

I. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

McAlister read the statement of adequate notice:

- In compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was provided in the following manner:
- On March 2, 2026, advance written notice of the March 24, 2026 regular meeting was emailed to all persons who requested such notices, posted on the Board of Trustees website and the College’s Calendar, emailed to the clerks of Atlantic and Cape May counties and the clerks of the Board of Commissioners of Atlantic and Cape May counties, and posted in the Press of Atlantic City on December 20, 2025 and the Cape May County Herald on December 17, 2025.

II. FLAG SALUTE

- Chairperson Money asked everyone to rise for the flag salute.

III. ROLL CALL

- McAlister provided a roll call for Board members and marked others in attendance on the telephone.

Board Members:

- ✓ Ellen Byrne
- ✓ Flora Castillo
- ✓ Christina Clemans (phone; left 6:30 PM)
- ✓ Dr. Thomas Dawson
- ✓ Dr. Judith DeStefano
- ✓ Ambrose Gray
- ✓ Dr. Harvey Kesselman
- X Monica Kyle
- ✓ Priya Momi
- ✓ Daniel Money
- X Donald Parker
- ✓ Barbara Stafford-Jones
- ✓ Maria Ivette Torres (phone)
- ✓ Brigitte White

Legal Counsel:

- X Will Donio, Esq.
- ✓ Jennifer Barr, Esq.

Public in Attendance:

- ✓ Bonnie Lindaw, Atlantic County

College Personnel:

- ✓ Dr. Barbara Gaba, President
- ✓ Laura Batchelor, Chief Marketing Officer
- ✓ Lizbeth Castro-James, Director of Worthington Atlantic City Campus & Community Outreach
- ✓ Dr. Natalie Devonish, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
- ✓ Leslie Jamison, Chief Financial Officer
- ✓ Dr. Josette Katz, Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs
- ✓ Jean McAlister, Chief of Staff and Chief Advancement Officer
- ✓ Krista McConnell, Director of Cape May County Campus & Community Outreach
- ✓ Dr. Vanessa O’Brien-McMasters, Vice President, Institutional Effectiveness and Chief Strategy Officer
- X John Piazza, Chief Information Officer
- ✓ Dominic Sambucci, Chief Business Officer

Faculty and Staff in Attendance:

- ✓ Jamal Edwards, Athletics Director

Chief Financial Officer

Students:

- ✓ Angelina Bell
- ✓ Rainelle Blocker
- ✓ Lanique Brice
- ✓ Kennedy Campbell
- ✓ Allison Giraldo
- ✓ Millinda Marigliano
- ✓ Olyn Knox
- ✓ Lamar James, Assistant Head Coach, Women's Basketball Team
- ✓ Victor Moreno, Student Affairs Project & Operations Lead
- ✓ Caesar Niglio, Director, Enterprise Applications, Info Tech Services, ACCCEA President
- ✓ Rosemary Reidy, Executive Assistant, Office of the President & Board of Trustees
- ✓ Chris Vallese, Technical Solutions Engineer
- ✓ Ricky White, Head Coach, Women's Basketball Team
- ✓ David Zuba, Public Relations Manager and Copywriter

IV. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairperson Money called the meeting to order at 6:00PM on March 24, 2026 at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus.

V. HONORARY RESOLUTIONS

Res. #92A

Barbara Heard, Professor Emerita

To grant **Dr. Barbara Heard** the rank of Professor Emerita.

- Trustee Torres motioned to approve Resolution #92A; Trustee White seconded. Motion carried.
- Dr. Heard expressed her gratitude for her nomination for Professor Emerita by her department. She thanked the Board of Trustees for granting her Professor Emerita status, and it has been an honor to teach at Atlantic Cape.

Res. #92B

Recognition of Millinda Marigliano for the NJCAA Division III and Region 19's Woman Athlete of the Year Honoree

To congratulate **Millinda Marigliano** for being named the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III and Region 19's Woman Athlete of the Year for Atlantic Cape's women's basketball and soccer.

- Trustee Castillo motioned to approve Resolution #92B; Trustee Kesselman seconded. Motion carried.
- Millinda expressed her gratitude to her coaches, teammates, and Atlantic Cape for acknowledging her achievement and for this opportunity.

Res. #92C

Recognition of Rainelle Blocker for the NJCAA Division III Women's Player of the Year Honors and All-Region 19 All-Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Division III First Team Honoree for Women's Basketball

To congratulate **Rainelle Blocker** for being named the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA)'s Player of the Year honoree and for receiving First Team All-Region 19 and First Team All Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) distinctions for women's basketball.

- Trustee Castillo motioned to approve Resolution #92C; Trustee Kesselman seconded. Motion carried.

- Rainelle expressed her thankfulness to be here this evening as a first-year student-athlete, and she looks forward to next year playing on the Women’s Basketball team.

Res. #92D

Recognition of Angelina Bell All-Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Division III Second Team Honoree Women’s Basketball

To congratulate **Angelina Bell** for receiving the All-Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Division III Second Team distinction for women’s basketball.

- Trustee Castillo motioned to approve Resolution #92D; Trustee Kesselman seconded. Motion carried.
- Angelina expressed her gratitude to the Board of Trustees for this recognition, sharing that her teammates and Atlantic Cape rekindled her passion for sports.

Res. #92E

Recognition of Olyn Knox All-Region 19 and All-Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Division III Second Team Honoree for Men’s Basketball

To congratulate **Olyn Knox** for receiving the All-Region 19 and All-Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Division III Second Team distinction for men’s basketball.

- Trustee White motioned to approve Resolution #92E; Trustee White seconded. Motion carried.
- Olyn expressed his gratitude and honor for being here this evening to receive recognition for his achievements on the Men’s Basketball team. He personally thanked Jamal Edwards and Coach Ragland for teaching him how to be a better person as well as a better athlete.

Res. #92F

Resolution Recognizing April 2026 as Community College Month

To recognize April 2026 as Community College Month.

- Trustee White motioned to approve Resolution #92F; Trustee Castillo seconded. Motion carried.

Opening Remarks:

- Chairperson Money reported on recent recognitions and highlights involving Board leadership. Trustee Brigitte White was honored with the Educational Leadership & Community Service Award by the Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- Dr. Barbara Gaba was featured as a guest speaker on “We Have Gospel” radio program in recognition of Women’s History Month, where she discussed her leadership journey and student success at Atlantic Cape.

VI. President’s Report

- Dr. Gaba discussed student success, community engagement, and institutional achievements. Key items included record-breaking fundraising by the Atlantic Cape Foundation, major grant awards supporting community revitalization, 100% licensure pass and job placement rates for Radiologic Technology graduates, and extensive outreach through recruitment events, student engagement programs, and community partnerships across Atlantic and Cape May counties.
- Dr. Vanessa O’Brien-McMasters, Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness and Chief Strategy Officer, presented on “Middle States Self-Study Update”.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

- No comments from the public on agenda items.

VIII. CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

- McAlister read the following consent resolutions.

Res. #91 Regular Session Minutes (February 25, 2026).

Res. #92

Personnel Action

Appointments: **Shahil Patel**, appointed to the position of Manager, Campus Operations and Community Outreach, Student Affairs - Worthington Atlantic City Campus Operations, effective March 30, 2026, at an annual salary of \$53,016; **Laci Torriero**, appointed to the position of Scholarship Manager, Financial Aid, effective March 30, 2026, at an annual salary of \$53,016; **Joshua Baez**, appointed to the position of Assistant Director of Foundations for Success, Workforce Development, effective March 30, 2026 through September 30, 2026 at an annual salary of \$70,888 (grant funded).

Sabbaticals: **Keith Forrest**, Professor of Communication, one-year sabbatical leave for academic year 2026-2027 at half base salary; **Stephanie Natale Boianelli**, Professor of English, a one semester sabbatical leave for Fall 2026, at full base salary; **James Taggart**, Professor of Computer Science, a one semester sabbatical leave for Spring 2027 at full base salary.

Res. #97

Policy Reaffirmation

Policy No. 602 *Appropriated Resources*

Policy No. 4 *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990/Rehabilitation Act of 1973---Compliance*

Policy No. 24 *President's Performance Evaluation*

To approve the reaffirmation of Policy No. 602 *Appropriated Resources*, Policy No. 4 *Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990/Rehabilitation Act of 1973---Compliance*, and Policy No. 24 *President's Performance Evaluation*.

Res. #98

Reappointments of One-Year Terms

To approve the reappointment of one-year terms, effective 7/1/2026: Supervisory and Administrative Personnel included in the Bargaining Unit (36 individuals); Exempt Supervisory and Administrative Personnel (21 individuals); Faculty without Tenure (16 individuals); Faculty earning Tenure in this appointment (7 individuals); and Academy of Culinary Arts Chef Educators (4 individuals).

Res. #95

Data Science & Analytics Option in Mathematics, A.S.

To approve the offering of the Data Science & Analytics Option in Mathematics, A.S. effective Fall 2026.

Res. #96

Commissioner Jacquelyn A. Suárez – 59th Annual Commencement Keynote Address

To recognize Commissioner Jacquelyn A. Suárez as the Keynote Speaker of the 59th Annual Commencement Ceremony in recognition of her outstanding dedication and commitment to the State of New Jersey.

Res. #94

Award of Bids

Number	Item and Vendor Information	Amount
Bid Exempt #1267	Comcast Internet Services Institutional Funds Comcast Corporation – Business Services Philadelphia, PA	\$112,700.00 (not to exceed)
Bid Exempt #1268	Audio Visual Support Services for HyFlex Classrooms Institutional Funds Software House International Somerset, NJ	\$26,680.53
Bid Exempt #1254- Rev.	Windstream Telephone Services Institutional Funds Windstream Louisville, KY	\$65,000.00 (not to exceed)
Bid Exempt #1269	Litigation Expense Institutional Funds Cooper Levenson Atlantic City, NJ	\$30,000.00 (not to exceed)
	Total:	\$234,380.53

Res. #99

**Authorization of Snow Removal and Ice Management Services
Evergreen Consolidated, LLC
Egg Harbor City, NJ**

To approve the procurement authorization for snow removal and ice management with Evergreen Consolidated, LLC for FY26 which may exceed \$17,500.

