

Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 25, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Whitney 210
Presiding: Trustee John Sindoni, Chair

Trustees: Jaime Alicea (virtual); Kathryn Crockett; William Gilberti; Melanie Littlejohn (virtual); Paul Mello; Alicia Oberlender; John Sindoni; Mark Tryniski

Staff: Stephanie Aldrich; Dr. Agatha Awuah; Deb Barney; David Furney; Julie Hart; Dr. Warren Hilton; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Louis Noce; Michael O'Connor; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Susan Tormey; Anastasia Urtz; Dr. Larry Weiskirch; Monifa Wilcox; Dr. Eunice Williams

Guests: Heather Drake-Bianchi; Adam Herringshaw

Call to Order

At 9:37 a.m., Trustee Sindoni called the board meeting to order.

Swearing-in of new Trustees

Trustee Sindoni facilitated the swearing-in of new Trustees Kathryn Crockett and Alicia Oberlender.

Committee Reports

Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee

Trustee Tryniski recapped the agenda of the Finance Committee.

Education Committee

Trustee Alicea recapped the agenda of the Education Committee.

Student Government Association

Trustee Oberlender will provide a report at a future meeting once acclimated into her position.

OCC Foundation

Trustee Sindoni facilitated the introduction of new Executive Director Louis Noce. There will be reports at upcoming meetings.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Trustee Tryniski, and seconded by Trustee Gilberti, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

President's Report

SUNY Updates

Dr. Hilton began his report with a SUNY update and mentioned that Title VI, Title IX and Civil Discourse work continues at the urging of SUNY. OCC has been identified as the lead project partner on a semi-conductor industry grant. This includes collaboration with other community colleges and semi-conductor companies along with a boot camp program with equipment that will be available regionally. The program also includes a summer high school program for URM

students that can take OCC coursework in the ELM program and Engineering Science, and will include a residential opportunity as well. This will be for rising high school seniors and juniors with a target of 38 students.

Presidential Priorities 2024-25

Dr. Hilton mentioned that his priorities for 2024-25 were included in the trustee materials. Please let him know of any concerns.

Student Success Challenge 2024-25

Dr. Hilton provided a brief update on the Student Success Challenge for 2024-25. He discussed briefly two projects that were held before classes started and showed promising results. The first was a project by Ted Mathews which included workshops for specific math classes that students often struggle to pass. These workshops were refreshers for students prior to taking the actual class. The other program was a summer bridge offering in math also and it was for students who had not been successful in previous classes and could take the course again with intensive instruction and tutoring, along with other requirements.

Presentation of the John H. Mulroy Founder's Award to Heather Drake-Bianchi

Dr. Hilton facilitated the presentation of the John H. Mulroy Founder's award to Heather Drake-Bianchi.

Chair's Report

Committee Chair Appointments

Trustee Sindoni appointed Jaime Alicea to chair the Education Committee and Mark Tryniski to chair the Finance, Audit & Compliance Committee. He thanked them for their continued service.

Affiliate Board Representation

Trustee Sindoni informed the Trustees that there are vacancies on the College's affiliate boards for Trustee participation. If anyone is interested in serving in this capacity to let Julie Hart know.

NYCCT Conference October 3-5, 2024

Trustee Sindoni offered his thanks to new Trustee Crockett for her willingness to attend the trustee institute at the New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT) Conference happening October 3-5, 2024. Trustee Sindoni also mentioned the recent work that NYCCT is working on as it relates to the Chancellor's recent comments regarding employment supervisory authority of the Board of Trustees over the President. This includes passing of a resolution reinforcing the Trustees' authority over the same that will be shared with NYCCT.

*Resolution reinforcing employment supervisory authority of the Board of Trustees over the President of Onondaga Community College

On motion by Trustee Tryniski, and seconded by Trustee Alicea, the resolution reinforcing supervisory authority of the Board of Trustees over the President of Onondaga Community College was unanimously approved.

Executive Session

At 10:10 a.m., Trustee Sindoni called for a motion to enter into Executive Session under the provisions of Section 105, Article 7f of the Public Officers Law to discuss personnel matters. **On**

motion by Trustee Mello and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to enter into Executive Session.

At 10:56 a.m., on motion by Trustee Gilberti and seconded by Trustee Alicea, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to move out of Executive Session and return to the board meeting.

*Approval of a contract amendment for President Warren Hilton, Ed.D.

On motion by Trustee Tryniski, and seconded by Trustee Mello, the approval of a contract amendment for President Warren Hilton, Ed.D., was unanimously approved.

*Resolution to accept and approve a collective bargaining agreement between Onondaga Community College and the Onondaga Community College Federation of Teachers and Administrators (Faulty) AFT, Local 1845

On motion by Trustee Gilberti, and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the resolution to accept and approve a collective bargaining agreement between Onondaga Community College and the Onondaga Community College Federation of Teachers and Administrators (Faulty) AFT, Local 1845, was unanimously approved.

*Resolution to accept and approve a collective bargaining agreement between Onondaga Community College and the Onondaga Community College Federation of Teachers and Administrators (Professional Administrators) AFT, Local 1845

On motion by Trustee Gilberti, and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the resolution to accept and approve a collective bargaining agreement between Onondaga Community College and the Onondaga Community College Federation of Teachers and Administrators (Professional Administrators) AFT, Local 1845, was unanimously approved.

Resolution to approve 2024-25 salary increases and a one-time lump sum payment for Management Confidential Employees

On motion by Trustee Mello, and seconded by Trustee Gilberti, the resolution to approve 2024-25 salary increases and a one-time lump sum payment for Management Confidential Employees was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Trustee Sindoni adjourned the board meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Prepared by:
Julie Hart
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:
John Sindoni
Chair, Board of Trustees