

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 30, 2026 advance written notice of the April 28, 2026 regular meeting was emailed to all persons who requested such notices, posted on the Board of Trustees website, the Public Notices page on the Atlantic Cape 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
- ✓ Dr. Thomas Dawson
- ✓ Dr. Judith DeStefano
- ✓ Ambrose Gray
- ✓ Dr. Harvey Kesselman
- ✓ Monica Kyle
- ✓ Priya Momi
- ✓ Daniel Money
- ✓ Donald Parker
- ✓ Barbara Stafford-Jones
- ✓ Maria Ivette Torres
- ✓ Brigitte White

Legal Counsel:

- ✓ Will Donio, Esq.

Public in Attendance:

- ✓ Bonnie Lindaw, Atlantic County
Chief Financial Officer

Students in Attendance:

- ✓ Hannah Vaught-Crumbock, Editor of

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
- ✓ Dr. Vanessa O’Brien-McMasters, Vice President, Institutional
Effectiveness and Chief Strategy Officer
- ✓ John Piazza, Chief Information Officer
- ✓ Dominic Sambucci, Chief Business Officer

Faculty and Staff in Attendance:

- ✓ Nicholas Alexander, Senior Manager of Digital Accessibility,
ACCCEA Member
- ✓ Automne Bennett, Senior Manager, Financial Aid, ACCCEA
Member

Rewrites magazine

- ✓ Suzanne DeNick, Senior Manager of Advising and Student Success Systems, ACCCEA Member
- ✓ Lynette Ingram, Counselor III, TLC Member
- ✓ Marcia Kleinz, NJEA
- ✓ Caesar Niglio, Director, Enterprise Applications, Info Tech Services, ACCCEA President
- ✓ Chris Mularz, Advancement Officer/Associate Director, Foundation
- ✓ Leslie Murtha, Librarian, TLC Member
- ✓ Michelle Perkins, Director, Instructional Technology, ACCCOSAP President
- ✓ Rosemary Reidy, Executive Assistant, Office of the President & Board of Trustees
- ✓ Richard Russell, Associate Professor of English, TLC Member
- ✓ Lindley Thacker, Director of Purchasing, ACCCEA Member
- ✓ Chris Vallese, Technical Solutions Engineer
- ✓ Linda Wohlman, Chef Educator, ACAEA Member
- ✓ David Zuba, Public Relations Manager and Copywriter

IV. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairperson Money called the meeting to order at 6:10PM on April 28, 2026 at the Mays Landing Campus.

V. President's Report

- Dr. Gaba discussed the Baseball Field Welcome Home event, the President's Distinguished and Young Alumni awards, student and athletic achievements, major campus events, community outreach efforts in Atlantic and Cape May counties, the Cape May County bizHub, student engagement, and recruitment events.
- Dr. Gaba also presented the Inside the College on the "Economic Impact Study".

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 6:31 PM, Chairperson Money requested to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation, anticipated contracts and matters of attorney-client privilege; Trustee Castillo motioned; Trustee White seconded. Motion carried.
- *Secretary's Note: the regular session was called back to order at 6:40PM.*

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. #102 Regular Session Minutes (March 24, 2026).

Res. #104

Personnel Action

Appointments: **Renee Patterson**, appointed to the position of Student Service Navigator, Center for Student Success, effective July 1, 2026, at an annual salary of \$54,607.

Salary Adjustment: **Christopher Stenger**, Director, Cape May BizHub, to an in-grade five percent base salary increase for Maker’s Space development, implementation, and operations at the Cape May County BizHub effective February 5, 2026, at an annual salary of \$79,119 (grant funded).

Res. #113

Policy Update

Policy No. 824 *Health Benefits*

To approve the revisions to Policy No. 824 *Health Benefits*.

Res. #105

Award of Bids

Number	Item and Vendor Information	Amount
Bid Exempt #1270	Healthcare Equipment for Classroom Instruction Strengthening the Community College Training (SCCT5) Grant (Grant Funded) Pocket Nurse Pittsburgh, PA	\$75,000.00 (not to exceed)
Bid Exempt #1271	Healthcare Equipment for Classroom Instruction Strengthening the Community College Training (SCCT5) Grant (Grant Funded) Laerdal Medical Corp. Wappingers Falls, NY	\$110,000.00 (not to exceed)
Bid Exempt #1272	Healthcare Equipment for Classroom Instruction Strengthening the Community College Training (SCCT5) Grant (Grant Funded) Stryker Portage, MI	\$80,000.00 (not to exceed)
Bid Exempt #1273	Simulation (Isimulate Monitor) iSimulate REALITi 360 Platform Strengthening the Community College Training (SCCT5) Grant (Grant Funded) 3B Scientific Tucker, GA	\$25,000.00 (not to exceed)
Bid Exempt #1274	Bleachers for the Baseball Field Atlantic Cape Foundation and Chapter 12 Gopher Sport Portage, MI	\$30,000.00 (not to exceed)
Total:		\$320,000.00

Res. #106**Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Legal Services**

To approve the authorization to award a contract with Blaney, Weinberg & Curio for legal services for FY26 that will exceed \$17,500.

Res. #107**Authorization of a Contract for Insurance with Gallagher Student Health & Special Risk for Student and Athletic Accident and Non-Credit Insurance**

To approve the authorization to award a contract with Gallagher Student Health & Special Risk for student and athletic accidents and non-credit insurance for FY27 that will exceed \$17,500 for the contract period of August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027.

Res. #108**Authorization of Insurance Premium Payment
Selective Insurance Company of America
Philadelphia, PA**

To approve the authorization of an annual expenditure with Selective Insurance Company of America for an insurance premium payment that will not exceed \$19,178.

