

MINUTES
OF
REGULAR MEETING
OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025, AT 5:00 PM
INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCE MANUFACTURING CONFERENCE ROOM & TEAMS
CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS PRESENT:

Devi Momot, Chairperson; David Favro, Treasurer; Molly Ryan, Mark Leta, Jonathan Carmen, Eddie Webbinaro, David Macalpine, Student Trustee

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED):

Nina Coolidge, Secretary, Matthew Slattery, Merritt Billiter

ADMINISTRATORS/GUESTS PRESENT:

Ken Knelly, Acting President(virtual); Maggie Courson, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs; Sheri Brienza-Wypyski, Controller; Patti LaDuke, Dean of Students; Tom Nesbitt, Vice President for Enrollment(virtual); Ryan Hamel, HR Director; Steven Frederick, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Billy Jones, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives; Sam Gerolimatos, Director of Budgeting and Finance; Lee Ann Thomas, Faculty Association; Tucker Angelopoulos, Student; Rachel Provost, Student

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD:

LeAnn Yelton

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Momot called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Chairperson Momot asked for attendance to be taken. Quorum reached.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Momot shared words of thanks and appreciation for Sheri Brienza-Wypyski for her diligent work over the past two years to get us on a better financial path. Welcome to her successor Sam Gerolimatos. Another thanks to David Macalpine for serving as our student trustee for over a year.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

GENERAL REPORT & ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.....Ken Knelly

Mr. Knelly shared the following information:

- Fall enrollment is up by about 10-11%. Our final numbers will be coming within the next two weeks. Many thanks to all the people working on recruitment and retention.
- The FY25 budget year ended, and our deficit decreased more than initially projected
- There is money left over from SUNY 2020 fund that we can spend on the IAM. Some has been spent on Wi-Fi access. There are potential upgrades to several spaces in the IAM that are being explored within the parameters of the use of funds.

- We hired Zach Ribert as our director of marketing and communications. He has hit the ground running and is adjusting well.
- Ken shared thoughts on report [“Resilient by Design”](#) which is commentary on sustainability of the community colleges. He encourages the board, and anyone interested to review the document.
- A meeting with CVPH occurred last week on new programs with the hospital on how we can collaborate to improve and start programs.
- CVTEC and CCC will meet with to focus on partnerships with them. We have many current collaboration opportunities that we can build on and add to.
- Enzo’s Birthday Campaign set a goal of 80 donors and \$8,000. Today, three days before the end of the campaign, we are at \$22,527 with one person donating \$20,000.
- Vice Chancellor of Community Colleges Valerie Dent and Vice Chancellor of Workforce Development Chris White visited System. Valerie was very impressed by our campus. They encouraged us to reach out for help in improving pathways to our programs.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: If anyone has questions, please reach out to members of Cabinet.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.....MR. LETA, CHAIR
The Finance Committee discussed transitions in finance department, working through the FY25 actuals, the upcoming audit and getting into the details of FY26, future of grants, and budgeting.

REPORT OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE..... MR. BILLITER, CHAIR
Mr. Billiter was not present to report. LeAnn Yelton shared that the campus raised funds to pay for lunch and gifts to the B&G department as a thank you for their hard work.

REPORT FROM STUDENT TRUSTEE/STUDENT SENATE.....MR. MACALPINE
Mr. Macalpine shared the details of working to recruit to fill the senate seats. Students Tucker Angelopoulos and Rachel Provost came to the meeting and are interested in collaborating with the board.

REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS..... MS. MOMOT, CHAIR
Ms. Momot shared words of thanks to Ryan, Sheri, and Ashley for work on the health insurance. We are deeply rooted in collaboration with the union partners and working through obstacles with them.

REPORT ON FOUNDATION.....MS. RYAN, BOARD LIAISON
Ms. Ryan shared the Foundation provided 1000 students last year with scholarships; the first time in our history that has happened. There were 118 new donors year over year, which is a great improvement. Continued work being done on other campaigns.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 3 (2024-2025):
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEREBY APPROVES THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, BOARD MEETING.
Motion by Ms. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Leta, and carried unanimously by Members present as recommended by Ken Knelly.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 (2024-2025):
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEREBY APPROVES THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 21, 2025 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.

Motion by Mr. Webbinaro, seconded by Mr. Carmen, and carried unanimously by members present as recommended by Ken Knelly.

Consent Agenda

- i. **Personnel Appointments Recommended at the October 21, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting.**
- ii. **Approval of MOU with Faculty Association Recommended at the October 21, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting.**
 - a. Recommend that the Board of Trustees of Clinton Community College approve the memorandum of agreement by and between Clinton Community College and the Faculty Association of Clinton Community College that provides adjunct and non-teaching faculty (NTF) the ability to function as academic advisors when a situations arise where a full-time faculty member in the necessary discipline is unavailable to serve as an academic advisor.

Appointment	Ellen Nesbitt	Administrative Assistant for Workforce Development & Community Education	Effective September 29, 2025	Prorated annual salary of \$41,208
Appointment	Samantha Gerolimatos	Director of Budgeting and Finance	Effective October 6, 2025	Prorated annual salary of \$90,000
Appointment	Zachary Ribert	Director of Marketing and Communications	Effective October 16, 2025	Prorated annual salary of \$58,500

RESOLUTION NO. 5 (2024-2025)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEREBY APPROVES THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2026-2027.

Motion by Ms. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Leta, and carried unanimously by members present as recommended by Ken Knelly.

RESOLUTION NO.6 (2024-2025)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEREBY APPROVES THE SPENDING OF \$84,065 IN SUNY 2020 NON-MATCHING APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INSTITUTUE FOR ADVANCE MANUFACTURING. THE BOARD FURTHER REQUESTS THAT THE CLINTON COUNTY LEGISLATURE ALSO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Motion by Mr. Macalpine, seconded by Ms. Ryan, and after some discussion on what the parameters of what the money can be spent on, carried unanimously by members present as recommended by Ken Knelly.

RESOLUTION NO.7 (2024-2025)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEREBY RECOMMENDS D. BILLY JONES, VICE PRESIDENT FOR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, TO THE NORTH COUNTRY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

Motion by Mr. Favro, seconded by Mr. Webbinaro, and carried unanimously by members present as recommended by Ken Knelly.

A motion was made by Ms. Momot to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing employment negotiations. It was seconded by Ms. Ryan.

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A motion was made by Mr. Webbinaro to return to the regular session at 6:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ryan.

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NEXT MEETING: November 18th at 5:00 p.m. at the IAM Conference Room at 53 Clinton Point Drive.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Webbinaro, second by Mr. Carmen, that the meeting adjourns. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

RECORDED BY

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

LeAnn Yelton

Devi Momot