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that the distribution of the 2021-2022 Federal Work Study Program funds by campus is hereby approved, as follows:

Original FWSP Federal Allocation	\$515,311
Less: Transfer to Job Locator Program	<u>-51,531</u>
Remaining CWSP Federal Allocation	\$463,780
Plus: 25% of Institutional Share of Student Wages	<u>+115,945</u>
Total FWSP Funds Available	\$579,725
Less: 5% Admin Expense Allowance of Campus Wages	<u>- 25,765</u>
Total Student Wages Available	\$553,960

Campus Wage Distribution of Federal Work Study Program Funds

Ammerman Campus (54%)	\$299,138
Grant Campus (35%)	\$193,886
Eastern Campus (11%)	\$ 60,936
Total Campus Wage Distributions	\$553,960

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021.30 - Accepting a Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) for 2021 - 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County Community College has applied to participate in the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program as authorized under Subpart 2, Part A of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and as amended by the Education Amendments,

**WHEREAS**, the application has been approved in the amount of \$771,758, and

**WHEREAS**, amendments to the law became effective in October 1986 allowing a five percent administrative expense allowance based on total expenditures for FSEOG, be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that the 2021-2022 Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant in the amount of \$771,758 be accepted, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant allotment be deposited in the appropriate accounts, after reducing that allotment with five percent of FSEOG expenditures as administrative expense being charged to the FSEOG account.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021.31 - Approving the Allocation of the 2021 – 2022 Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program (FSEOG)**

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County Community College is composed of three campuses, and

**WHEREAS**, the Financial Aid Office on each campus offers financial assistance via the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program (FSEOG), be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that the following distribution of the 2021-2022 FSEOG funds by campus is hereby approved.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)

FSEOG Allocation	\$771,758
Less 5% Administrative Expense for Grants	- \$ 38,588
Remaining FSEOG Allocation for Student Grant Disbursement	\$733,170

Campus Distribution of SEOG Grants

Ammerman Campus (44%)	\$322,595
Grant Campus (42%)	\$307,931
Eastern Campus (14%)	\$102,644

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021.32 - Accepting a Grant Subaward from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA), Passed through the Research Foundation for the State University of New York (SUNY) for a Project Entitled “Scaling Apprenticeship through Sector-Based Strategies”**

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County Community College has received a grant subaward in the amount of \$15,000, including indirect costs, from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA), passed through the Research Foundation for the State University of New York (SUNY), for a project entitled “Scaling Apprenticeship through Sector-Based Strategies,” for the period of November 15, 2020 through August 14, 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, this project will engage a part-time professional assistant to serve as a liaison between the College, SUNY and regional employers to accelerate expansion of apprenticeships in advanced manufacturing, and

**WHEREAS**, matching funds are not required, be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that a grant subaward in the amount of \$15,000, including indirect costs of \$4,286, from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA), passed through the Research Foundation for the State University of New York (SUNY), for a project entitled “Scaling Apprenticeship through Sector-Based Strategies,” for the period of November 15, 2020 through August 14, 2021, is hereby accepted, and the College Interim President, or his designee, is authorized to execute a contract with the administering agency.

Project Director: John Lombardo  
Associate Vice President for Workforce and Economic Development



Note: No full-time personnel

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021.33 - Authorizing an Amendment to Resolution 2020.40 which Approved the Amended Budget for Suffolk County Community College for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

**WHEREAS**, by College Resolution No. 2020.40 adopted on August 20, 2020, the Board of Trustees approved an amended Operating Budget for Suffolk County Community College for fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$216,853,147, including a County contribution of \$44,779,430 and a transfer from the Community College Fund Balance Reserve in the amount of \$7,765,361 and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New York has reduced the College's appropriation for fiscal year 2020-2021 by 5%, or approximately \$2,589,473, and

**WHEREAS**, in order to reflect a balanced budget for fiscal year 2020-2021, the transfer from the Community College Fund Balance Reserve must be increased from \$7,765,361 to \$10,354,834, be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that the 2020-2021 College Operating Budget total of \$216,853,147, which included a County contribution of \$44,779,430, be amended to reflect a transfer from the Community College Fund Balance Reserve in the amount of \$10,354,834, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that except as amended herein, College Resolution No. 2020.40 is hereby confirmed in all respects.

