

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
EASTERN CAMPUS, RIVERHEAD, NY
LECTURE HALL, MONTAUKETT LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER
JUNE 15, 2023

The meeting was held on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Montaukett Learning Resource Center, in Riverhead, NY.

PRESENT:

E. Christopher Murray	Chair
James Morgo	Vice Chair
Shirley Coverdale	Vice Chair
Gordon Canary	Secretary
Gemma deLeon-Lopresti	Trustee
Theresa Sanders	Trustee
Priscilla Zarate	Trustee
Zachary Frost	Trustee
Dr. Edward Bonahue	President
Alla Brodsky	Deputy General Counsel
Sara Gorton	Interim V.P. of Business and Financial Affairs
Mary Lou Araneo	V.P. for Institutional Advancement
Shady Azzam-Gomez	V.P. for Information Technology Services
Dr. Liesl Jones	V.P. for Academic Affairs
Dr. Patty Munsch	V.P. for Student Affairs
Kaliah Greene	Interim V.P. / Executive Director, Office of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness
Angelica Rivera	V.P. for Employee Resources

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened at 10:06 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Canary.

Chair Murray announced that today would be the last board meeting for Student Trustee Frost and Trustee Morgo. Chair Murray thanked Student Trustee Frost for his service of two terms, and added he has been a dedicated member of the Board, and had provided insight to the feelings and issues affecting the students, a valuable contributor to the Board that will be missed.

President Bonahue addressed Student Trustee Frost and thanked him for his advocacy and engagement in advocating for the College. He noted he had been a great trustee as the College came out of COVID and speaking about the students' experience. (Upon which Student Trustee Frost was presented with an award and pictures were taken).

Chair Murray then addressed Trustee Morgo, and said he has not only been a friend, but also an invaluable resource at giving the history of the College and the history of the Board through the years. He added that he has served the College extremely well, and had fostered the sense of collegiality on the Board, giving them the ability for people to talk freely, but civilly. He thanked him for his service to the College and his invaluable resource as a trustee adding that he would be greatly missed.

Trustee Canary commented that he and Trustee Morgo had known each other, and had worked together since the late 80s, early 90s, when he was working as the district office manager for State Senator Owen Johnson. He asked everyone to indulge him as he reviewed Trustee Morgo's impressive dedication to public service. Jim Morgo, currently President of Morgo Private Public Strategies, a private-sector consulting business that specializes in municipal approvals and community acceptance. He was Suffolk County's Chief Deputy County Executive from November 2007 to April 2009, he was second in command of the ninth largest county in the United States, with 900 square miles, a population of 1.5 million people. In this capacity, Mr. Morgo had direct oversight of all the County departments consisting of more than twelve thousand employees and a \$2.6 billion budget. He came to Suffolk County as its first Commissioner of Economic Development, Workforce and Housing in September of 2004. As Commissioner, he was the Chief Administrator of the five-division department (aviation; cultural arts and film; community development; affordable housing; and economic development) with the mission to attract, retain and expand businesses in Suffolk County and to allow needed workers to find homes they could afford. He also served as Chair of the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency until 2012. Mr. Morgo served as the Long Island Housing Partnership's first President and Chief Executive Officer for nearly seventeen years. He transformed the Housing Partnership from a start-up organization with two employees with an annual budget of \$160,000 to the Long Island region's preeminent housing organization and the most respected suburban housing group in the nation. When Mr. Morgo left the Housing Partnership, it employed eighteen people, had six affiliate organizations and had annual budgets ranging between \$10 million and \$30 million. Mr. Morgo taught English for three years to junior and senior high school students at Cranwell Preparatory in Lenox, Massachusetts and for fourteen years at Bayport-Blue Point High School in Bayport, New York. He also taught English as an adjunct instructor at Nassau County Community College, Suffolk County Community College and Dowling College. In 1983, Mr. Morgo was elected to represent the Eighth Legislative District in the Suffolk County Legislature. As a Legislator, he sponsored landmark legislation calling for a public acquisition of the Long Island Lighting Company, and he established himself as a strong advocate for middle-class homeownership. Newsday named Jim Morgo as one of the 10 Long Island Residential Real Estate "Movers and Shakers." In 2005, he was named by the Long Island Business News as one of Long Island's one hundred most influential leaders. In 2005, 2006 and 2007, The Long Island Press named Jim Morgo one of Long Island's fifty most powerful leaders. He has received many awards from civic, community and business organizations for his leadership in housing and business. Mr. Morgo holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston College, a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University and a professional

