

MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026, 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, Merritt Billiter, Eddie Webbinaro, Jonathan Carmen, Mark Sand, Tucker Angelopoulos, Student Trustee

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED):

ADMINISTRATORS/GUESTS PRESENT:

Ken Knelly, Acting President; Maggie Courson, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs; Sam Gerolimos, Director of Budgeting and Finance; Ryan Hamel, HR Director; Tom Nesbitt, Vice President of Enrollment; Steven Frederick, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Billy Jones, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives; Barbara Golden, New Location Liaison; Patti LaDuke, Dean of Students, Sharon Waldenmaier, Coalition President; Sarah Jennette, Faculty Association Co-President; Niki Rivers, Director of Nursing; Emily Eckert, Reconnect Nursing 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: Emily Eckert, a SUNY Reconnect nursing student, attended the Board meeting to speak about her experience during the Chancellor's recent visit and to share her perspective on the Reconnect program. She described how the Chancellor asked about the program's impact on her educational journey, and she highlighted how the book vouchers and tuition waivers have been essential in supporting her return to college. Emily also noted that additional funding would be helpful, particularly for reimbursement of required clinical items and supplies that are not currently covered. She expressed deep gratitude for the Reconnect opportunity and for the faculty and staff who support the nursing program. Following her remarks, Niki shared that she is extremely proud of the nursing students and the strength of the program overall.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

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

Mr. Knelly shared the following information:

- Spring enrollment is trending positively, with increases across spring, fall, and summer due to strong outreach efforts, renewed energy within Tom's team, and continued student retention gains.
- Upcoming enrollment events are on the calendar, with additional participation and support from community partners to help sustain momentum.

- The College remains in strong financial shape for the year, and work is underway to finalize the county funding split and evaluate future operating costs for IAM and the gym as part of the SUNY Sustainability Plan.
- Partnerships with CVETC, CVPH, and SUNY Plattsburgh remain critical to supporting enrollment growth and expanding student success opportunities. Continued collaboration will be a priority.
- Planning for the College’s 60th Anniversary in April is underway. The celebration will launch a year-long fundraising effort designed to elevate the College’s visibility and community engagement.
- Grant strategy is shifting to a proactive approach, focusing on identifying priority projects in advance so the College can pursue funding opportunities that align naturally—rather than adapting projects to fit available grants.

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 ongoing progress toward FY26, including continued improvements to departmental processes. The audit has been completed and is now being finalized for distribution, with additional required reports to follow upon receipt of the audit documents. The Committee also noted active work with the County to reconcile expenses related to the old campus.

REPORT OF BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE..... MR. BILLITER, CHAIR

Mr. Billiter had no report to share.

REPORT FROM STUDENT TRUSTEE/STUDENT SENATE.....MR. ANGELOPOULOS

Mr. Angelopoulos shared students are satisfied with the building and events happening on campus. Students look forward to more collaboration between SUNY Plattsburgh Services and Clinton students.

REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS..... MS. MOMOT, CHAIR

Ms. Momot shared negotiations committee has not met recently. In meetings ahead they will be starting conversations earlier than typical, for next year’s contracts

REPORT ON FOUNDATION.....MS. RYAN, BOARD LIAISON

Ms. Ryan the Foundation in the last year has significantly improved, reaching five times last year’s goal and showing increased contributions compared to prior years. A naming campaign is being launched for rooms available in the new locations, and Board members were asked to provide potential prospects who may be interested in sponsoring a room.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 20 (2025-2026):

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEREBY APPROVES THE MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING.

Motion by Mr. Favro, seconded by Mr. Leta, and carried unanimously by Members present as recommended by Ken Knelly.

RESOLUTION NO. 21 (2025-2026):

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEREBY APPROVES THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 17, 2026 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.

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

Consent Agenda

- **Personnel Appointments Recommendations at the February 17, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting.**

Appointment	Jessica Wyser	Upgrade from Purchasing Clerk to Purchasing Agent	Effective January 16, 2026	Prorated Annual salary of \$48,728
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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.

MINUTES OF
EXECUTIVE SESSION OF
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INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCE MANUFACTURING CONFERENCE ROOM AND TEAMS
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ADMINISTRATORS/GUESTS PRESENT:

Ryan Hamel, HR Director

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD:

LeAnn Yelton (excused)

A motion was made by Mr. Favro to return to the regular session at 6:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Webbinaro.

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NEXT MEETING: March 24 at 5:00 p.m. at the IAM Conference Room at 53 Clinton Point Drive.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Webbinaro, second by Mr. Favro, that the meeting adjourns. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

RECORDED BY

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

LeAnn Yelton

Devi Momot