OFFICIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON THE 21 st of September, 2023, VIA IN-PERSON \& ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

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Start time: 9:03 a.m.
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CHAIR MURRAY: Good morning, everybody. I would like to call the Board of Trustees meeting to order. At this point, I'd like a request a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law; proposed, threatened, current or pending litigation and to seek legal advice, which is made confidential by law.

Can $I$ have a motion.
VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: So moved.
TRUSTEE CANARY: Second.
[WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]
[WHEREUPON THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS ADJOURNED FROM 9:03 A.M. TO 10:37 A.M. BY THE CHAIRMAN, E. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY.]

CHAIR MURRAY: Good morning, everyone. I think it's still morning, I apologize for the length of the executive session, we had some important

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 9/21/23 matters to discuss, and I appreciate everyone's patience. At this point, $I$ would ask Gordon to lead everyone in the pledge.

TRUSTEE CANARY: Please stand for the pledge.
[AFTER RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE Of ALLEGIANCE, THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN, CHRIS MURRAY.]

CHAIR MURRAY: At this point, I would like Carol Wickliffe-Campbell to --

MS. WICKLIFFE-CAMPBELL: Good morning, we'd like to recognize Comptroller John Kennedy; Legislator Leslie Kennedy; Legislator Trish Bergin, Maria Barbara, representing Presiding Officer Kevin McCaffrey; Tim Rothang, representing Legislator Mazzarella; Greg Ackerman, representing Legislator Bontempi; and Nick DeBello from the AME Executive Board and Tom Lupo from the

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Comptroller's Office. We also had two students with us, but they had to leave for class; they were Ethan Rothberg, the SGA president from the Ammerman Campus and Tamiko Patterson, Business and Accounting Club Vice President at Grant Campus, thank you.

CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you.
At this point, $I$ would like to recognize Dante Morelli, President of the Faculty Association to make some comments.

MR. MORELLI: Good morning. My name is Dante Morelli, and $I$ have had the honor and pleasure of serving the members of the Faculty Association as their president. I want to thank you, Chair Murray, and Trustees, for affording me the time to address the Board. I want to talk about three things today; item number one is before you on the agenda, and that is the stipulation of agreement between the Faculty Association, the County and the

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College. It's in front of you, and $I$ hope you've given it your review, and we thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

That's it about the contract.
This is what happens when you give a union president and a professor of communication studies a microphone and five minutes to speak. I will take this opportunity, and I have to tell you the great work about the Faculty Association. We are a fifty-three-year-old union and during our tenure, we have helped to educate, mentor and graduate more than 150,000 plus alumni who have gone out and made important contributions in our society and in our economy, especially here in Suffolk County. In fact, the labor that we perform in the faculty Association oversees the entire student experience from the moment the student starts thinking about college, all the way up through and to graduation and

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beyond in engaging that alumni. In fact, I have to take this opportunity to brag about some of our faculty.

The faculty of the Jane $F$.
Shearer School of Nursing this past year, the class of 2023, had some of the highest NCLEX scores in the state of any major community college of our size. Additionally, it had some of the highest scores of any of the graduates who graduated with bachelor's degrees from schools here on Long Island. I am so proud.

And I am so proud of the faculty of the Jane $F$. Shearer School of Nursing -- and how awesome is it to call it the Jane $F$. Shearer School of

Nursing? I have a number of people I would like to thank; $I$ would like to thank you, Dr. Bonahue, for your leadership in this process and putting together a negotiating team that started off with Lou Petrizzo, $I$ want to thank him for his service before he retired.

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Dr. Mark Harris, $I$ want to thank him for his contributions before he transitioned onto another institution. But somebody who really deserves a lot of the credit for the heavy lifting is Vice President Angelica Rivera who really did a lot of work with this. Thank you, Angelica.

And of course, Ashley Pope who came on and helped us tie up some loose ends, it's so good to have you back at the institution, thank you. And $I$ can't -- I have to also thank Ben Zwirn and Drew Biondo for their work in collaborating and working with the County on this as well, thank you.

And finally, $I$ have to thank Suffolk County Director of Labor Relations, Jennifer McNamara, for her leadership and being with us every step along the way in the process. And finally, the negotiating team of the Faculty Association that met over the summer often, our Executive Counsel and of course our membership who passed the
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stipulation proposal by $90.4 \%$.
So, with that, $I$ thank you for your time. And as a good professor of communication studies, $I$ will not take the entire time to speak. Thank you so much.

CHAIR MURRAY: It is my understanding that we had requests made last night from two County legislators; Kennedy and Bergin, to make some comments. My understanding they are not within the forty-eight hours, so in order to allow them to speak, we would need to take a vote as a Board as to whether or not they should be permitted speak.

Also my understanding it's in relation the Item 1, resolution number 2023.53, which is a matter that I have recused myself, and will be abstaining from and not participating in any discussions with regard to that resolution. So, prior to the vote to allow the legislators to speak, and

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ultimately on resolution number 2023.53, I will be turning over to Shirley the meeting for those matters. But I did want to make just some general comments, not on the resolution itself, but with regard to the Board of Directors and some of the statements that have been made recently regarding the Board of Directors -- the Board of Trustees, excuse me.

The Board of Trustees, as everybody knows is a volunteer board, we all take time from our jobs to participate. My understanding is that a few years ago prior to my time, there was a lot of controversy with regard to the Board, it's makeup, it's prior chairperson, this is all before I, and most of the people's, time on the board. Since Theresa Sanders become chairwoman, and hopefully continuing with me, the Board has functioned extremely well. It's a very collegial body, it's a body that respects everybody, it's a body

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where everybody participates, everybody has a committee that they spend a lot of time and effort on, and it's an atmosphere that $I$ am proud of. And we've gone through some very difficult times; we had a transition with regard to the president of the college, which was trying to say the least. We had situations where financially there was significant problems with our fund balance, $I$ think at one point our fund balance was down to $\$ 5$ million. We had declining enrollment percentage-wise, sometimes double digits. We had just a variety of really challenging times. And during the transition between presidents, the Board became very active in helping the college, and with our work with, the Board and the very hard work and dedicated work of the faculty and administration, we really -- we're excelling.

