

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
EASTERN CAMPUS, RIVERHEAD, NY  
LECTURE HALL, MONTAUKETT LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER  
OCTOBER 19, 2023

The meeting was held on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Montaukett Learning Resource Center, in Riverhead, NY.

PRESENT:

Shirley Coverdale	Vice Chair
Gordon Canary	Vice Chair
Theresa Sanders	Trustee
Belinda Pagdanganan	Trustee
Kevin O'Connor	Trustee
Priscilla Zarate	Trustee
Samantha Portillo	Trustee
Dr. Edward Bonahue	President
Ashley Pope	General Counsel
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 Human Resources

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The meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened at 4:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Canary.

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Vice Chair Coverdale moved to recognition of guests. President Bonahue introduced Tim Freeman, representing Legislator Bontempi; and Vera Chinese from Newsday. President Bonahue introduced Student Government representatives from each of the campuses and asked them to say a few words about the role of student government and how they will provide leadership at each campus. Whereupon students, Ethan Rothburd from the Ammerman campus, Ian Himmelstein from the Eastern Campus and Valery Michelle Marquez, from the Grant Campus shared with the Board current and upcoming student activities on each of their respective campuses and their roles as SGA leaders.

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Vice Chair Coverdale requested a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the proposed pending or current litigation and to seek or receive legal advice which is made confidential by law. Trustee Canary so moved, Trustee O'Connor seconded, the motion was approved unanimously. (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned from 4:16 P.M. to 5:12 P.M.)

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Vice Chair Coverdale requested a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Pagdanganan so moved, Trustee Zarate seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

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Vice Chair Coverdale introduced Sara Gorton, Interim Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs, to present the College Budget and Financial report. Ms. Gorton reported the FY23 financial audit began this week with a preliminary review of financials and will continue into December 2023 to result in a final report for FY23. At this point, the College is still expecting fund balance usage of about \$11.5M for FY23. As the audit is conducted and FY23 is closed out, any other adjustments will be done for the December report when final figures are available for FY23.

For FY24, Ms. Gorton reported that with projections based on the first month's activities, full-time fall revenue is tracking slightly over budget by \$110K, and part-time fall revenue is tracking slightly under budget. However, another week or two remain in part-time registration for late start, so those numbers may change. The approved budget includes about \$12.9M in fund balance usage, which the College will continue to monitor each month. The College will also look for opportunities for cost Savings measures, increases in revenue, and ways to bring that in line with more financial sustainability.

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Vice Chair Coverdale announced Trustee Sanders asked to make a statement to the Board before the Board proceeds with any college resolutions.

Trustee Sanders said she had been advised that there was going to be a vote regarding her absences, and wanted to make a statement publicly. She expressed her gratitude and appreciation for over 25 years as a community partner for Suffolk Community College, and 13 years of support she received as a volunteer Trustee, serving two terms as the first African American Chair of this Board. Over the last several years, she witnessed collegial growth between Suffolk Community College Trustees, its administration, the faculty, staff, County sponsors and community partners with the shared goal of making sure that Suffolk Community College is an educational beacon of light for all of its students and their families. They overcame budget challenges, contract negotiations, student enrollment issues, COVID, the departure of a President and a

search and retention of a new President, which is why the recent distractions pertaining to a vote by Trustees to excuse her Board meeting absences this year is puzzling to her, particularly since this has been done for other Trustees without such fanfare. She pointed out that this year, she had major surgery, and was incapacitated for a few months. Once returning to normal activities, there has been much to catch up on, professionally and in her volunteer services. She stated that Trustees have been targeted by acts of intimidation by a public official who has bullied and exhibited bigoted behavior in order to force Trustees to abdicate their responsibility to cast a vote regarding her absence based on regulations that normally would be covered by the Board of Trustees. She feels it's unlawful to consider added information about false allegations that have been made about her pertaining to an issue not related to Suffolk Community College or her role as a Suffolk Community College Trustee. She said that regardless of how the vote goes, it has been her pleasure serving with the Trustees and she will continue to be a community partner, working with all of the Trustees, uplifting Suffolk Community College as an educational resource for Long Island. (Whereupon Trustee Sanders recused herself for the vote on College resolution 2023.53 and left the meeting).