leadership certificate from the John F. Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University.

Trustee Canary said he wanted to read this because he wanted everyone to know the extensive and impressive background of Jim and his service and work at the College, which he knows is very near and dear to his heart. He thanked him for serving for seven and a half years of, advancing the institution and doing an outstanding job, adding that he will be terribly missed, and wished him all the best in the future.

President Bonahue said Trustee Morgo was the first person he met from the College and had made many important introductions for him and encouraged him. He said his advice has been informed by his experience in the private sector and public sector and thanked him for his years of service to the College. (Upon which Trustee Morgo was presented with an award).

Trustee Morgo thanked Trustee Canary for his kind words. He said he decided about a year ago that he would be stepping down once his term ended in 2023. He believes boards need new people to bring a different way of thinking. He added that this current board, of all the boards he's been with, is the most cohesive, collegial of any board, and has been a pleasure to work with. He congratulated Student Trustee Frost adding that he had been a wonderful student trustee. Trustee Morgo said the College was an incredible place that gets good things done and changes the lives of people. He wanted to mention that in the last year or so, he was really disturbed by the incivility shown by some members of the County Legislature toward President Bonahue and toward Chair Murray, who works very hard as Chairman. He emphasized that he was not referring to the majority of the legislature, just a few individuals. Adding anyone who contributes to the institution, from the President to the administration, to the students, deserve nothing but praise for their incredible hard work. He thanked the legislature, the County Executive and his colleagues for giving him the chance to be a part of it.

Ms. Wickliffe-Campbell introduced special guests. She recognized Marie Fargo from Presiding Officer McCaffrey's office and Timothy Freeman from Legislator Bontempi's office. President Bonahue then introduced four National champions from the College's track and field program and their coaches. Mr. Tariq Earl, who was named NJCAA National Champion in the 110-meter high hurdles and National All-American. Miss Malia Fowler, two-time National NJCAA National Champion in both 100-meter hurdles and Heptathlon, who was also named the Women's Athlete of the Year. Mr. Morgan Keuler, NJCAA National Champion in the shot put and two-time All American. Miss Jaimee Starzee, also a NJCAA National Champion in javelin, and two-time All American. The athletes were accompanied by head coach, Matt French, who is the NJCAA National Head Coach of the Year. He was accompanied by Weber Lord, NJCAA National Assistant Head Coach of the Year, and Mr. Osad Mesavo, assistant coach for track and field. President Bonahue congratulated the students and coaches. He noted that four times in the past six years, the College's Athletics Program has been

ranked as first, second or third among all non-scholarship community colleges. This year the College was ranked third. He congratulated Athletic Director Nef Collazo for the accomplishment under his leadership.

Trustee Morgo asked the athletes if they had any plans to continue their athletic careers. Mr. Earl responded that he planned on going to SUNY Cortland and would pursue track and field. Ms. Fowler would like to get a scholarship to a D2 or D1 school. Ms. Keuler is still undecided on where she is going to go, but does plan to pursue more athletics in the future.

Trustee Canary congratulated the athletes on their incredible achievements. Trustee Coverdale said they had done the school proud.

Chair Murray requested a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Morgo so moved, Student Trustee Frost seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

Chair Murray requested a motion to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Coverdale so moved, Trustee Canary seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

Chair Murray introduced Sara Gorton, Interim Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs, to present the College Budget and Financial report. Ms. Gorton reported that for FY '24 the College received the BRO report on Monday. The report has been reviewed and will go before the County Legislature on Wednesday, June 21st, once approved, and then on to SUNY for review and approval. In regards to FY'23, the financial statements that were submitted are reflective of nine months up to May 31st of this year. The report is very similar to last month's report, overall variance in revenue is about \$1.3M above budget. In regards to cost variances, the College is looking at about \$1M under budgeted expenditures. With regard to the fund balance, the current projected fund balance use has been reduced to about \$11.5M compared to \$13.6 M that was budgeted. Reduction in fund balance usage attributed to the increases in revenue from non-credit courses, ESL courses, interest income, as well as a reduction in expenditures due to the cost saving measures that the College continues to employ.

Chair Murray asked what they account for with the costs savings. Ms. Gorton replied the cost savings is mainly from turnover savings and salaries. Chair Murray asked if the increase in revenue overall had been anticipated. Ms. Gorton said the largest increase in revenue has been from rental and interest income, and with the HEERF money in the bank, the College has been able to take advantage of the rising interest rates. The College has also seen an increase with facilities usage, as well as noncredit ESL program, which has provided additional revenue.

Lastly, Ms. Gorton said the resolution with financial impact was Item 1, approving annual sponsor services for the College for FY 2022-2023.

President Bonahue briefly summarized the other resolutions that were up for approval. Item 2 is an extension of a SUNY-funded enrollment management grant into a second year, under the leadership of Vice President Patty Munsch. Item 3 requests the Board's approval to update the College's contract with Suffolk County for the use of the college facilities during an emergency. There were no substantial changes, except that the County has asked all of its partners to acknowledge that there could be emergencies due to a cyber event. But the provisions relating to emergency use of college facilities and services are unchanged.

Trustee Canary asked if the federal government declares it a natural disaster, does the College then get reimbursed through whatever monies the County may get. Ms. Brodsky replied that this particular agreement is just for the College to open up its facilities to the County for use during emergencies. It doesn't address this aspect, but states that the County will reimburse the College for reasonable expenses incurred in opening up facilities and defines what is an emergency, whether it's declared by the County Executive, State or Federal Government. This agreement has been in effect for many years, and the resolution is just authorizing a renewal. Trustee Canary asked if the resolution is expanding the agreement to now include cyber-attacks. Ms. Brodsky said the agreement was originally presented to the College for signature in December, and was partially executed. However, in the spring of this year, she was contacted by the County and notified that following their cyber-attack, the County now requests that any vendor or entity which they enter into a contract with have an additional clause in the contract. The clause says that if there is a cyber emergency, that partner or vendor will notify the County. That is the only change in the contract that was previously presented to the College.

President Bonahue continued: Item 4 confirms the Board's support for a naming agreement, the \$250,000 donation from National Grid for the STEM building, the resolution officially notes the College's support for this naming. Item 5, the College wants to participate in the New York Community College Trustees Recognition Program. Item 6 asks the Board to endorse the complete strategic plan for the next five years, which includes an updated mission and vision statements, goals and strategic objectives that were already identified and endorsed by the Board last year. This revision has been created through a transparent process, including surveys, town hall meetings, and fulfills the Middle States Accreditation requirement that the College regularly review and update its mission and strategic plan. Items 7 and 8 provided means for the Board to approve resolution of a complaint raised with the College over inconsistent implementation of the exempt salaries policy. Item 7 authorizes the College to take required action to resolve the matter, under terms approved by the Board. Item 8 makes an edit to the exempt salary plan to conform it to current practice, and also to

articulate the role of more regular review, and better alignment with the job market going forward.

Chair Murray said the board was happy to have come to a resolution regarding the whistleblower complaint, and will hopefully be able to correct the situation to everybody's satisfaction.

Chair Murray called for a motion for the approval of College Resolutions 2023.38 through 2023.45. Student Trustee Frost so moved, Trustee Coverdale seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023.38 - Approving Annual Sponsor Services for Suffolk County Community College for FY2022-2023

WHEREAS, the State University of New York Regulation No. 602.7 requires the Suffolk County Community College Board of Trustees to review and approve services provided by its Sponsor, the County of Suffolk, and

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

WHEREAS, Workers Compensation, Liability Insurance and Fleet Services are considered Sponsor Services, and

WHEREAS, the College is also responsible for costs related to the administration of the Sponsor Services, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the following charges for Sponsor Services totaling \$ 1,814,781.76 for the College's 2022-23 fiscal year are hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

Workman's Compensation	\$ 850,402.13
Liability Insurance	545,054.84
Administrative Charges	387,444.00
Fleet services	31,880.79
TOTAL	\$ 1,814,781.76

RESOLUTION NO. 2023.39 - Accepting a Grant Subaward Amendment from the Research Foundation for the State University of New York, made available through an Award from the Lumina Foundation (Sponsor) to Carry Out a Project Entitled "Strategic Enrollment Management"

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 College operating budget provides \$10,000 remaining funds from The Research Foundation for The State University of New York, through funds

made available through an award from the Lumina Foundation (Sponsor), to carry out a project entitled "Strategic Enrollment Management," for the period of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023,

WHEREAS, the grant subaward has been increased by an additional amount of \$15,000, bringing the total amount of the grant subaward to \$25,000, for the budget period April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the additional funding will continue to support the development of a Strategic Enrollment Management plan, with a focus on adult learners at the College, and

WHEREAS, matching funds are not required, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 College operating budget be amended to reflect an increase in the amount of \$15,000, from The Research Foundation for The State University of New York, and the College President, or his designee, is authorized to execute any necessary documentation to accept the subaward, upon such terms and conditions as shall be approved by the Office of Legal Affairs.

Project Director: Patty Munsch, Vice President of Student Affairs

Note: No full-time personnel

RESOLUTION NO. 2023.40 - Authorizing an Agreement with Suffolk County for Use of College Facilities during Declared Disasters or Emergencies

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk has requested the use of certain College facilities as emergency shelters for County residents and their pets during declared disasters or emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the College recognizes the importance of providing emergency shelters to County Residents and their pets during times of crisis, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the College President, or designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the County of Suffolk for the use of College facilities, as mutually agreed upon by the Parties, as emergency shelters for County residents and their pets during declared disasters or emergencies.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023.41 - Authorizing a Naming Rights Opportunity, “National Grid Center for Workforce and Energy Innovation” for the Symposium Room in the STEM Center on Michael J. Grant Campus

WHEREAS, National Grid has donated a gift of \$250,000 to the Suffolk Community College Foundation (“Foundation”), in support of the Foundation’s mission to provide student access to quality education and vocational skill training through scholarships, emergency loans and funding for program development at Suffolk County Community College (“College”), and

WHEREAS, a portion of this generous donation has been utilized by the Foundation to set up a National Grid Scholarship for Excellence in Renewable Energy Workforce Development, which will help prepare students for career pathways in the renewable energy workforce, and

WHEREAS, in exchange for this generous gift and in accordance with the College’s *Policy on Naming Opportunities*, National Grid seeks to acquire from the College certain naming rights, including the right to have signage installed on certain College facilities and upon the campus grounds, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the symposium room in the College’s newly constructed Renewable Energy STEM Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus to be named “National Grid Center for Workforce and Energy Innovation” (“Center”), and be it further

RESOLVED, that branding and signage designating “National Grid Center for Workforce and Energy Innovation” shall be placed prominently on the newly named space, as well as throughout the Michael J. Grant Campus providing directions to students and members of the public to the Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023.42 - Authorization to Participate in New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT) Awards Program

WHEREAS, the New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT) is an organization dedicated to supporting New York’s community colleges, and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County Community College is a member of this organization, and

WHEREAS, the NYCCT has established an awards program to recognize outstanding accomplishments of trustees, and

WHEREAS, submission of a nomination for an NYCCT award requires a supporting Board resolution, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the college, on its behalf, to participate in the NYCCT awards program, and be it further

RESOLVED, authorizes the College to submit application(s) it deems appropriate for consideration by the NYCCT for its 2023 awards program.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023.43 - Approving Suffolk County Community College's Strategic Plan

WHEREAS, after a pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the College's work on the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan was restarted in the fall of 2021; and

WHEREAS, over the past two years, the College's Strategic Planning Council has been engaged in the process of creating a new Values Statement, Institutional Goals, Strategic Objectives, as well as reimagining its Mission and Vision Statements, and

WHEREAS, the draft Values, Institutional Goals, Strategic Objectives, and Mission and Vision statements were disseminated to the College community and presented for review and comment at in-person and virtual Town Hall Meetings held at all three College campuses during the Spring 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters, and

WHEREAS, the College's complete 2022-2027 Strategic Plan is the culmination of a comprehensive and inclusive strategic planning effort aimed at gathering and incorporating input from the College's internal and external stakeholders, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Community College's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, *Attachment I*, is hereby approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023.44 - Approving the Resolution of a Complaint

WHEREAS, a complaint was raised with the Suffolk County Community College Office of Human Resources pursuant to the College's Whistleblower Policy regarding the College's alleged inconsistent implementation of the Exempt Salary and Benefit Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, having reviewed the complaint and the relevant facts and circumstances, wishes to resolve this complaint with regard to all current exempt employees and certain former exempt employees affected by the College's prior implementation of the Exempt Salary and Benefit Plan, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the College President, or his designee, shall be authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the resolution of this complaint and implement agreements with affected exempt employees under the terms and conditions approved by the Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023.45 - Amendment of the Exempt Salary and Benefit Plan

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Suffolk County Community College has the authority to establish personnel policies, set terms and conditions of employment, and make compensation and benefits determinations for College employees who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement (“Exempt employees”), and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2009, the Board of Trustees adopted the Exempt Salary and Benefit Plan for College’s Exempt employees, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the revised Exempt Salary and Benefit Plan in accordance with *Attachment II* here to, to take effect on June 15, 2023.

Chair Murray called for the Student Success Committee report. VP Munsch reported for Trustee Pagdanganan. The student success committee met last Tuesday, the committee reviewed the relationship between the customer relationship management system that the College is currently using, and it is being built out to support student success and student engagement. Trustee Pagdanganan participated in the conversation around how the College would continue to utilize this new software resource to support students and further engage them to retain with the College moving forward.

Chair Murray called for the Advocacy Committee report. Trustee Zarate said the committee had not met, however she asked Mr. Ben Zwirn to give an update on current advocacy priorities with regards to the vote of the operating budget as well as letters of support for legislators regarding the College’s capital projects. Mr. Zwirn said as had been mentioned, the operating budget of the College will be before the full legislature on the June 22nd. Both preliminary public hearings on the operating budget have been held, and are closed. The next thing is for the legislature to take a vote, they might ask some questions if they didn't attend the Education Committee presentation. Everything is running a bit late this year with the County, so he asked the trustees, if they know legislators personally, to give them a call and ask for their support on the College budget. He added the BRO report is pretty much in line with everything and they should be supportive of the College budget, adding the County Executive has been supportive of it. The capital budget is next, it was submitted late, they did not put the infrastructure money that the College needs in the appropriate year, they put it in subsequent years, and the College is going to need some of that infrastructure money that the State and

the County have promised to be moved up into 2024. The College has an opportunity before the capital budget is approved, there's amendment resolution that's held before the vote, and he is hopeful they can get five legislators to be supportive of moving that money up into 2024. The capital vote will be on July 25th.

