

**MINUTES OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025
Great Room
Newburgh Campus
5 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Weddell called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

- A. Invocation by Chair Weddell
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. CONSENT AGENDA (Items A through C)

Note: Consent Agenda items held for discussion will be moved to Item D

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2025
- B. Approval of Financial Statements for August & September 2025
- C. Approval of Appointments

Motion to approve consent agenda, Eli Hart, seconded by Maria Bruni. Passed unanimously.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Young

- Reflecting back on our press event on October 8, we thank Mike Albright and his team for organizing the day. It has drawn coverage nationally and locally. It was covered live and featured on Mid-Hudson News and a portion of the College's press release was highlighted in a CC Daily News item (a production of AACC) related to national enrollment trends earlier this week.
- Dr. Young reported that she was in Albany at the Fall NYCCAP meeting which was excellent. The first part of the meeting was with NYCCAP only and the second half welcomed SUNY System guests in to help us understand system initiatives with respect to community colleges.
 - The group probed hard on the new campaign called Academic Momentum, by which SUNY has given all of its colleges and universities goals in graduation rates, retention numbers, and similar to hit in short order. There is ample concern about the absolute value of the goals and the timeline in which to hit them.
- Athletics:
 - Volleyball has a winning season so far at (8-7)
 - Freshman Angelina Rivera (Minisink Valley) was named the Mid-Hudson Conference Player of the week of September 22. Rivera totaled 29 kills and 28 aces over four matches as the Colts went 4-0. Isabella Messina (Minisink Valley HS) leads the team with 5.78 set assists per game and .7 aces per game. The team has four regular-season matches remaining, as well as the Mid-Hudson Conference tournament on Oct. 23 and the Region 15 Tournament Oct. 30 and Nov. 1 (should we advance).
 - Men's Soccer recently improved to (3-8-2)
 - As the Colts closed out their regular season with a 2-1 home victory over LaGuardia Community College yesterday. I'm pleased to share that earlier in the season, sophomore Daniel Galeas (Middletown HS) was named the Mid-Hudson Conference Soccer Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 15. During that week, he totaled eight points in three games.
 - Cross Country highlights:
 - Joseph Melody (Florida, N.Y.) ran a 49:30.1 to finish 63rd in the men's 8K race at the Bard College Invitation in September. On the women's side, Chayse Clarke-Martin (Goshen HS) posted a time of 31:02 in the women's 4K at the Dickinson College Long-Short Invitational. She placed 101st in that race.
 - Men's and Women's Basketball, a winter sport getting started:
 - The men open their season Nov. 4 at Western Connecticut against the WestConn Jayvee team before hosting Hudson Valley on Nov. 6 in the home opener. The Colts have home scrimmages scheduled for Oct. 25 and Oct. 28. Meanwhile, the women's team's first three games are away before they host their home opener against Westchester on Nov. 18.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS - Chair Weddell

- Chair Weddell announced that he and Trustee Peter Bambino will be attending the 2025 ACCT Leadership Congress in New Orleans from October 22 – 24.
- Chair Weddell shared a presentation on social media strategies to build support and encouraged fellow Trustees to share updates regularly on social media to increase visibility. He also expressed the importance of communication for advocacy efforts, especially for the Newburgh campus.
- Chair Weddell commented that the position of the "Joint Public Comment of the Executive Committees of the

SUNY University Faculty Senate and the Faculty Council of Community Colleges in Support of SUNY Rulemaking on Community College Presidential Leadership and in Affirmation of Shared Governance” letter does not represent the entire community college system.

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

- A. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting. Each member of the public wishing to address the Board will be granted 2 minutes to speak, at which time, the Board will ask you to have a seat to allow others to speak.

VI. BOARD DISCUSSION - None

VII. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:43 pm, Eli Hart, seconded by Ralph Martucci. Passed Unanimously.

Executive session began at 5:48 pm and ended at 7:19 pm.

VIII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

IX. BOARD WORKSHOP ON BOARD COMMITTEES; ADVISORY GROUPS & COMMITTEES; TASKFORCES; WORKSHOP GROUPS; AND OTHER GROUPS TO ADVANCE THE EXCELLENCE OF BOARD AND COLLEGE

X. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 7:51 pm, Ralph Martucci, seconded by Flo Hannes. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting
November 19, 2025
Gilman Center, Middletown Campus
5pm