This year $I$ think we just looked at the enrollment figures, right now

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we're close to up to $3 \%$ over last year at this time. That is a major, major turning, in fact we only budgeted a $2 \%$ increase. Our fund balance is, like, \$30 million at this point, as opposed to \$5 million. We held tuition flat for three, four years and it's now the lowest tuition of any institution of higher learning on Long Island. And this was done through a very collegial atmosphere on the Board.

It was a pleasure to come here,
it was a pleasure to work with people. Theresa, $I$ think, set the tone, and hopefully $I$ continued it. And we excused absences for people that had family emergencies, for people that had illnesses, health problems, for people that had business commitments, vacations. And it was just, there wasn't any tension at all within the Board.

Unfortunately, that has changed to some degree, and it's been caused by

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one person particularly. And last meeting, and $I$ know this is going to be controversial, but last meeting we had a County Legislator Trish Bergin, get up there and make public comments and state absolutely false statements of fact as if they were fact. They were accusations regarding myself, they were statements with regard to matters with regard to the school, which were demonstrably false, absolutely false. And what that has done is created a certain amount of tension, has diverted attention from providing the services to the school, to the students. We spent so much time worrying about the students, worrying about not just their education, but to deal with their other needs; whether it's health, food insecurity, mental health. Instead, we spend an hour talking about internal -in my mind, just not what we should be talking about. And $I$ can tell you, $I$ am just so frustrated at the political
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opportunism that is being taken advantage of and being used and diverting the attention of this institution for what it's supposed to be doing. And it's harmful to the school, it's harmful to the Board, it's harmful to the students. And it's just -- it's just shameless, absolutely shameless.

I know it's -- I'm sorry to be so
blunt, but I'm really kind of sick of
what's going on. Anyway, $I$ am going to recuse myself from the resolution Item Number 1. I believe Ashley is going to give you a history of it. I believe it's going to be taken out of order and voted on. I believe Theresa is also going to recuse herself.

TRUSTEE SANDERS: Yes, I am, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MURRAY: Shirley, that's all.
(Chair Murray and Trustee Sanders left the room.)

VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: Okay, so,

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I believe we are at the point where we need a resolution to allow or vote to allow people to speak.

MS. POPE: Right, by majority vote.

TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: So moved.

TRUSTEE CANARY: Seconded.
VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: Motion seconded. All those in favor?

COLLECTIVE RESPONSE: Aye.
[WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

MS. KENNEDY: Good morning, and thank you very much for allowing us to speak. I am going to be very brief. I am thankful that the two people involved recused themselves, that's honorable. I am here today as a Legislator, I am here today as a committee member for the Education Committee, and $I$ am here as an alumni, who loves this college and wants it to stay with an excellent reputation.

I am terrified by what $I$ have

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been hearing, by what $I$ have been reading, not only in the press, but discussions going on, that this -what's going on right now, will effect not only the college's future, but both of these people are legislative appointments. So, should something go awry with everything $I$ 've read in the paper and the discussions, we will all be effected in the future, which means every student down the line will be effected, our finances will be effected and it terrifies me.

For the safety of the college,
for our future, I'm asking that if any of the meetings that were missed by said Board member who was out of the county, out of the state, or out of the country, those not be given as excused absences -- simply by what was in the paper and what has been discussed -they be removed. I have nothing against an excused absence normally, but that could lead to something down the line.
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That would hurt us.
My second question is for
Mr. Murray, just for my -- what's a good word for it? Just for my safety and my comfort, $I$ would like to know his firm's policy on what's called legally a

Chinese wall, to know where -- how he divides up what he's doing in representation of the college, and an individual. So, if $I$ could get the firm's policy on that, that would make -- probably comfort me at this point.

But $I$ want you all to know that $I$
respect every single one of you, and $I$ want this college to succeed. It's -I'm a graduate, $I$ am proud, $I$ would not be where $I$ am today, even though my degree is in nursing, if $I$ didn't -- if it wasn't for Suffolk Community College, and the fabulous educators, and the policy. So let's keep us clean, and let's do the right thing. Thank you. TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Thank you.
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PRESIDENT BONAHUE: Thank you.
MS. BERGIN: Thank you very much to all of you for allowing myself and Legislator Kennedy to speak today. I, too, am an alumnus of Suffolk Community College. And Dante, $I$ want to thank you and the communication department, because that's what $I$ got my degree in and then went on to get my master's degree. So unfortunately Mr. Murray, I am here to communicate to all of you my feelings as a legislator and as a graduate of this school. Much like Leslie Kennedy, this is a very special place for me, Suffolk Community College. And what $I$ see happening and what $I$ read in the newspaper is disheartening, truly.

We are reading about -- and, you know, Mr. Murray can blame Trish Bergin for, you know, shedding the light on a very, very bad situation. But I didn't create that situation, Ms. Sanders created that situation, Mr. Murray

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created that situation, and $I$ hope that Mr. Murray can hear me out in the hallway right now. I am so troubled by the number of hats that that man wears. So he is not only the Chair of the Trustees of this college, he is also Ms. Sanders' personal attorney, which is what he said to me at the last meeting. He's also the attorney for the Urban League. He also received $\$ 20,000$-- in excess of $\$ 20,000$-- from the Urban League. What was that money used for? Was that money to pay for his personal services to Ms. Sanders? Was that for services that he rendered to the Urban League? Then he also sits here as a chairperson. He's wearing way too many hats, and his law firm should absolutely look into that, $I$ know the district attorney of Nassau County is looking into all of this, that's not Trish Bergin's fault. Whose fault is that?