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Vice Chair Coverdale called for a motion to approve College resolution 2023.53, which is to confirm action by the Executive Committee relative to the excused absence by a member of the Board of Trustees. Trustee O'Connor so moved, Trustee Canary seconded. Based on a vote of five in favor, one opposed, the motion was not approved.

President Bonahue then advised the Trustees that any resolutions for the remainder of the meeting would need unanimous approval of all six Trustees present to pass, and summarized College resolutions 2023.61 through 2023.65 on the agenda. General Counsel Ashley Pope provided an overview of the new Title IX Grievance Policy on the agenda for approval via College resolution 2023.66.

Vice Chair Coverdale called for a motion to approve resolutions 2023.61 to 2023.66. Trustee O'Connor so moved, Trustee Pagdanganan seconded, the motion to approve resolutions 2023.61 to 2023.66 was approved unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023.61 - Authorizing the Adoption of a New Part-Time Title of College Public Safety Radio Dispatcher**

**WHEREAS**, the College wishes to establish a part-time College Public Safety Radio Dispatcher position in an effort to provide support to the Office of Public Safety to respond to emergency calls, be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that the College hereby creates a new employee title, "College Public Safety Radio Dispatcher – Part-Time" effective October 20, 2023, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the hourly wage rate for the employee title of College Public Safety Radio Dispatcher is set at \$18.00 per hour.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2023.62 - Accepting a Grant Subaward Amendment from the Research Foundation for the State University of New York, through funds made available from the U.S. Department of Education to the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL), for a Project Entitled “SUNY Stay Near, Go Far Reimagine Workforce Preparation Training”**

**WHEREAS**, the 2023-24 College operating budget provides \$199,477 remaining funds, including indirect costs, from The Research Foundation for The State University of New York, through funds made available from the U.S. Department of Education to the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL), for a project entitled “SUNY Stay Near, Go Far Reimagine Workforce Preparation Training,” for the period of January 3, 2022 through July 31, 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, the subaward has been increased by an additional amount of \$20,315, including indirect costs, bringing the total amount of the subaward to \$428,472 and the budget period will be extended from August 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, the additional funding will offer training short-term workforce education and training opportunities, and/or career pathways that results in a credentials for individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the 2023-24 College operating budget be amended to reflect an increase amount of \$20,315, including indirect costs in the amount of \$1,641 from The Research Foundation for The State University of New York, through funds made available from the U.S. Department of Education to the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL), for a project entitled, “SUNY Stay Near, Go Far Reimagine Workforce Preparation Training,” for the period of August 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the College President, or his designee, is authorized and empowered to execute any necessary documentation, including a subaward amendment with administering agency, in such form as shall be approved by the College General Counsel.

Project Director: Arlene Jackson. Assistant Dean Continuing Education  
Note: No full-time personnel

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2023.63 - Accepting a Grant Award from the State University of New York (SUNY) for an Innovative Instruction Technology Grant (IITG) Entitled “Using Immersive Virtual Reality Technology to Enhance Drawing Activities in Undergraduate Chemistry Courses”**

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County Community College has received a grant award in the amount of \$14,300 from The State University of New York (SUNY) for an Innovative Instruction Technology Grant (IITG), entitled “Using Immersive Virtual Reality Technology to Enhance Drawing Activities in Undergraduate Chemistry Courses,” for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, the project will pilot virtual reality drawing activities using virtual reality technology that allows for mixed reality augmentation to enhance student spatial ability associated with chemistry topics, and

**WHEREAS**, matching funds are not required, and

**WHEREAS**, an in-kind contribution, in the amount of \$4,958 will be met through administrative time and the associated benefits of faculty and staff, be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that a grant award, in the amount of \$14,300 from The State University of New York (SUNY), for an Innovative Instruction Technology Grant (IITG) entitled, “Using Immersive Virtual Reality Technology to Enhance Drawing Activities in Undergraduate Chemistry Courses,” for the period of July1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, is hereby accepted, and the College President, or his designee, is authorized to execute a contract, with the administering agency.