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Chairman Murray moved to the committee reports and called for the Presidential Search Committee. Trustee Sanders said this would be her last report and first she wanted to take a moment to thank everyone. She said this had been an experience for everyone involved, the search committee, Board members, administration, faculty, staff, and the entire student population, as well as the College's external supportive community. Everyone stayed for the long haul, but they got to where they wanted to be and were able to select an incoming president. She also thanked SUNY for their support, and said she received a card from the Chancellor, who was very supportive of all the SUNY team's support of the College's decision. She thanked Chair Murray for his support and leadership throughout the process. She said the entire College community was excited to receive Dr. Bonahue. Chair Murray thanked Trustee Sanders, as well as Trustee Canary and Trustee Morgo, for having served on the committee and their hard work and commitment to seeing it through to the end with a great outcome.

Chair Murray called for the Student Success committee. Trustee Pagdanganan said the committee met on May 4th. This month the subcommittee welcomed guest speaker Dr. June Ohrnberger, a professor and College Director of the noncredit English Language

Learners program or the ELL. The College offers both ELL and the for-credit ESL program. The ELL program was started in the 1980s and typically enrolled an average of 1,800 to 2,000 students, pre-pandemic. This program is not only about learning the English language but also becoming familiar with the American culture. Many students who come into the program initially feel alone and isolated due to language and cultural barriers. This program helps them build personal confidence and a new community network. These are not typical students. Their backgrounds and variations are broad. Some bring significant education from their home country, some need new skills to advance their employment, and some want to help their children learn. Enrollment is largely Hispanic at this time, but there are also students from Eastern European countries. Pandemic challenges include access to technology and losing the ability to learn together as a group where they are able to benefit from the support they receive from each other. Students and faculty are very happy to be returning to in-person classes this fall. All of the faculty are part-time with master's degrees. They are dedicated to their students and annually fundraise to support one annual scholarship, which is about \$4,000. There is a cost of the program and it is not eligible for financial aid. The College recognizes that the students who are non-native speakers of English require specialized English language instruction and offers part-time and full-time programs at each campus. The program addresses listening, speaking, reading, writing, and grammar. There is a disconnect in the availability of language support as students transition from high school to the college level.

Chair Murray called for the Personnel Committee report. Trustee deLeon-Lopresti said the committee met on Tuesday, May 11th at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference. All the members were present, including herself, Chair Chris Murray, Trustees Shirley Coverdale, Kaitlyn Gambina, and they were also joined by Angelica Rivera, Ashley Pope, and Genevieve Rippe. The committee reviewed and worked on revisions to the Board of Trustees Presidential Evaluation Policy. The committee finalized recommended provisions to the written procedure which will be circulated for further review in anticipation of presentation to the Board of Trustees for adoption. The committee also reviewed and discussed potential services related to the stakeholder's survey instrument used in the presidential evaluation process for which to solicit proposals from qualified consultants, including update of the survey instrument and eventual survey distribution and result and tabulation. AVP Rivera and DCG Pope will work with the Procurement Office to prepare potential solicitation language and evaluation criteria for the Committee's review. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7th at 8:30 a.m. via videoconference.

Chair Murray called for the Foundation report. Trustee Pagdanganan said the Foundation Board met on May 11th and the Foundation received a grant from the County Department of Probation in partnership with the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services and the United States DOJ to provide at-risk youth with a Zoom-based innovative theatre arts experience. The grant provided funding for high-school-aged individuals who are currently detained in the juvenile justice system to engage with faculty for intensive instruction. This program is concluding and students are scheduled to present their capstone monologues this month.