The fact that Ms. Sanders is being investigated for using --

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allegedly using Urban League money to pay for vacation for herself and her daughter. And then also recently she admitted to Newsday that she missed the last meeting because she was on vacation in Jamaica. So how many of these absences is she actually supposed to be excused for? Vacations? Okay, family emergency $I$ get, but you're not in the country? On the Urban League's dime, according to the Newsday article? This is all so egregious, and Mr. Murray can say that it's Trish Bergin's fault;

Trish Bergin didn't tell Ms. Sanders to go on a paid vacation according to the Newsday article paid for by the Urban League. Ms. Bergin didn't tell

Mr. Murray to wear three different hats all at the same time.

All of this stinks. It's not fair to the students, it's not fair to our outstanding faculty. If this individual has made, allegedly, according to the Newsday article, such

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poor financial decisions when it came to the books at the Urban League, why would we have her overseeing the finances here at this wonderful university? I hope that all of you consider -- because here is your opportunity, there are no criminal charges against Ms. Sanders, there is an investigation that's going on. You have an opportunity right now to decide whether or not her four consecutive missed meetings is acceptable to all of you. And if it's not acceptable, then she will be removed.

If you all decide that those absences are acceptable, then the County Charter C23-9 allows the legislature to have a hearing to remove those who the legislature appointed, which would be Mr. Murray and Ms. Sanders. And don't think for a second that $I$ won't do it. So I'm hopeful that all of you make a very strong and important decision here today regarding the missed meetings by

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Ms. Sanders. If you decide that those absences were appropriate, that's your decision. But if she remains here, I promise you $I$ will exercise C23-9 as a legislator here in Suffolk County.

Thank you very much for allowing me to speak, I do appreciate all the work that you do. I appreciate the fact that you are all volunteers. I appreciate that you make very, very difficult decisions all on a volunteer basis. It's incredible that you spend so much of your own time doing what you do, and $I$ want to applaud the faculty, and $I$ want to congratulate you if your new contract is approved here today, it's well deserved. Thank you very much.

VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: Okay.
MS. POPE: I was asked just to provide an overview of what the first resolution on the Board's agenda is. It's a resolution to confirm action by the Board's Executive Committee pursuant

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to the college bylaws. Subsequent to the last board meeting, at which this was originally on the agenda, the Executive Committee-- three of the Executive Committee members, I should say with Chair Murray abstaining and removing himself from that portion of the meeting, conditionally approved the resolution to excuse the absence of Trustee Chair Sanders on August 17, 2023, and to designate it as an excused absence, such that the bylaws would not result in removal of Chair Sanders from the Board.

Pursuant to the bylaws, any conditional approval from the Executive Committee is subject to confirmation by the Board of Trustees as a body, so that is why it is on the agenda. And it if you would like to request a motion to consider that, it could come before the Board.

VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: Thank you, Ashley Pope, so we are requesting a
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES 9/21/23 motion for approval of college resolution number 2023.53; is there a motion?

TRUSTEE CANARY: Motion to consider the resolution?

VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: Yes.
TRUSTEE CANARY: I make the motion.

TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: I just want to make a statement, is that out of order?

VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: It needs to be seconded.

MS. POPE: So there's discussion on a motion once it's before the Board, so if you have first and a second then she can.

TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Second.
VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: Any
discussion?
TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Yeah, I
just want to point out that we're here. You know, $I$ think this resolution is about confirming the decision of the

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Executive Committee. Just by way of background, the Executive Committee is only voting on excusing the absence of a fellow trustee who has worked very hard in leading this organization over difficult times and we all respect her. We're not here to remove a fellow trustee, the trustees are appointed by legislative bodies, and the County and the governor's office.

If the time comes to remove a trustee, $I$ personally believe it shouldn't be done on the fact that because they were sick or they had a period of recovery. So we were only voting on whether or not the attendance should be excused. I believe that if a trustee should be removed, it should be exactly as Legislator Bergin said, the legislature should do it. I think it's their responsibility to appoint us and it's their responsibility to remove us. And $I$ don't want to be in the position of being the judge of a fellow trustee.
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That being said --
TRUSTEE CANARY: Well said.
VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: I also
would like to make the observation that we're not here to litigate matters that are before the Courts. We are not here as trial jurors to convict people when allegations are made. If we did that, then we would be subject to all kinds of political pressure and intimidation. And we do operate, while we are appointed as volunteers, with some integrity to vote our conscience and convictions in the best interest of the college and the students. And, in deference to us, often as Americans, talking about a country of family values, we have a lot of reasons why people are excused from service from time to time. People have illness, people have family matters, there are all kinds of reasonable reasons for people to miss meetings.

If someone is not just taking up

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a seat, not concerned about doing the business of the college, and they're absent for no reasonable reason, that's another matter. But we have this motion before us, and it's been moved and seconded. Is there any further discussion before we ask for the vote? TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: One more point, which is theoretically, if there were a trustee that we believed was unethical or behaved in an unethical way, and they attended every single, meeting, we would be powerless to remove them, correct?

VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: Correct.
TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Right?
VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: That's correct.

TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: That's how $I$ see it. That being said, again.

VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: Okay call
for the vote.
TRUSTEE CANARY: Madam Chair, I make a motion to table resolution number
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VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: Is there a second to that?

TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Second.
VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: Any discussion?

TRUSTEE CANARY: The resolution will be tabled to the December meeting.

VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: All those in a favor on the motion to table?

COLLECTIVE RESPONSE: Aye.
VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: That motion is carried. Any abstentions?
(No response.)
TRUSTEE CANARY: Resolution is tabled.

VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: Okay.
[WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]
(Chris Murray and Theresa Sanders entered the room.)

CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you. So, everyone, back to the agenda. At this point, $I$ would request a motion for the

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approval of the minutes of August 17, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting; do we have a motion to approve the minutes? TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: SO moved.

CHAIR MURRAY: Second?
VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: Second.
CHAIR MURRAY: All those in
favor, please say aye.
COLLECTIVE RESPONSE: Aye.
[WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND
SECONDED WAS VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]
CHAIR MURRAY: At this point, I
would like to introduce Interim Vice President of Financial Affairs, Sarah Gordon to present the college budget and college financial report.

MS. GORDON: Thank you, Chair
Murray and members of the Board. As you said, I'm here to present the financial report for the month of August. You should have already received the financial statements of revenue and expenditures for the twelve months ended

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August 31 st of 2023 . So, although we've reached the end of our fiscal year, we still have work that's to be done as far as recording revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year, as well as preparing to close the books for our audit.

So the numbers that are presented are, we feel, our best projections, and I don't think they will change significantly over the next six weeks as we close the books, but there always is the chance that we have additional figures. So the final update will be available in October when we get ready to prepare our State report.

But as for now, with regard to our revenue budget, our overall variance in revenue ended up about $\$ 2.4$ million or $1.2 \%$ above the adopted revenue budget. The facts of that is although tuition was down from our budget about $\$ 100,000$ with student fees exceeding our budget, and our interest and rental

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income exceeding the budget significantly, we were really able to recover and to have a significant increase in revenue.

I want to acknowledge and thank John Boland from my office, for his management of our cash flow and making sure that we're investing wisely and able to take advantage of the current financial situation and increasing rates, which has given us over $\$ 1$ million in interest income revenue. Also Nav Kolatzi (phonetic) and his group there that have really worked hard after coming out of the pandemic to reignite and enter into new agreements to make sure that our facilities are being used, and that we've really increased our revenue from facilities rental and things like that. So that's really made a big impact on our budget this year.
With regard to our expenditure budget, we're ending up very close,
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within $\$ 100,000$ of our budgeted expenditures. Again, there are some overages, and some savings that we've experienced, the most significant is in equipment and supplies, we were able to save about $\$ 2.3$ million, which we had to do to offset the increases in the benefits from EMHP, and increases in our required retirement contributions as well the rising costs of our contractual expenditures, especially our utilities. Which, as everybody knows who lives on Long Island, continue to increase.

However, again, with our ability to find new revenue sources, we're really coming in, $I$ think, in a good position for the end of fiscal year 2023. Our anticipated fund balance when we prepared the budget was going to be use of $\$ 13.6$ million of our fund balance, we're probably ending up with using only about $\$ 11$ million, so we found that with that increase in revenue and managing our costs, we're able to

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save $\$ 2.4$ million of fund balance usage. Again, as $I$ said, as our audit goes through, there may be additional adjustments, but our estimated fund balance at the end of the year for 2023 should be about \$32.8 million.

At this point, although we've already started fiscal year '24, there isn't a lot to report in the first three weeks as far as expenditures and projections; however, we were able to take a look at our revenue figures with what was budgeted, and I'm pleased to be able to report that with regard to our full-time fall revenue, we are currently slightly over our budget by about \$165,000. So again, recognition for Dr. Munsch and everyone who was involved in the recruiting and retention of students, because we were able to meet that $2 \%$ budget increase that was placed into the budget.

And with regard to our part-time fall revenue, as of the date of this
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preparation, which was last week, we were about 18\% under budget, but that's kind of expected, because we have our late start enrollment, we have our dual enrollment of our high school students that really has a major effect on our part-time enrollment, so we expect that to be increasing and to be pretty close to our budget.

So our anticipation, again, with this budget preparation for fiscal year '24 was a $\$ 12.9$ million use in fund balance. Based on the results of $F Y$ '23, that would leave us with a projected fund balance of about $\$ 19.6$ million at the end of 2024 , that represents about 9.5\% of our total operating budget, which is just around the level that Middle States recommends.

But I do want to just make a comment, because with the level of our budget, our average monthly cash outlay is about $\$ 17$ million. So one of the concerns that $I$ know my predecessor

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always brought up was the liquidity of the college, and making sure that at any given time we had enough cash on hand to meet our obligations. So that's why we're just concerned with that fund balance, that number is, I think, a fairly healthy number if that's where we end, but we're always looking for ways to increase our revenue, to curtail our expenditures, to keep our budget in balance and making sure that we don't have any concerns with regard to liquidity at the end of year when we need to pay our bills and meet our obligations.

Does anybody have any questions?
CHAIR MURRAY: Any questions.
TRUSTEE CANARY: Just a
statement, Mr. Chairman. Sarah, I just want to thank you for stepping up, you know, with the loss of Mark Harris, so we appreciate your efforts and your crew, your entire office operations. Thanks for looking out so carefully for
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our finances, it's appreciated. Thank you.

MS. GORDON: Thank you, thank you very much. We do have a resolution for our sponsored services for the August EMHP, and also the list of budget transfers.

CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you.
MS. GORDON: Thank you.
CHAIR MURRAY: We'll go to the resolutions now, the main one obviously is the faculty association contract, we spent a fair amount of time in executive session discussing that. We are very happy that we were able to reach -there's a tentative agreement subject to our approval, and then the approval of the County Legislature, but $I$ would like to thank Angelica for her hard work on the matter and also Dante and the Faculty Association, I'm glad that this is something that we're able to put to bed and go forward and concentrate on the students and performance of the
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With that, $I$ would request a
motion for approval of college resolution numbers 2023.54 through 2023.60. Can $I$ get a motion? VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: So moved.

TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN: Second.
CHAIR MURRAY: All those in
favor, please say aye.
COLLECTIVE RESPONSE: Aye.
CHAIR MURRAY: All those opposed?
(No response.)
CHAIR MURRAY: The motion is
carried. Again, thank you to everybody that was involved in that FA contract.
[WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED WAS VOTED ON AND CARRIED.]

MR. CANARY: Mr. Chairman, on that point, so the next steps in the full ratification of the contract is going before the Suffolk County Legislature, President Bonahue, can you comment on the next couple of steps on this?
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PRESIDENT BONAHUE: I'm happy to. We've already been in touch with Chair Mazzarella regarding having the Education and Labor Committee hear this contract and consider this contract at their next meeting, which will be October 4th. Following that, if it's approved by the Education and Labor Committee, we also have it on the agenda for the general legislative meeting on October 11 th.

TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you.
CHAIR MURRAY: Any other questions?