Project Director: Dana Antonucci-Dugan

Note: No full-time personnel

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2023.64 - Amending the College Budget for a Grant Award Increase from the U.S. Department of Education for a Student Support Services (TRIO) Program Grant**

**WHEREAS**, the 2023-2024 College operating budget provides \$330,110 including indirect costs, from the U.S. Department of Education for a Student Support Services (TRIO) Program grant, and

**WHEREAS**, the TRIO grant provides opportunities for students to successfully complete their post-secondary education and ease the process of transition from one level of higher education to the next, and

**WHEREAS**, the grant award has been increased by \$13,404, including indirect costs, and

**WHEREAS**, an additional \$5,000 will be administered external to the grant appropriation budget as grant aid to students, and

**WHEREAS**, matching funds in the amount of \$24,454, provided for in the College operating budget, will be used to provide grant aid to students, as well as additional supplies and equipment for student support, be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that the 2023-2024 College operating budget be amended to reflect an increase in the amount of \$13,404, including indirect costs in the amount of \$991, to the grant award from the U.S. Department of Education for a Student Support Services (TRIO) Program, bringing the total amount of the grant award to \$343,514 and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the College President or his designee is authorized to execute any required documentation with the administering agency reflecting said increase.

Project Director: Lorianne Lueders-Yanotti

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2023.65 - Amending the College Budget for a Grant Award Increase from the U.S. Department of Education for a Childcare Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) Program**

**WHEREAS**, the 2023-2024 College operating budget provided \$110,900 from the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) for a Childcare Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the grant award has been increased by an additional \$33,271, bringing the total amount of the grant award to \$144,171, and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend the 2023-2024 College operating budget in the amount of \$33,271 to provide for the increase in the grant award, and

**WHEREAS**, this increase will provide additional funds for childcare subsidies on a sliding scale, and extend hours to meet the critical need for campus-based childcare for forty (40) low income, Pell-eligible student-parents, annually, for four years, and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the 2023-2024 College operating budget be amended to reflect an increase in the amount of \$33,271 from the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) for a Childcare Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) Program, bringing the total amount of the grant award to \$144,171, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the College President, or his designee, is authorized to execute any required documentation of the administering agency reflecting said increase.

Project Director: Vickie Calderon, Director of Suffolk Kids' Cottage, Michael J. Grant Campus

Note: No full-time positions

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2023.66 - Adopting a Title IX Grievance Policy for Addressing Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment**

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County Community College is committed to maintaining an educational and working environment free from sexual harassment, and prohibits sexual harassment of students and employees, and

**WHEREAS**, the College must adopt and implement a grievance policy and procedure for addressing formal complaints of sexual harassment meeting the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its implementing regulations, as those terms are defined within the applicable regulations, and

**WHEREAS**, the attached Title IX Grievance Policy for Addressing Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment (see *Attachment II*) sets forth policy standards and will facilitate adoption of procedures to implement current requirements for a Title IX grievance process, be it therefore

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts a *Title IX Grievance Policy for Addressing Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment (see Attachment II)*.

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Vice Chair Coverdale called for the Committee reports.

Trustee Pagdanganan reported the Student Success Committee met on October 18th, at which Shannon O'Neill, the College Director of Veteran Services, shared the presentation she delivered to the Suffolk County Legislature's Veterans and Consumer Affairs Committee. The topics included an overview of the students served, the programs provided, and the outreach and recruitment done on the local, State and national level. The College currently certifies more students utilizing the G.I. Bill than any other school in the SUNY system. In the 2022–23 academic year, the College served over 500 military-connected students, and a total of 361 students are currently registered for Fall 2023. Trustee Pagdanganan said the presentation was excellent and the Student Success Committee would like to see her give a presentation to the full Board at a future meeting.