As thousands of County residents visit the College's campuses to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations, corporate partners at Suffolk Federal Credit Union are busy expressing support of each location. The Credit Union provides large banners at each vaccination site with tailored messages to stay healthy and safe. They have also distributed thousands of SFCU branded sanitizer spray, branded pens, and mints to those being vaccinated.

The Foundation team also continues to partner with the faculty and staff of the Automotive Technology Program. This team is working to advance affiliation with the region's auto dealers as the College seeks to develop relationships that will lead to donations to support outfitting and equipping the College's automotive program.

The Foundation's highly successful calendar of virtual fundraising events will conclude tomorrow night as they host a virtual coffee tasting event led by College alumni owners of the Hampton Coffee Company, a 20-year-old company considered to be one of the finest micro roasteries on the east coast. This past month alone the Foundation has hosted the wine tasting at Del Vino Vineyards in Northport, and wellness through the virtual yoga with College professor Angela Strykowski.

On Monday, August 30th the Foundation will shift away from its virtual events calendar to an actual event as it hosts the 37th Annual Golf Classic presented at the Southward Ho Country Club. This event promises a safely distanced opportunity to play one of Long Island's elite private golf courses. The 2021 honoree for this year is Dr. Steven Milner, founder and CEO of the U.S. Mortgage Corporation, one of the nation's leading mortgage firms. Dr. Milner is a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors. Full details of the event will be shared shortly.

Chair Murray called for the Student Trustee report. Student Trustee Gambina said that "Take Back the Night" was held virtually on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. "Take Back the Night" is an event to raise awareness of domestic violence. The event was followed by the "Out of the Darkness Walk" on April 24th which is an annual walk for suicide prevention. On April 24th there was also SUNYFest, an historical virtual musical collaboration among 40 different SUNY campuses throughout the SUNY system. 4,000 students attended and each campus was allowed to submit videos of students performing, which were included in the program with a performance from Kesha and AJR.

On April 27th student leaders were invited to join a conversation with students and stakeholders from different SUNY campuses. This was to discuss the fall reopening plan and there were a few administrators from SUNY who they got to have conversations with about vaccines and how students will be remote or in-person.

Last night they had a student-employee celebration which recognized all the hard work student employees put in, including student government, herself as Student Trustee, and peer mentors. They received plaques and merchandise from the College. Lastly, she said most students were finishing classes and they are looking forward to

commencement on the 20th. She congratulated Zachary Frost, the newly elected Student Trustee, who will be starting on July 1st.

Chair Murray called for the Advocacy Committee report. Trustee Zarate said the committee met on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. via video conference. The Advocacy Committee welcomed Jill Santiago, Director of the Center for Social Justice and Human Understanding, to discuss the Center's role in diversity, equity, inclusion, and advocacy for students. The Center has been a resource for the College's students with programs that foster advocacy and connect those issues that may be relevant to students' needs, values, and concerns. The Tunnel of Oppression is the Center's biggest program that embraces advocacy, diversity, equity, and inclusion. It is a national program that immerses students to experience various forms of oppression and issues that students may not have been exposed to with the goal of encouraging students to become advocates for these issues.

A diversity conference held on May 7, 2021, discussed ways the College can engage and promote student involvement in the various task forces and committees currently available, such as the LGBTQ, undocumented students, Black and African American students, and basic needs committees. The Center has also connected and partnered with external community organizations in order to provide students with those community resources. It has been challenging to get students engaged virtually over the past year. In an effort to reach students, videos have been created, emails have been sent, and posts shared on social media to highlight and promote participation.