If not, we'll go to the committee reports. Budget and Finance, Kevin could not be present, $I$ don't think we met either. So, we'll move over. Student Success?

TRUSTEE PORTILLO: For the Student Success Subcommittee, the report; we met on September 5th via Zoom, the Student Success Subcommittee came together to learn about our

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athletic program and their approach to student success for our student athletes through the National Junior College Athletic Association. This program funds about two hundred and forty incoming students who are full time, have a GPA of at least 2.0 in order to compete on a college level. Just recently last year they've started a mentoring program for students within the program to give guidance, build a relationship amongst each other, and most importantly, to acquire success in the classroom and on the field. And that's what $I$ have for my report.

CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you so much. Any questions?

If not we'll go to Governance, we had a meeting; Gordon?

TRUSTEE CANARY: Thank you,
Mr. Chairman. The Governance Committee met on Monday, September $18 t h$, about

3:45; myself, Chair Murray, First Vice Chair Coverdale, President Bonahue,

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General Counsel Pope and our trustee recording secretary, Gail Canahan.

Meeting was called to order, General Counsel Ashley Pope advised the committee that the contract with Volz and Vigliotta to provide as-needed legal services to the Board of Trustees expired this month, and asked if we wanted to continue to have a contract for the services available. The committee desired to continue to have a contract for the services, GC Pope will work with procurement to secure the services.

GC Pope advised the committee that the Board has not yet completed their self-assessment for 2023 and recommended the self-assessment process be initiated. First step would be to review the assessment form and recommend any changes, after which the form could be distributed to the trustees for completion. Committee Chair Canary agreed and asked to have a copy of the

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last assessment form that was used to provide it to the committee for their review, we would like to have the evaluation completed before the end of 2023. President Bonahue asked whether the self-assessment would support or be required by Middle States' standards, he will contact Dr. Cushing. GC Pope reviewed, during the course of the meeting, that regular board self-assessment would support Middle State standards related to the governance body of the institution. Discussion was also had about the phasing out of the current Board of Trustees portal, which is old and will need to be replaced with a document management system that can be supported. GC Pope discussed other platforms that she is familiar with, thinks it could be a good fit for the college, many of which have a public-facing side and an authenticated side accessible to trustees and specified employees. These

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types of platforms are secure, help with our goals of transparency and accessibility and support efficient dissemination of documents and information to the various groups of stakeholders. She had a preliminary meeting with VP Gomez to review available options, and he is supportive of exploring a successor platform.

The conversation was had then about creating college email addresses for the Board of Trustees for use when dealing with any college business. Using college email addresses would provide the trustees with emails that would have the same up-to-date security that college employees currently have.

All committee members agreed that it would be a best practice and easier to have all college information stored in one location. GC Pope will draft a policy statement to that effect for the committee's review and consideration for recommendation to the full board.

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GC Pope informed the committee that legal affairs is undertaking a comprehensive policy review development project. Many of the college's policies are outdated and some could appropriately be converted to a procedure instead of a policy. Anticipated timelines for a project of this nature were discussed. GC Pope reviewed the recommendation arising out of Middle State standards for policy on policy making, and proposed to provide the committee with a draft policy on policies for review and recommendation to the Board for eventual adoption. This would then guide the work of the overall project. GC Pope will work President Bonahue and Vice Presidents and heads of departments as-needed during this project. And this will be a lengthy project, to say the least.

The final topic addressed was board agenda format and contents. After discussion, the committee agreed it
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would be beneficial to include on the regular Board agenda and thereby notify the public of the possibility of a motion to enter into executive session as-needed at the beginning of each Board of Trustees meeting, before any discussion or voting on resolutions, as well as the possibility of a motion to enter into executive session as-needed at the end of a meeting. Any executive sessions would be conducted for permitted reasons, under and in accordance with the open meetings law. We adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you. Any
questions?
If not, Personnel?
TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI:
Personnel did not meet.
CHAIR MURRAY: Advocacy?
TRUSTEE ZARATE: Same thing,
there was no topic for discussion right now, so we did not meet.

TRUSTEE CANARY: Facilities, back

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to you, Gordon.
TRUSTEE CANARY: So, as a
long-time member of the Facilities Committee, as you know $I$ have been elevated to the position of Chair for the committee in Jim Morgo's stepping down. So, this was my first meeting now as not just a member, but as the Chair. So myself, President Bonahue, General Counsel Pope, Interim Vice President for Business and Finance Sarah Gordon, Administrative Director of Educational Facilities John DeMaio, and again our Recording Secretary Gail Canahan. Meeting called to order, Chair Canary asked John DeMaio to give updates on the following; first item was in regard to the wall defect at the health and wellness center on the Riverhead campus. And what John advised was a structural engineering consultant for $H 2 M$ is evaluating the cause, and we are awaiting that report. John explained that we currently have $\$ 8$ million in the

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Result of the County capital program; an additional $\$ 5$ million was put back into infrastructure for 2024, which was very good news. Automative construction funds remain in the 2024 budget, South Cottage renovation at Grant in 2024 for construction equipment and supplies, the design was done in-house, so we saved some money there. Caumsett Hall partial renovation, for a one-stop design phase will commence in 2024, construction funds would be available in 2026. All four projects have been submitted to the state and SUNY has everything they need to advise the division of budget.

Discussion was had about the college sending out letters to our Suffolk County Legislators asking them to request support from the State

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representatives to get the required State aid necessary for our capital program.

ADA compliance; a comprehensive civil rights compliance review was conducted in 2018 on all campuses. Findings have been corrected and reported back to the New York State Education Department. This was a massive undertaking by the college, which address ADA parking spaces, external access; such as sidewalks, curb cuts, ramps, handrails, exterior doors, bathrooms, seating, labs and signage throughout all campuses. The college invested $\$ 3$ million to be in compliance. The Facilities Department continues to work closely with the Disability Services Department when any specific requests come in from students or staff, and when feasible, we will strive to exceed code to meet the needs of our students and staff.
Air-conditioning; there are

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current issues on the Ammerman Campus in both the Southampton and Riverhead buildings. There have been problems since installation with sensor and valve failures, as well as occasional leaks. Getting parts, and the lack of DAIKIN certified technicians trained to do the repairs has been problematic.

Obviously, this is DAIKIN equipment that we're talking about. A new unit was delivered September 14 th to the roof of the Southampton building. Installation will be starting shortly, and will continue to be worked on during winter so that we're ready for next spring and the next round of heat. John discussed the importance of getting plant operation staff trained so we would be able to fix things in-house, but added that the technology is constantly changing and making training difficult and an ongoing process. Renewable energy and STEM center status; the building is opened and being used by

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students, thank god.
There are a few change orders still being worked on. The solar array on the roof is in test mode for the past six months, we are waiting on PSEG's approval and need the commercial operator's letter so PSEG can retest the meter and we can then begin to benefit from our solar energy. We were recently assigned a new account manager and are working closely with them to get this accomplished. One main issue we have in the building which is the elevator, which has been unreliable. The college is requesting a written report explaining all failures and the causes and we will be seeking an appropriate remedy for all failures. The building still needs a parapet wall setting to be able to determine requirements for access to the roof. It looks like we will come in on budget with the final project, which is nothing short of miraculous.
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Energy audit; the college will not be able to complete an energy audit this year, a Level II American Society of Heating Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers -- ASHRAE -audit is a good audit that looks at historical data. Unfortunately, the college has had multiple buildings flowing through single meters. To get accurate data, we would need to sub-meter in each building. This presents an additional and potentially significant cost, since this would not be part of a capital program, we will need to seek out funding for installation of these meters, but again, critically important to try to get a real good assessment on our energy usage.

National Grid potential expanded geothermal project; the college is exploring an opportunity in partnership for an expanded geothermal project. Geothermal is a known technology that

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would otherwise entail additional costs to bring into new buildings. It would reduce the college's carbon footprint. We would like to install it under existing parking lots and preserve unused real estate. When we say installing the system, $I$ think we're referencing the extraction and injection wells, hence geothermal, we have to get the water up, so that's what we're talking about installation under existing parking lots. It is a closed-loop system and would cover our largest buildings, replacing equipment we would otherwise have to replace at our own cost out of our infrastructure budget. A concern is that being part of the pilot cannot negatively impact our future operating budgets. If there is transfer to a third-party after National Grid develops it, that would leave us with unknown partners and cost. We are seeking appropriate guarantees protecting the college in the letter of

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 9/21/23 intent that is currently under consideration.

Eastern Campus warehouse bid; the drawings are almost done and the bid will go out next month. We are looking for responses that meet our budget expectations for the project. The ultimate decision will be based on what works best for the Eastern Campus needs and cost; bigger building with no heat or smaller building with heat. Eastern Campus central energy plant bid; the bid for the plant was advertised September 14, 2023, with bids due on October 13, 2023. It is expected that we will take until fall 2024 to upgrade the energy plant boilers. Automative technology center RFP; the RFP Committee has been formed, the technical specifications have been submitted in-house to use the design RFP. It is a very specific, tailored design, work-base would all be the same. We would like to get the RFP out and get

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responses back before the end of the 2023 calendar year. The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you. Any questions?

If not, we'll move onto
Foundation.
TRUSTEE PAGDANGANAN: Okay, thank you, Mr. Chair. The Board of Directors of the Suffolk Community College Foundation, President Bonahue, Chairwoman Belinda Alvarez Groneman and the Foundation are delighted to invite you to the Education Without Limits Luncheon on Friday, October $27 t h$, from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Smithtown Landing Country Club. This luncheon will witness the soft launch of the Education Without Limits Campaign, a multi-year major gifts campaign raising funds for scholarships, student fellowships and hardship funds to support Suffolk's promising students. During the Education Without Limits

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Luncheon program, select students will share stories about scholarships that changed their lives. We will recognize our supporters, welcome new friends and envision a future at Suffolk County Community College and creating even greater impact in the next generation. For details of the sponsorship opportunities and the convenient online donation page, visit the Foundation's easy-to-navigate website. Individual tickets are only $\$ 125$ and sponsorships range from $\$ 500$ to $\$ 10,000$ are available, but they're selling out fast. The Suffolk Community College Foundation is also proud to announce the establishment of the Harborview Medical Services Medical Assistant Career Program. Providing the Harborview employees with full tuition scholarships to advance their career goals with the completion of the medical assistant program at Suffolk County Community College. Harborview Medical Services is

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pioneering new ways to practice medicine across multiple locations, using

Northwell Mather Hospital's advanced resources to create seamless continuity of care for every patient. Through their affiliation with Northwell Mather Hospital, Harborview's physicians and practitioners provide quality care and keep current with the latest medical research. Critical medical assistants are a vital part of the patients' healthcare; they often see patients at the beginning and end of medical visits and are critical to ensuring that patients are ready to receive care and service when visiting a physician's office, the clinic or other ambulatory care settings and hospital like Northwell Mather Hospital. Mather Hospital, a member of Northwell Health, is an accredited 248 bed nonprofit community teaching hospital located in Port Jeff. They are dedicated to providing the highest quality clinical

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care, education to current and future generations of healthcare professionals and healthcare education and caring for the community.

And lastly, the Foundation is also partnered with colleagues from throughout the college to produce the alumni Beacon's program which highlights some of the successful Suffolk alumni. The video series is located on the YouTube platform and features stories of successful alumni from a variety of career and industry backgrounds. Coordinated by the Director of Alumni Relations, Russ Marlboro, with the assistance of College Communications Director Drew Biondo, Media Specialist Paul Turano, Development Director Chris Williams and Dr. Sylvia Diaz; Executive Director, the Alumni Beacons Video Series captures the spirit of Suffolk Sharks Alums who have achieved success throughout their region.

And that's my report.
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CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you. Any questions? Thank you very much.

The Association Liaison from the Board of Trustees, that's Samantha.