Res. #109**Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the Office of Senator Andy Kim for Education
Appropriations
Outboard Motor Technician Program at Atlantic Cape Community College**

To approve the submission of an application to Senator Kim's office to support the startup of the *Outboard Motor Technician certificate* program and, if awarded, to accept a grant up to \$99,500.

Res. #109A**Congressionally Directed Spending Request from the Office of Senator Cory Booker for Education
Appropriations
Outboard Motor Technician Program at Atlantic Cape Community College**

To approve the submission of an application to Senator Booker's office to support the startup of the *Outboard Motor Technician certificate* program and, if awarded, to accept a grant up to \$99,500.

Res. #110**New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE)
New Jersey Air Traffic-Collegiate Training Initiative Grant**

To approve the application and, if awarded, accept up to \$2,000,000 over the grant period from the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) for the *New Jersey Air Traffic-Collegiate Training Initiative*.

Res. #111**Cumberland-Salem-Cape May Workforce Development Board (WDB)
In-School Youth (ISY) Career Pathways Program**

To approve the application and, if awarded, accept up to \$340,000 over the grant period from the Cumberland-Salem-Cape May Workforce Development Board (WDB) for the *In-School Youth (ISY) Career Pathways Program*.

Res. #112

Achieving the Dream (ATD) Sustainable College-Employer Partnerships Initiative

To approve the application and, if awarded, accept \$30,000 over the grant period from Achieving the Dream (ATD) for the *Sustainable College-Employer Partnerships initiative*.

Res. #115 Executive Session.

- Trustee Castillo motioned to approve the Consent Resolutions; Trustee Parker seconded. Motion carried. Trustee DeStefano abstained from Resolution #110.

IX. BUDGET REPORT

- Trustee Kyle reported under Resolution #103– Regular Resolutions.

X. REGULAR RESOLUTIONS

Res. #103 FY26 Financial Statement for nine months ended March 31, 2026.

- Trustee Kyle stated the following:
 - As of March 31, 2026, the College has earned 90.5% of budgeted revenues and expended 75.6% of budgeted expenditures. In total, revenue is tracking 3.8% higher than the same time last year, while expenses are 1.7% more, and the net margin is 15.0% above the prior year. Salaries and benefits are tracking 2.6% more than the prior year. The revised budgeted salaries and benefits account for 76.3% of the total operating budget.
 - Total FY2026 credits of 88,822 (excludes high school dual) are 0.4% above the budgeted goal. Dual credit enrollment is tracking to exceed the original budget. Final FY2026 dual credits will be determined once the payment grace period ends.
 - Management projects to be within the FY2026 original budgeted margin.
- Trustee Castillo motioned to approve Resolution #103; Trustee Kyle seconded. Motion carried.

Res. #114 to approve the authorization of a settlement to Midatlantic in connection with the Litigation, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000, inclusive of all fees.

- Trustee Kesselman motioned to approve Resolution #114; Trustee White seconded. Motion carried.

Res. #114A to approve the authorization of a settlement to COPS LLC in connection with the Litigation in an amount not to exceed \$22,500, inclusive of all fees.

- Resolution #114A was tabled until a later date.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL AND BOARD DEVELOPMENT

- Trustee Byrne: no report.

XII. FOUNDATION REPORT

- Trustee Momi: no report.

XIII. REPORT OF THE NJ COUNCIL OF COUNTY COLLEGES

Dr. Gaba reported:

- The NJ Council of County Colleges is meeting with legislators to advocate for \$30M in health care funding to address rising costs affecting college operations. It also released an economic impact study highlighting the significant statewide and regional contributions of community colleges, supported by a coordinated outreach effort to state leaders, legislators, media, and partners, as reviewed in the Inside the College presentation.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

- Chairperson Money reminded the board to complete their Financial Disclosure Statements before April 30.
- Chairperson Money extended his sincere appreciation to all who contributed to the Presidential Search. Special thanks to Trustee Parker for chairing the Presidential Search Committee, along with all committee members representing trustees, faculty, staff, students, and community partners. The Board also thanks the President's Office team for their scheduling and administrative support, the Marketing Department for maintaining public communications, and the Faculty/Staff Advisory Committee, Senior Leadership, and campus community members who participated in the open forums and shared valuable feedback on the candidates.
- Trustee Parker also extended his thanks to everyone involved with the Presidential Search, stating it has been an incredible search process. He also expressed his gratitude to Dr. Duncan Harris from ACCT for his work in aiding the Board in the search process, and stated the Board looks forward to announcing the 10th President of Atlantic Cape in the coming days.

XV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Hannah Vaught-Crumbock, editor of *Rewrites* magazine, presented the magazine to the Board of Trustees and explained this year's theme for the publication.
- Michelle Perkins, President of the ACCCOSAP Bargaining Unit, read a letter on the behalf of the Association sharing the difficulties employees have been having with the new insurance provider on requiring prescription medications for them or their dependents that are necessary for their health and wellbeing.
- Caesar Niglio, President of the ACCCEA, thanked Michelle and other union members for attending the Board Meeting to express their concerns with the new health provider for the College.
- Caesar also reported that the Association participated in the Earth Day events on campus, buying over 2,000 plants to be potted by students during festivities.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 7:06 PM, Chairperson Money requested to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation, anticipated contracts and matters of attorney-client privilege; Trustee Parker motioned; Trustee Torres seconded. Motion carried.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

- At 9:00 PM, Trustee Castillo motioned to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Torres seconded. Motion carried.