Trustee Canary reported the Governance Committee met on October 16th. General Counsel Pope advised the committee that the contract with Volz & Vigliotta has been renewed for an additional year and expires September 9, 2024. GC Pope gave a status update on a successor Board of Trustees document management platform, VP Azzam-Gomez met with vendors under consideration and was provided a demonstration. The College's ITS department is now reviewing the technical specifications for compliance with College requirements. There is an annual license fee, which VP Azzam-Gomez will be able to cover with ITS budget funds. The Committee would like to try to have a successor platform ready for January 2024. The Committee reviewed the Board of Trustees self-assessment form used in August 2022. Discussion was had about adding new questions to the 2023 form, which the Committee would like to have updated and sent out as soon as possible to make sure to have it completed by the end of 2023 to support the annual self-assessment requirement and adherence to Middle State standards. Discussion was had regarding new Trustee training and onboarding processes. GC Pope shared that she has a list of topics that Legal Affairs would typically want to review with any new Trustee. GC Pope will send the Committee this list of topics for its review, which can be updated based on Committee feedback for future use. Discussion was had about a Trustee retreat and potential topics to be included. The Committee would like to have a retreat scheduled for January 2024. Conversation was then had about the draft policy sent to the Committee on the use of email by the Board of Trustees for College business. GC Pope explained that the format is a new template that Legal Affairs would like to start using to make all policies consistent, and to explicitly tie the policies to the relevant Middle State standards and applicable laws, regulations and College policies. The scope of the language for the policy with respect to the role of email is consistent with the Board's Bylaws. Discussion was had regarding record retention, confidentiality and security of documents. GC Pope will provide the Committee a list of example categories of records and retention schedules to assist with review of the policy, which will be updated for the next Committee meeting. The Committee discussed the proposed Title IX Grievance Policy, which the Board just adopted at this meeting. The policy will be supplemented by written procedures developed by the College Administration. The Committee discussed the current Bylaws provisions regarding public participation and the manner in which minutes of Board meetings are taken. Discussion was had regarding the requirement for verbatim minutes currently reflected in the Board's Bylaws. In light of modern methods of recording meetings and preparing minutes, this will be reviewed for potential amendment.

Dr. Sylvia Diaz, Executive Director for the Suffolk Community College Foundation, reported for the Foundation. Dr. Diaz said the Foundation team was delighted to invite the Board to the Education Without Limits Luncheon scheduled for next Friday, October 27th from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Smithtown Landing Country Club. The luncheon will witness the soft launch of the Education Without Limits campaign, a multi-year major gifts campaign aimed at raising funds for scholarships, hardship funds and donations that will enhance academic programs, including naming opportunities that recognize people with meaningful ties to the College. The Foundation will recognize supporters,



welcome new friends and envision a future at Suffolk County Community College for creating a greater impact on the next generation of students. Several students have already been sponsored to attend the luncheon free of charge, and will now have an opportunity to meet with their scholarship donors. Dr. Diaz provided information on how to sponsor a student and attend or sponsor the event. During the luncheon, President Bonahue will be joined by special donors, friends, family and alumni, as the College announces the naming of the Jane F. Shearer School of Nursing at Suffolk County Community College and becomes one of the few community colleges in the nation with a donor-named nursing school. Dr. Diaz reported she recently delivered the keynote address at the 2023 Town of Brookhaven Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at Brookhaven Town Hall. More than a thousand attendees, including 300 promising high school students of Hispanic heritage who received a 95 average or better, were in the audience. She was also joined by representatives of the College's admissions office who engaged students throughout the event. Dr. Diaz recognized the recent passing of Leslie Anderson, second Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Foundation and Chairperson of the Foundation's Bylaws Committee. Following her passing, her wife, Emma, and family established the Leslie Blake Anderson Esquire Memorial Fund for Nursing Excellence. The fund was inspired by Leslie's personal healthcare experiences during her hospitalization. She shared that her goal was to help our student nurses have the resources to better address the challenges of healthcare disparities in treatment of patients from diverse communities. The family is committed to endowing a fund that would provide program support to the Jane F. Shearer School of Nursing students in perpetuity. The Foundation is receiving gifts to this designated fund and has already received over 50 contributions. The Board of Directors of the Foundation and staff will miss Leslie's leadership but will never forget her. Dr. Diaz praised Leslie's friendship, humor, love of community, and legacy, as well as the support of Leslie's family for supporting the College's nurses for years to come. Vice Chairs Coverdale and Canary recognized Leslie as well.

Student Trustee Portillo reported as the Suffolk Community College Association Liaison from the Board of Trustees. The Association Board of Directors met on September 27th. The Board of Directors reviewed and discussed the need to update bylaws. They will work through each section to begin updating prior to each meeting. The Board of Directors discussed the role of the College Association Advisory Committee and the Campus Association Advisory Committee to determine best structures for feedback and communication moving forward. The Board of Directors called for nominations; there were two candidates; one for president and one for vice president. The vote is underway and they anticipate the new president and vice president will be confirmed shortly.