TRUSTEE PORTILLO: That's the
Board of Directors, right?
CHAIR MURRAY: Yes.
TRUSTEE PORTILLO: The Board of Directors did not meet since their last meeting on August $9 t h$, and their next scheduled meeting is on September 27 th and $I$ will have the report by next meeting.

CHAIR MURRAY: Thank you.
Student trustee?
TRUSTEE PORTILLO: SO, as we know the fall semester began on Wednesday, August 30 th. Since then there have been college-wide events on all campuses. Some events $I$ personally attended were the Welcome Fun here at the Grant Campus and the Club Fair on the Ammerman

Campus. Both events were a success, a lot of students participating, engaging

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with one another creating an open, calm and diverse atmosphere. I noticed SGA piqued the interest in students on Ammerman, which I'm excited about and I hope to engage with in the future. As of now, $I$ haven't attended any events at the Riverhead Campus, but hope to do so before the end of next month. That concludes my report for the month, any questions?

TRUSTEE CANARY: I do. Samantha, in general, the feelings of the students coming back, are you seeing any concerns with a resurgence of Covid, it's been in the news now; is anybody expressing any kind of concerns about that?

TRUSTEE PORTILLO: Actually, no,
I see quite the opposite, I see like when these events come up that a lot of students attend. And especially here at the Grant Campus, you know, since Brentwood High School is here, many students enroll in Suffolk, and they've honestly, like, you walk in the hallways
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and it's, like, filled with students coming from classes and out. And the students I've personally spoken to really don't have any concerns about Covid, they really don't wear the masks anymore. They are scared of it, some, but not really as much as before.

Because $I$ feel like, we have protocols and precautions now compared to before, we weren't prepared for it to happen, you know?

TRUSTEE CANARY: Good, thank you.
TRUSTEE PORTILLO: You're
welcome.
TRUSTEE CANARY: We're getting back to normal.

TRUSTEE PORTILLO: Yes.
CHAIR MURRAY: Any other
questions?
So this goes to the Chair's report, and the only thing $I$ would Gordon, Gemma and $I$ had breakfast with four members of the Higher Education Committee meeting last week, I thought
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it was a very good breakfast; we had a free flow of ideas of what needs to be -- you know what we want to have more communication, a more working relationship and $I$ thought all in all, it was a very good meeting. I think they got a good understanding of where we've been to where we've come to. So, that was very positive, so that's my Chair's report.

President's report?
PRESIDENT BONAHUE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and trustees. Thank you as always for your contribution of time and service to the college. It's been a very long morning, and so I'm going to make my report brief, $I$ do want to acknowledge our representatives who are here with us today. Professor Dante Morelli; Dante, congratulations and thank you for your collaboration as we work out this contract. Professor Sean Tvelia is here from the Administrators Guild. And I see Ms. Josephine Makowski

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from AME, thank you, Josephine, for being with us.

Briefly, Trustees, on enrollment;
as we've come back into this fall semester, I shared with you last time that for the first time our enrollment in our onsite courses is now once again significantly outpacing enrollment in online classes, and we're seeing an equilibrium again between the students who are seeking a traditional collegial experience, and the students who need more flexible access through distance education. As $I$ shared last month, our enrollment does vary day-to-day, but our trend has definitely been up on a day-to-day basis. At your seats, you will find the year-over-year enrollment snapshot from yesterday, this report now includes at the top some student enrollment for our late start micromester classes, and we're also beginning to see some high school dual enrollment coming in at this report from

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the high schools, that's on the second table, the Beacon enrollment.

We set ourselves, as you know, a 2\% goal for increasing enrollment, some of these seats that we're seeing on this report are not yet paid for, again, some of this enrollment is still coming in for late-start terms, but we're very encouraged by the signs that we're seeing, we know that Beacon high school enrollment has been growing, so we're very confident that we are well on our way to meeting our $2 \%$ goal and perhaps even to exceeding it for this semester. It's too early to make conclusions, but the indicators are good.

In terms of academic affairs, Trustees, at this hour, a visiting committee from ACEN, the national accreditor of the nursing programs is wrapping up their three-day visit to the college where they review every aspect of our program. I just received a text from one of our administrators that

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their preliminary findings show that we have an outstanding program. That the committee, on preliminary basis, is recommending the full eight-year reaffirmation of accreditation, but we also look forward, of course, to hearing from them, any recommendations they have for improvement going forward for this flagship program.

Since our last meeting, and as I shared in my weekly messages, we have received guidance from the contractor working with the US Navy that after this back and forth, we will be able to offer the scholarships in welding and advanced manufacturing as simple scholarships after all. Yesterday we received revised a contract, they've removed all the language that points to you must be a government contractor with all of those requisite requirements, and so we look forward to starting those scholarship awards as quickly as we can, because we know that those workers are

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needed in the defense industry.
Last month $I$ had my first briefing on where we are in the Middle States reaffirmation of accreditation cycle, which will begin with an appointment of a self-study steering committee this year, this is the committee that will provide leadership for writing our comprehensive self-assessment document, and as some of you know, the reaffirmation project culminates with a visit from a visiting committee, even though that's three years away, this process of completing an institutional self-assessment is so enormous that we're going to get started in this academic year.