Ben Zwirn, Director of Legislative Affairs, discussed the meeting scheduled with the County budget office where the College will be asking for the 3% increase in the contribution from the County. On May 20, 2021, there will be a Zoom meeting with the County and the New York Automotive Dealers Association regarding the construction of the automotive center on the Michael J. Grant campus with the purpose of expanding the current program and the hopes of attracting more students from Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk County. The New York State Automotive Dealers Association has asked the College to expand the automotive program as the demand for technicians in the automotive industry is needed. Drew Biondo, Director of Communications, discussed with the committee the visual data enrollment map he created, almost like a heat map, which depicts where full-time, part-time, and Early College high school students are located throughout the country. The tool also shows the College's virtual student population that exists throughout the world. This is a great resource tool that can be used when speaking with legislators to advocate for the College.

The committee also discussed the 2021 Suffolk County Legislative Page Program. The 12-week leadership program offers students training and guidance needed to become future government leaders by allowing them to participate in professional workshops and work in various areas of local government. Students are assigned a legislative district and work closely with that legislator throughout the duration of the program. Though the deadline for the program has passed, the committee discussed working with Student Affairs to promote this program next year. The College had a student, former

Student Trustee Jerome Bost, who participated in this program and is now working with the County. The next meeting before the Legislature is the capital budget meeting on July 24, 2021, where the College will be advocating for the expansion of the automotive program. She added that having Trustees present from all of the committees sends a strong message and advocacy and support for the College.

Trustee Canary mentioned that next week Senator Boyle's office is going to have one of the College's students begin his internship and they are looking forward to it.

Trustee deLeon-Lopresti asked if they would circulate the dates that Trustee Zarate spoke of because she would like to try to attend, and if they would share the link of the data that Drew Biondo created.

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Chair Murray moved onto the Chair's report. Chair Murray announced that at the June meeting the election for the officers of the Board of Trustees would be held. He added that Trustee deLeon-Lopresti has once again agreed to Chair the ad hoc Nominating Committee.

Chair Murray then introduced newly appointed President, Dr. Ed Bonahue, and asked him to say a few words. Dr. Bonahue thanked Chair Murray and said it had been a pleasure to be at the College today. Interim Executive Dean Ciampa gave him a tour of the Michael J. Grant Campus and he was able to meet with President Petrizzo and a few others, he thanked them all for a wonderful welcome to the College. He then thanked each Trustee for their support during the search process, adding that it was important for him to be with them in person today to thank them personally for their support and for standing by him throughout the screening and appointment process. He continued to say their support has been an inspiration to him, and his commitment to them would be to work hard every day to be sure Suffolk provides the best educational experience possible to its students. He added that, under his leadership, the College will be the flagship for equity, for student learning, and will be the engine of community development and workforce development that every community in Suffolk County needs.

He also felt it was important for him to be present today because he heard that it was the first face-to-face meeting and it seemed like a terrific opportunity to be with the College as it begins to close one chapter in the history of the College and hopefully begins a new chapter in the history of Suffolk Community College. Dr. Bonahue noted that when he walked onto the campus earlier he was wearing his Santa Fe College mask, and it was now his honor to put on for the first time a Suffolk County Community College mask and thanked everyone for the opportunity and for their trust, saying "Go Sharks."

Chair Murray thanked President Bonahue and said the College was excited to move on to this new chapter.

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Chair Murray moved to the President's report. President Petrizzo welcomed everyone especially President Bonahue and said he looked forward to spending some more time with him tomorrow. President Petrizzo said the past month had been very interesting at the College. Governor Cuomo announced on Monday that all State University and City University of New York students who intend to take in-person classes in the fall must produce proof of vaccination in order to attend these classes. Guidance is expected shortly from the SUNY Chancellor; the College expects there will be exemptions for students with religious beliefs and documented medical conditions.

Tuesday, May 11th, was the last day of classes for the spring semester and students are currently busy with final examinations. Commencement will be held virtually again this year and will take place on May 20th. Addressing the College's graduating students are Senator Chuck Schumer, Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Hochul, the County Executive Steve Bellone, Presiding Officer Rob Calarco, as well as Chair Murray on behalf of the Board. Each Board member will receive a link to the virtual ceremony so they can view the festivities, as well.