Chair Murray called for the Foundation report. Ms. Diaz reported on behalf of Trustee Pagdanganan. Ms. Diaz said that the grand opening of the National Grid Center for Workforce and Energy Innovation ribbon cutting ceremony took place on June 1st. It was a wonderful celebration of the 26,000 square foot, two-story, state-of-the-art STEM building on the Michael J. Grant Campus in Brentwood. The College was joined by Melanie Littlejohn, Vice President for New York Customer and community Management at National Grid. Her team of energy advocates were proud to partner with the Suffolk Community College and the Foundation on the building. The partnership was also excited to advance the National Grid workforce and energy innovation endowed scholarship, which will propel Suffolk's promising students to help develop a clean, sustainable and equitable energy future for all Long Islanders. The National Grid Center for Workforce and Energy Education is supported by a total \$310,000 gift from National Grid that includes the National Grid workforce and energy innovation scholarship and a series of other donations from National Grid, including a campus beautification mural near the STEM building and some solar trees. The new building's common area, the multipurpose emporium space is named for this global energy utility, and will attract energy thought leaders from all over the world to provide insight to Long Island's rapidly changing environment. Ms. Diaz thanked everyone who supported and attended the golf event. The Golf Classic exceeded gross and net revenue income goals. The Foundation was excited to keep expenses lower than 30%. The 39th Annual Golf Event was held at the scenic Port Jefferson Country Club, where they honored the foundation's leaders, Ed Boughal and Bob Walter.

Chair Murray called for the Student Trustee report. Student Trustee Frost thanked everyone and said he felt blessed to have been able to serve for two years surrounded by all of the leaders within the communities and learn from them. He has always been impressed with the culture at the College. He said he was grateful for the experience and is looking forward to the future. He added that despite everyone's different backgrounds the trustees come together to ensure student success. He thanked Dr. Munsch for always being a great resource and VP Araneo and Ms. Wickliffe-Campbell for helping out with the resolution for the NYCCT awards.

Trustee Canary congratulated Student Trustee Frost and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Chair Murray called for the Nominating Committee report. Trustee Morgo announced the new slate of officers to be voted on as follows: Chris Murray as Chair of the Board, Shirley Coverdale as first vice chair, Gordon Canary as second vice chair and Gemma Deleon-Lopresti as secretary.

Chair Murray called for a motion for the approval of new slate of officers for 2023-2024. Trustee Morgo so moved, Student Trustee Frost seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Murray said despite some of the controversy Trustee Morgo had mentioned, the College is running very well and he enjoyed working with everyone and looked forward to continue working with everyone in the next year.

Trustee deLeon-Lopresti thanked the board for the confidence in appointing her as secretary adding she had big shoes to fill in the absence of Trustee Morgo and plans on putting her best effort. She then congratulated Student Trustee Frost and said he would be missed.

Chair Murray moved to the President's report. President Bonahue thanked Trustees Morgo and Frost for their time and energy in serving on the board. He congratulated the new officers, and welcomed Trustee deLeon-Lopresti to the Executive Committee. He then thanked Executive Dean Reese for hosting the meeting on the Eastern Campus, and acknowledged Josephine Makowski for being at the meeting on behalf of the Association for Municipal Employees.

President Bonahue reviewed a summary of the College's spring enrollment. Both head count and overall FTE were up in the spring. On the credit side, there was an increase in all categories: new students, continuing students and so forth. The biggest increase was in high school dual enrollment students, where he believes Suffolk County's families continue to see value in the Beacon Program, where high school students pay only 25% of their tuition, though the College does receive 100% of the reimbursement from the state. He reported that the SUNY system is making a bug push to help community colleges by sending what they're calling "acceptance letters" to every family in the state with a graduating high school senior, reminding them that their local community college is an open-access institution, and that they are automatically accepted. The letters have a QRC code that students can scan, and it sends their application information directly to SUNY, and then through a portal back to Suffolk. The College has received thirty-six new applications through this process so far. The College appreciates the support from SUNY and will continue to watch this specific cohort.