Last week, Trustees, was
Professional Development Day and I shared with the entire college several things; $I$ shared with the college some long-term student success data relating to our graduation rates, and especially what happens when we take apart the

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graduation rates of our average, our institutional average, but then what happens when we look at the rates for our white students, our black students, our Hispanic students, our part-time students, and so forth. The college has a long tradition of trying to meet students where they are and having a variety of task forces that seek to promote student success for everyone, but many of these have been focused on very specific populations. What I've asked the college to do this semester is to come together in a college-wide equity counsel, it comes together under the philosophy that equity and improving everyone's chance of success is an opportunity for every college employee, every faculty member, every administrator. We have more of our leadership involved, more faculty involved in this equity counsel than has historically been the case and $I$ charged them on conducting research on the kinds

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of professional development the college can embrace as a community for every employee, because we know that's the way that we need to improve equitable academic excellence for all students by addressing them as an entire community. In terms of the financial picture, $I$ also at Professional Development Day shared with our college community that although we've made progress on our projected budget shortfall, it still represents a five to six percent deficit and our highest administrative priority this year needs to be to continue working that number down, where -- I emphasized to the college and $I$ used these words, everything needs to be on the table, everything is on the table as we consider what are the priorities that we know are going to continue to deliver impact toward student success. I said, we are not going to get into a culture of hardship, where we can't buy copy

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paper, we can't buy chalk, we're not doing that, but we do need to focus on those major areas that we know contribute to our mission. And I, and some members of the leadership team, have started drafting out some metrics and milestones that will let us know how we're doing on a month-to-month and quarter-to-quarter basis, and I look forward to sharing those in the future. In terms of development, you heard Trustee Pagdanganan reference the Education Without Limits Campaign. You should have all received the invitation at your home, and I'm delighted that while Trustee Pagdanganan was speaking, Trustee Coverdale was putting the date in her planner, well done. Please, we ask, Trustees, that you participate in this campaign for the future of Suffolk, that you share the good news, not only that you personally participate, but that you consider bringing a friend, bringing a family member, bringing a
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES 9/21/23 colleague who needs to understand more about the good work that we do at Suffolk.

I also want to recognize at this time, Chair Belinda Alvarez Groneman, Chair of our Foundation Board of Directors; Belinda, thank you for being here. The Foundation Board of Directors itself is assuming a give or get philosophy with respect to this campaign. And so the Foundation Board of Directors has also been challenged to, again, participate and bring friends to the college who want to support the good work that we do.

Finally, Trustees, coming up in the near future is the New York Community College Trustees Association annual meeting where, again, former Trustee Morgo and Trustee Pagdanganan will be honored. And so, at your places, you will find a checklist of opportunities related to that conference. Thank you, Sandy, for

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preparing this. If you will please let us know about your availability, if you intend to participate, certainly I'm going to be there, and $I$ assume that Bel is going and $I$ certainly want to be there to support Bel and the conference, it's great source of professional development. So, please, take a look at that, please let me or Sandy know if you're are able to take part in the conference. As you can see, there's a variety of options there for how you might be able to participate.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my report this month, I'll be happy to receive any questions.

TRUSTEE ZARATE: Thank you, so, my question is in regards to the Beacon Program; do we establish contractual agreements with the high schools to secure a number of students
participating in the program and to ensure that that number is increasing every year?
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PRESIDENT BONAHUE: No, not exactly. We have no contract with a deliverable from the high schools. What we try to do is work with each high school to figure out what kinds of classes will be most appropriate for that high school, have the Beacon classes supplement what's already going on at the high school, whether it's advanced placement or other opportunities for their students, we try to find the right mix of courses that will be attractive to students and their families. And, fortunately, the program has been growing, but there is no contractual relationship with a specific deliverable.

TRUSTEE ZARATE: And my next question is with regards to the graduation rates. You mentioned a few subgroups, what disparities have been identified and how -- and I'm sure there are structures in place to support these students to ensure that they do not drop

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out and leave the college?
PRESIDENT BONAHUE: There are all kinds of wraparound services and task forces designed to work with, for example, our African American students, our Hispanic students, undocumented students, LGBTQ students and so forth. But the graduation rates, unfortunately, there are -- there are disparities in terms of group achievement. If we looked just at full-time students, we would see that the average graduation rate for the college is about -- again it varies from year to year -- but it's about 27\%. In that group, our full-time white students tend to perform above that average more in the line of $30 \%$. Our Hispanic students, as a group from year to year, slightly below it. And our African American students, unfortunately, is too often underserved and it's significantly below the average. So, we looked at that data and we really need to think about how do we
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have -- we're an open-access
institution, so we know that folks are coming into the college in numbers that are representative of our population, how do we be sure that everyone has the same success when they're going out, when they're leaving the college, and that's where we need the entire college to work together to identify, again, what is the professional development that we all need to take advantage of for every student.

CHAIR MURRAY: Any other
questions?
VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: Yes, have desegregated the data to understand, you know, on any level what the cause of some of those disparities are?

PRESIDENT BONAHUE: We have some -- I'm going to say the short answer is probably no, because it requires a more qualitative look at those causes. And let me also dip into that and ask -- I'm going to back to ask Vice President
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Munsch and others whether we've done any previous work, but it would require some focus groups and more specifically with those populations to get at those causes. For the moment, we were simply looking at the cold, hard facts of the achievement rates.

TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: I just want to point out; congratulations on both negotiating committees, management and labor on reaching a really great agreement that was overwhelmingly ratified despite a lot of challenges, coming right out of Covid, financial pressures on both institutions and people. You know, inflation -inflationary pressures, enrollment pressures. So, thank you for the hard work and we're proud of the work that you did.

PRESIDENT BONAHUE: Thank you.
TRUSTEE DELEON-LOPRESTI: Happy
for the members of the faculty. Second is, congratulations on the work of the

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Equity Council, if there is any way that the trustees, $I$ know I, myself, would like to have a deeper understanding of equity -- education equity, so if there are any learning opportunities or ways you can, you know, enlighten us some more, I would appreciate it.

PRESIDENT BONAHUE: I would be glad to, we can take a deeper dive on it. We haven't yet had a chance to talk about a retreat, Mr. Chairman, but I would love to be able to share some more data that would unpack this a bit more talk about some of the strategies that we think we can bring to bear.

CHAIR MURRAY: Any other questions?

If not, then we'll just go to roundtable, anybody have anything for roundtable? If not, mercifully, I'm going to ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

VICE CHAIR COVERDALE: So moved.
TRUSTEE ZARATE: Second.
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CHAIR MURRAY: All those in
favor?
COLLECTIVE RESPONSE: Aye.
CHAIR MURRAY: Any opposed?
(No response.)
CHAIR MURRAY: All right, thank you very much.
[WHEREUPON THE MEETING OF THE
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