President Petrizzo reported that summer enrollment is going very well and strong this year, much as it did last year, with many enrollees from sister SUNY colleges taking courses over the summer vacation. This year there will be two six-week summer sessions and one eight-week session. The start dates for the first six-week session and the eight-week session is May 24<sup>th</sup>, and for the second six-week session, July 6th. He added that while it's too early to comment on fall enrollment, it is clear that continuing students are favoring the remote modalities over in-person classes at this point by a wide margin. The College will continue to monitor this through the summer.

Vaccination Points of Dispensing (POD) continue to operate with the State POD on the Brentwood campus delivering approximately 1,100 shots per day and the County PODs operating on Selden and Riverhead campuses. All of these PODs are functioning at reduced levels; the traffic to these PODs has fallen off in recent weeks. The College has agreed to extend the State's permission to be on the Brentwood Campus through the end of June, but has made it clear to the State of New York and to the County that the College will need to take back control of these facilities over the summer to be in a position to deliver the full college experience to incoming fall semester students and resume the College's revenue generating activities in the health clubs, pools, and the field house. The College is getting many inquiries for a resumption of these services and believes its time it be allowed to do so.

The College's Restart Committee has been working very hard. There are changes coming from the Governor's office and from the CDC. The Restart Committee will be working on relaxing campus access restrictions now that infection rates have remained low. The Governor has expanded the number of people allowed in offices and work spaces and the College will be adjusting employees' work schedules after the new guidelines go into effect next week. The College will continue with the weekly COVID-19 testing of all employees and all students who come to campus until the Chancellor

and/or the State Department of Health relaxes that restriction on SUNY colleges. The College will continue to be in compliance with all current restrictions.

Offshore wind training is making good progress. The not-for-profit entity has been formed to operate the training center. The College will be using that entity in order to protect the College from any liabilities. The College has received proposals for training staff and students, as well as potential sites for the training center. Officers of the training center have been elected, and they will be Matty Aracich from the Building and Construction Trades Council of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, Roger Clayman from the Long Island Federation of Labor, and President Petrizzo as the representative of the College, until such time as there is a new president in position. Orsted and Eversource will also be participating in the work of the training center and they hope to begin the training program in January of 2022.

With respect to Capital Projects, Kreiling Hall is closing in on completion after being caught up in many delays, most of them arising out of the pandemic. Kreiling Hall required a gut renovation and the College expects to be able to move into Kreiling Hall over the summer and have the building fully available for staff and classes in the fall.

After a very long planning process and many plan revisions to get the project under budget, the STEM Building on the Grant Campus is now under construction. Given the current economic situation and the rise in cost of building materials, the College will be very closely monitoring the progress on the building as work goes forward.

Tomorrow the College expects County Executive Steve Bellone to hold a bill signing ceremony at the College's Center for Social Justice and Human Understanding. The bill signing is for the law recently passed by the Suffolk County Legislature to facilitate the removal of racist covenants and restrictions from real estate titles and records. While these covenants and restrictions are not enforceable, there is a cost to removing them from the County Clerk's records and this law would waive those fees to do so.

Lastly, the College's athletic teams have been doing well this year. The men's and women's soccer teams will be in postseason play, as well as the women's softball team. The College has had other teams that have qualified for postseason play but, due to COVID restrictions and cancellation of tournaments, they, unfortunately, have not been allowed to participate.

Trustee Canary commented that since the Governor's announcement requiring SUNY students be vaccinated for the Fall, his phone has been ringing off the hook in the Senator's office with howls of protests. He said that with the lack of information and not being able to provide more information to their constituents, it puts them in a very tough spot, to say the least. President Petrizzo agreed and said they are hopeful SUNY will give guidance sooner rather than later on guidance for the fall.

Trustee Canary asked about having a private entity run the training center for the offshore wind training program because the College does not have that with automotive

technology, which is a dangerous profession. President Petrizzo said the offshore wind training program was also dangerous, working at heights 18 miles out into the ocean and climbing on and off ships. Plus, there are other entities involved in the offshore wind, not just the College. There are labor unions and other organizations that are involved and for the benefit of all of those organizations, a not-for-profit entity makes sense.