In regards to Academic Affairs, the College has been working this past semester to transition its surgical technology program, from the noncredit workforce side of the house into a full two-year degree program. It has submitted the full curriculum to SUNY, and is waiting for their approval. He hopes to recruit the first class of students this summer to enter in the fall. This is a high priority for the College's partner hospitals who rely on these techs for every kind of surgical procedure. Last week the College received notice from Adelphi that the University does not wish to continue their lease of space at the Eastern Campus where they were offering some bachelor's and master's courses in the area of social work and they will be vacating the space over the summer.

President Bonahue said he coincidentally also spoke this week with President John Nader at Farmingdale State College and he indicated that Farmingdale remains very interested in using the Eastern Campus as a base for possibly offering bachelor's degrees. LIU also continues to be in residence at the Eastern Campus.

In regards to the College's operating budget, he, along with Mr. Zwirn and Ms. Gorton, will be attending the legislature meeting on the 21st. They will continue to emphasize that with the legislature's support and a small tuition increase, the College will maintain its commitment to affordability and to having the lowest college tuition on Long Island. They will also emphasize the College continues to reduce both personnel and operational costs, and is laser focused on enrollment in terms of outreach, but also delivering excellent service and retaining the students with a goal of 2% enrollment increase for the fall.

President Bonahue said he wanted to echo what Mr. Zwirn had reported in regards to capital projects. The capital infrastructure dollars within the College, every maintenance issue that the aging facilities need; whether it's heating and cooling, whether it's roofs, all of those facilities' maintenance projects need the support in terms of infrastructure dollars. The College will continue to reach out to the County and work with the legislature to state its case on why it needs to not defer those dollars once again.

Trustee Canary asked if there were any updates in the number of applicants through Seawolves at Suffolk program. President Bonahue said it hasn't changed significantly from the month before, the College has received about one hundred and twenty students so far and will update at the end of the summer.

Trustee Zarate asked regarding the colleges leasing space at Suffolk's campuses, if they offer courses that the College's offers. President Bonahue said that is always a concern that when the College has a partnership with an institution to offer their baccalaureate programs that they could end up poaching the College's students and skim off some of the lower division enrollment. Therefore, the College has written into the contracts going forward that they should never offer a lower division; a freshman/sophomore course onsite, and it needs to be reserved for baccalaureate or graduate courses. In addition, going forward the College will not provide any student information until they are into their second year and are close to graduation.

Trustee Zarate asked when the different Colleges utilize spaces, if they provide their own staff, and how is the College protected from liability. President Bonahue said yes, the colleges provide their own staff and, in the contract, there is an indemnification language making them responsible for the actions and omissions for their staff, while the College is responsible for the actions and omissions of its staff.

Chair Murray commented that the College has turned a corner on enrollment this spring, he knows it has an ambitious goal for next year but he is glad to see that it seems to have turned a corner and is a priority for the College through the leadership of President

Bonahue. President Bonahue thanked him and said not to celebrate just yet, it is a complicated picture going into fall. Vice President Munsch reported to him earlier this week that the number of new students for the fall is down significantly, and it is tracking the demographic changes that are happening in Suffolk County and on Long Island. The number of returning students is what is making up for it. As of this morning, the overall look for the fall was up 4%, but it is far too early to tell.

Chair Murray moved onto Roundtable. With no comments for roundtable Chair Murray called for a motion to enter into executive session, to discuss medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. There will be no further business conducted after executive session and the meeting will adjourn. Trustee Coverdale so moved, Student Trustee Frost seconded, and with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The Board of Trustees next meeting is August 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Alumni Room of the Brookhaven Gymnasium on the Ammerman Campus, Selden, New York.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Canary
Secretary