MINUTES OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026
Gilman Center, Library
Middletown Campus

Present: Tom Weddell, Eli Hart, Karen Mejia, Ralph Martucci, Flo Hannes, Yaa Yaa Whaley-Williams, Tom Hunter, Peter Bambino

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weddell called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes
B. Curriculum Changes Summary

Erika Hackman explained that the curriculum changes report was prepared at the Board's request as a year-end summary of curriculum actions. The Board discussed the report and requested clarification regarding its purpose.

Motion to approve, Ralph Martucci, seconded by Eli Hart. Passed unanimously.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Paul Martland

A comprehensive presentation on the proposed FY2026–2027 Operating Budget was provided. Topics included current budget performance, revenue and expenditure assumptions, enrollment projections, state and county support, tuition and fees, and long-term financial sustainability. The Board discussed enrollment growth, SUNY Reconnect, state funding, historical variances, and conservative budgeting. Following discussion, the Board approved the FY2026–2027 Operating Budget totaling $74,728,418.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Kristine Young and the administration reported on Strategic Enrollment Management, SUNY Reconnect, workforce partnerships, student persistence, adult learner recruitment, and the use of artificial intelligence to support long-term planning.

V. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Peter Bambino introduced incoming Student Trustee Ariana Rodriguez, reviewed Student Senate activities, and presented recommendations to strengthen the Student Trustee role. The Board commended Peter for his service.

VI. BOARD DISCUSSION

Discussion included enrollment trends, adult learner recruitment, workforce education, P-TECH partnerships, student support services, and strategic planning.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution to Approve the College's Operating Budget for FY202627

Motion to approve, Tom Hunter, seconded by Ralph Martucci. Passed unanimously.

2. Resolution to Acknowledge the Dedicated Board Service of Student Trustee Peter Bambino

Motion to approve, Tom Weddell, seconded by Karen Mejia. Passed unanimously.

3. Resolution Nominating the College's Math Placement and Developmental Math Curriculum Reform

Motion to approve, Eli Hart, seconded by Ralph Martucci. Passed unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit & Finance Committee, Ralph Martucci, Chair - Audit and Finance reviewed the proposed budget.

Enrollment & Retention Committee, Karen Mejia, Chair – The committee discussed Strategic Enrollment Management, SUNY Reconnect, and enrollment int itiatives.

IX. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

X. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm, Ralph Martucci, seconded by Tom Hunter. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting
Thursday, July 30, 2026
8:00 AM
Osiris Country Club