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Chair Murray moved onto Roundtable. Trustee Morgo said he had some comments. Regarding the wind energy, with workforce development being the hallmark of community colleges, he was glad the College was finally getting it going, and thanked President Petrizzo for his coordination. Secondly, he said in regards to Trustee Zarate's report, the heat map was very compatible with the efforts being done with the Legislature because it is always helpful when advocating to let them know how many students come from their legislative district, and he, too, urges everyone to attend the legislative meetings.

Lastly, he said he and Trustee Pagdanganan had just attended the first meeting in a long time of the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council. This is the tenth year of competitive grants for economic development to aid both private sector and not-for-profit economic development generators. This year, there will be \$150 million to be distributed for the year with a rolling application process and the deadline is July 30th. He noted there was some disappointment with the lack of participation from Suffolk County Community College in the past, which some of them had tried to remedy. He added that he was confident that with Dr. Ed Bonahue, there will be participation. Trustee Morgo noted that Farmingdale and the New York Institute of Technology are represented and Suffolk, as the leader of higher education on Long Island, should certainly be a representative. He encouraged those who head up either for-profit or not-for-profit entities, to get applications into New York State Empire State Development. The regional director, Cara Longworth, is looking forward to helping and there are going to be seminars on completing the funding application. Chair Murray thanked Trustee Morgo and said it was something that should definitely be followed up on, where there are plenty of ideas of ways to make an application.

Trustee deLeon-Lopresti asked Trustee Morgo if there was an application made on behalf of the offshore wind farm workforce training project. Trustee Morgo said not to his knowledge, but it's not too late.

Chair Murray said the way the meeting was conducted today was new, with the hybrid in-person and Zoom, and he appreciated everyone working through it, and hopefully they would be transitioning back to full in-person soon.

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Chair Murray requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history and potential discipline of an employee at 5:09p.m. Trustee Canary so moved, Student Trustee Gambina seconded, and with



all in favor, the motion carried. Chair Murray announced there would be business conducted after the Executive Session.

Chair Murray requested a motion to adjourn Executive Session and go back into the public session at 5:48 p.m. Trustee O'Connor so moved, Trustee Canary seconded, and with all in favor the motion carried.

Chair Murray noted that the Executive Session had been one of the more pleasant Executive Sessions they have had and they did pass a resolution which he read aloud. College Resolution 2021.34 was unanimously passed by the members present authorizing an employment agreement with the College President.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021.34 - Authorizing an Employment Agreement with the College President**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of Suffolk County Community College, by resolution 2021.01 duly adopted on January 12, 2021, appointed Dr. Edward Bonahue as College President of Suffolk County Community College, effective at a date and starting salary to be determined, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York (SUNY), and

**WHEREAS**, on April 26, 2021, the SUNY Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Dr. Bonahue as College President, effective on a date to be determined, and

**WHEREAS**, a committee of the Board of Trustees has negotiated a start date, starting salary, and such additional terms and conditions set forth in a written employment contract satisfactory to Dr. Bonahue and the Board of Trustees, be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Dr. Edward Bonahue as College President, effective June 28, 2021, at an annual salary of \$265,000, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Chair of the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the Board, is hereby authorized to execute an employment agreement with Dr. Bonahue, in such form as shall be approved by the College's Office of Legal Affairs.

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Chair Murray said it was now official and congratulated Dr. Bonahue and said they looked forward to working with him. All Trustee's congratulated President Bonahue. President Bonahue once again thanked everyone. Dr. Bonahue and Chair Murray then each executed the employment agreement.

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Chair Murray requested a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees, Student Trustee Gambina so moved, Trustee Morgo seconded, and with all in favor the meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

The Board of Trustees next meeting is June 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Gordon Canary  
Secretary