Res. #100

**Authorizing an Annual Expenditure for Services Provided by Marco Polo Institute in Accordance
with New Jersey Pay-To-Play Laws
Marco Polo Program Abroad in Italy, Inc.
Staten Island, NY**

To approve the authorization of a contract with Marco Polo Institute for professional services for FY26 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Res. #101 Executive Session.

- Trustee Castillo motioned to approve the Consent Resolutions; Trustee DeStefano seconded. Motion carried.

IX. BUDGET REPORT

- Trustee Kyle reported under Resolution #93– Regular Resolutions.

X. REGULAR RESOLUTIONS

Res. #93 FY26 Financial Statement for eight months ended February 28, 2026.

- Trustee Dawson stated the following:
 - As of this report, the College has earned 86.1% of budgeted revenues and expended 68.1% of budgeted expenditures.
 - In total, revenue is tracking 3.6% higher than the same time last year, while expenses are 0.7% more, and the net margin is 14.6% above the prior year.
 - Salaries and benefits are tracking 2.5% more than the prior year to date amount. Benefits include a 32% increase in healthcare for the months of January and February.
 - Total FY2026 credits of 88,204 are 226 credits/\$166,000 shy of the budgeted goal at February month-end. However, due to fiscal strategies and considering the year-to-date revenue trend and projections, management expects to remain within the budgeted margin for FY2026.
- Trustee Castillo motioned to approve Resolution #93; Trustee Byrne seconded. Motion carried.

Res. #83-Rev. to approve Tuition and Fee Schedule for FY 2027 which includes RADX fees.

- Trustee Dawson stated the following:
 - The revision is for the radiology course fees which were previously listed as TBD.
 - The second-year course fees remain the same, while the first-year course fees are increasing slightly. These are pass-through fees to Shore Medical Center.
- Trustee Torres motioned to approve Resolution #83-Rev.; Trustee Byrne seconded. Motion carried.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL AND BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Trustee Dawson: no report.

XII. FOUNDATION REPORT

- Trustee Momi stated the following:
 - The Restaurant Gala was a success, raising more than \$312,000. There were 850 guests present, as well as 40 restaurants even during the rain/snow.
 - Saturday, April 18 at 11AM is the *Welcome Home Celebration* of Buccaneer Baseball and the official opening of the field. We will be thanking all of our sponsors and supporters and our co-chairs of the *Bring it Home Campaign*, Steve Nehmad and Tom Heist of Tom Heist Insurance and supporting our baseball players who have a doubleheader. The Academy of

Culinary Arts will be supplying the hot dogs. Funds raised will go toward the students' trip to Italy.

- The President's Distinguished Alumni is scheduled for April 20 at Careme's at 5:30PM. Hopefully, everyone received an invitation.

XIII. REPORT OF THE NJ COUNCIL OF COUNTY COLLEGES

Dr. Gaba reported:

- Governor Mikie Sherrill delivered the FY27 budget message on March 10, maintaining community college operating aid at \$169.1 million for the state's 18 colleges. Despite this funding, NJ ranks 46th nationally in community college support, with funds allocated based on a complex formula established by the Council.
- The Council has requested \$30 million for Health Care Supplemental Funding, stressing the critical need due to rising healthcare costs impacting college operations. Advocacy efforts are ongoing, with testimonies planned for the Assembly and Senate Budget Committees before the budget's finalization on June 30.
- There will be no new CCOG awards for students with adjusted gross incomes (AGI) between \$65,001 and \$100,000 unless they have previously received an award and meet all eligibility criteria. Tier 1 funding for students with AGI of \$65,000 and below remains unchanged.
- The proposed FY27 budget does not allocate funds for Summer TAG awards in 2027; however, summer TAG for 2026 is covered under a FY26 appropriation at a maximum of 50% of earlier qualified amounts.
- A recently commissioned study by the NJ Council of County Colleges highlights the significant impact of community colleges on the state's economy. Key findings have been shared with the Governor, state leaders, and the media. Additionally, a social media campaign is set to promote these results.
- An economic impact study of Atlantic Cape Community College on its region is also underway, with findings to be shared soon.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

- No other business.

XV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Caesar Niglio, President of the ACCCEA, reported that the Association is continuing to offer mental health workshops for students. Additionally, the Association will participate in Earth Day celebrations again this year.
- Caesar also mentioned that negotiations with College Leadership are progressing well, and they are making steady advancements.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 7:19 PM, Chairperson Money requested to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation, anticipated contracts and matters of attorney-client privilege; Trustee Kesselman motioned; Trustee White seconded. Motion carried.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- At 7:23 PM, Trustee Byrne motioned to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Momi seconded. Motion carried.