Student Trustee Portillo then gave her Student Trustee report. This month she attended Pet Partners on the Ammerman campus. They had a range of dogs, including a golden doodle mix, a greyhound and a pig. She stopped by the blood drive on the Grant Campus that was held at the Suffolk Federal Arena, which was well attended. Some student clubs were determined to get as many members as possible to donate because SGA on the Grant campus was holding a contest; the more blood your club donated,

the more likely you were to win a pizza party or a \$200 budget for your club or organization. Roughly 134 students donated. She has been in contact with SGA representatives from each campus, and plans to have them all well-connected with each other so that they can begin a tri-campus project for the best interest of the students. She hopes to have more information in the next few months.

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Vice Chair Coverdale moved to the President's report.

President Bonahue updated the Trustees on events that took place on the Grant Campus on October 12, 2023. A student reported seeing a man with a gun on campus. The College responded quickly, and President Bonahue issued a shelter in place order immediately. Students and staff on campus learned of the emergency through reverse 911 messages on all campus phones, pop-up messages on all campus computers and public address announcements, as well as a quick follow-up college brief email. The Suffolk County Police Department was on the scene within minutes, with officers responding from many different units. The College also sent out an emergency alert notification to everyone, students and staff alike, who have registered to receive those alerts on their personal phones and emails. The College uses the New York alert system for these notifications and wants to increase awareness and registration for these alerts. As is the case in any emergency, when the police responded in force, it meant that officers at the Grant campus were going from building to building, sometimes with weapons drawn. Staff from the police academy on campus eventually came forward with information that the person with the gun might have been a plainclothes police officer in the academy for an in-service training exercise. After this was confirmed, an all-clear was issued, which was about 40 minutes after the first emergency notification was sent out. Following the incident, President Bonahue spoke with Commander Steve Rohde of the Suffolk County Police Academy, who acknowledged that all officers entering and exiting the academy must abide by the standard police protocols, keeping any firearms out of sight or else must prominently display their badge and credentials. He confirmed that at the College's request, the academy is installing new signs at all of its exits, reminding staff that when they exit the academy, they're on a public college campus where students are not used to seeing guns and where they must take extra care to follow standard protocols for firearms, especially when wearing plainclothes. President Bonahue also spoke with Inspector Vincent Maronski of the 3rd Precinct in Brentwood, whose officers led the response on campus. He thanked him for the quick response, and also reviewed some aspects of the response where we need more information about the reasons why officers respond the way they do. They agreed to do a debriefing in partnership with SCPD to improve how they can work together in any future emergency. He noted the College had a debriefing at the Cabinet level, and thanked Professor Morelli and the Faculty Association for leading another debriefing at the Grant campus for its members, which was well-attended. He then thanked all involved in the quick response and all involved in debriefing on this incident, including Baycan Fideli, Director of Fire & Public Safety,

and Dr. Donna Ciampa from the Grant Campus, as well as many others. We will continue to improve.

President Bonahue reviewed enrollment for the fall term. The College's goal was to increase enrollment by 2% this semester, and as measured by headcount, the College has currently exceeded that goal for the mid-semester census date, as well as for the mid-semester census date in FTE. It is too early to know exactly where enrollment will be by the end of the semester, which allows us to count all students in all courses. We hope to make that 2% headcount increase at the end of the term as well.

For an Academic Affairs update, President Bonahue introduced Dr. Liesl Jones to give a quick overview of the RISE program. Dr. Jones presented the CUNY ASAP replication model, which the College is calling Suffolk RISE. This summer, the College was notified by the Governor's office that they were allocating \$65M for transformation at SUNY, and the College's allocation of just over \$1M was to replicate the CUNY ASAP model. CUNY ASAP is a removal of all barriers to a student's ability to be in the classroom. The idea is that if you remove enough barriers, students will be able to attend class full-time, and they will be able to graduate on time. The definition of on-time graduation is the federal definition, which is 150% of the time. The College has very steep goals that it needs to meet in this model based on graduation rates. The College is looking to graduate a cohort of 150 students. All of the colleges participating are required to have 150 students in the program. The College plans to graduate 75 of them in three years' time, and graduate a portion of that in two years' time in order meet the standard of CUNY ASAP of 50%. The College's current graduation rates are well underneath that, and so it has placed in effect some of the ASAP model, which is a tuition gap, removing their gap from what they get from Pell and TAP. They have to be Pell and TAP eligible to participate in the program. They have to go full-time, 15 credits. If they have developmental education needs, they are required also then to go in the summer, so they stay on track towards graduation. As part of this, to try to decrease the number of students going into development, the College is developing co-requisite courses with math and English. The College will be recruiting 50 students for Spring 2024, the remaining 100 for Fall 2024. The cohort will also have to attend mandatory tutoring and will receive grocery cards or gas cards. The College is hopeful that there will be contributions for gas and electric costs for the students. Book funding will also be provided to the students. The project will have an advisor in place and a project director who will oversee it, given the tremendous amount of data that will be collected on each of the students. The project presents an incredible opportunity for the College and our students.

President Bonahue continued, noting that Manufacturing Day was taking place on the Grant campus. Thirty-one manufacturing companies are attending, including ten that are involved with the College's own program. Representatives of school systems are in attendance, and 125 students and parents signed up to take tours of the workforce training center. He reported on two new training programs in development. One is to train power transmission workers, in partnership with the IBEW and PSEG Long Island. The second is a possible collaboration with the Plumbing Contractors Association, the

PCA and Local 200, on a new training program that would introduce plumbing for the first time at the College.

President Bonahue reported that in terms of advocacy and resources, Shannon O'Neill from the College's Veterans Services office made a presentation at the Veteran Services and Consumer Affairs Committee of the Legislature that was very well received. The College's leadership team presented the Faculty Association contract, both to the Education and Labor Committee and the full Legislature, and it was passed unanimously by both. Negotiations with the Guild of Administrative Officers will be beginning next.

President Bonahue recently attended a meeting with community college Presidents and with the SUNY system in Albany. We are hearing that revenue projections in the State are down, and it will be a difficult year for the State to do anything for community colleges other than support maintenance of effort for the stable funding floor. NYCCAP and NYSUT are working on an advocacy platform that highlights the unique workforce and economic development functions carried by community colleges. There was also extensive discussion of how both baccalaureate and community colleges within the SUNY system are engaging in comprehensive reviews of academic programs and services, so as to return colleges to sustainability after statewide enrollment decline. President Bonahue has asked the Cabinet to work with him on a data-driven template for how we navigate that path to sustainability at College, and will have more information for the Board by the December meeting.

President Bonahue shared that the College received a request from a local pastor to enter the campus grounds and to have the opportunity to engage with students. After review of College policies and law on public access to grounds, the College is working on a solution that will address this request; students may choose to engage with him or not.

In regards to calendar items, President Bonahue asked the Trustees to attend the Education Without Limits Campaign kickoff luncheon on October 27th. There is no Board of Trustees meeting in November. The last Board meeting of 2023 is on December 7th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grant campus. He also agrees with the Governance Committee that January would be a good time for a Board retreat.

Trustee Zarate commended and thanked the students who saw something and said something with regard to the incident on the Grant Campus. It was very courageous and would make a difference. President Bonahue recognized this as well. Trustee Canary recognized that any enhancements to active shooter protocols would need to carry over to all campuses and their respective police departments and precincts, as well as the unique situation of officers on the Grant Campus due to the police academy presence. Student Trustee Portillo shared the student feedback she received regarding their experience of the event on campus. Discussion was had regarding enhancements to be made following continued debriefing.

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Vice Chair Coverdale called for Roundtable. Trustee O'Connor acknowledged Trustee Sanders's commitment to the College and, as she indicated, 13 years of always supporting the College. He believes she truly understood the mission and what the College means to the communities we serve. Personally, she was a mentor to him when he joined the Board and really helped him understand the mission and goals of the Board. He added she leaves a legacy, not the smallest of which was that she successfully led the search committee to get Dr. Bonahue, and she will be missed. Trustee Canary agreed with his sentiments regarding Trustee Sanders, noting her energy, hours given to the College, love for the College, leadership, and accomplishments need to be recognized. Vice Chair Coverdale stated that she concurred completely.

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Vice Chair Coverdale called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee O'Connor so moved, Student Trustee Portillo seconded, and with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned a 6:02 p.m.

The Board of Trustees next meeting is December 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Learning Resource Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus, Brentwood, New York.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Gordon D. Canary  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair