

# Hudson Valley Community College

80 Vandenburg Avenue, Troy, New York 12180

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## MINUTES

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hudson Valley Community College was held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, on the college campus, 80 Vandenburg Avenue, Troy, New York; and live streamed for the public on the college's website at [www.hvcc.edu](http://www.hvcc.edu).

### TRUSTEES PRESENT

Neil J. Kelleher, Chairman  
Judith Breselor  
Philip J. Danaher  
William Fagan  
Flora Fasoldt  
Thomas P. Grant  
William C. Jennings  
Jackie McDonough  
Wayne Pratt

### EXCUSED

Ryan Connors

### OTHERS PRESENT

Louis Coplin, Officer in Charge, HVCC  
George Raneri, Secretary to the Board  
Erin Grace Dwyer, Assistant Secretary to the Board  
Jonathan Ashdown, Executive Dean, HVCC North  
Tara Bocketti, Interim Dean, Non-Credit, Non-State Aid-able Offerings  
Jason Bourdeau (remote), Video Conferencing Technician  
Alycia Courter, Executive Director of the Business Office (remote)  
Jay Deitchman, Director of Global Initiatives  
Judy DiLorenzo, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Michael Eaton, Director of Public Safety  
Lamyaa Hasib, Honors College Director  
Matt Howe, Associate Dean for Retention  
Carl J. Kempf, Rensselaer County Attorney  
Tyler Kessel, Dean of Liberal Arts  
Patricia Klimkewicz, Dean of Health Sciences  
Regina LaGatta, Consultant  
Derek Martin, Executive Director of the Foundation  
Janet McCart, Finance Manager, Institutional Advancement  
Andrew Novak, Director of Planning, Design, and Construction  
Valerie Paull, Assistant to the Vice President for Administration and the CFO  
Kathy Petley, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness  
Amy Posner, Director of Donor Experience and Alumni Engagement

Deb Richey, Director of Human Resources and Budget Office  
Hector Rodriguez, Dean of STEM  
Deb Shoemaker, Interim Executive Dean of Workforce  
Laura Siracuse, HVCC Foundation Board Member  
Jason Vandenburg, Assistant Director of Public Safety  
Joel Walbridge, Campus Safety Officer  
Robert (Sid) Whitaker, President, HVCC Faculty Association  
Ronaldyn Wilson, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

Chairman Kelleher called the June meeting of the HVCC Board of Trustees to order at 5:54 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Danaher and seconded by Ms. Breselor, to amend the minutes of the May 27 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. The motion was unanimously approved.<sup>i</sup> **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Pratt and seconded by Mr. Grant to approve the minutes of the May 27 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Danaher and seconded by Ms. Breselor, to amend the minutes of the June 2 Emergency Meeting of the Board of Trustees. The motion was unanimously approved.<sup>ii</sup> **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Danaher and seconded by Mr. Fagan to approve the minutes of the June 2 Emergency Meeting of the Board of Trustees, as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fagan and seconded by Mr. Pratt, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: **HVCC 2025-2026  
OPERATING BUDGET**

**Resolved**, that the Hudson Valley Community College Operating Budget for the fiscal year commencing September 1, 2025, and ending August 31, 2026, of \$111,593,770 be and hereby is approved.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Jennings and seconded by Ms. McDonough, the following resolution was unanimously approved: **FUND BALANCE  
TRANSFER**

**Resolved**, that the request to approve:

- a. the transfer of funds from the College's Fund Balance Account in the amount of \$3,648,879 to be placed in the designated accounts entitled "Academic Services" and "Construction and Technology Upgrades, and IE&T"; and
- b. An additional \$200,000 transfer of funds from the College's Fund Balance account for the overhaul of CoGen Engine #1, to be placed in the Designated account entitled, "Construction and Technology Upgrades," be and hereby is approved.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Breselor and seconded by Ms. Fasoldt, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**FOUNDATION  
OPERATING  
BUDGET 2025-26**

**Resolved**, that the request for approval of the Hudson Valley Community College Inc.'s operating budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, totaling \$1,904,000 in revenues and \$1,811,000 in expenditures, as approved by the Foundation Board of Directors on June 18, 2025, be and hereby is approved.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Fasoldt and seconded by Mr. Pratt, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**APPOINTMENT  
FOUNDATION  
LEADERSHIP**

**Resolved**, that the request for approval of Amy Posner as the Chief Advancement Officer and Interim Executive Director of the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation, Inc., as approved by the Foundation Board of Directors, effective June 24, 2025, be and hereby is approved.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 6:03 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board returned to open session at 6:50 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fagan and seconded by Ms. McDonough, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**MC TITLES  
TRANSITIONED TO  
EXCLUDED NTPO**

**Resolved**, the titles identified below, currently listed as Management Confidential, shall now be recognized as Excluded Non-Teaching Professionals covered by the Administrative Code:

Academic Affairs Operations Support Assistant  
Accounts Payable Manager  
Assistant Director of Budget  
Assistant to the Executive Dean  
Assistant to the VPAA  
Assistant to the VPIET  
Associate Director of Athletics  
Budget and Human Resources Assistant  
Comptroller  
Director for Distance and Online Learning  
Director of Aeronautical Technical Institute  
Director of Athletics  
Director of Donor Experience/Alumni Engagement  
Director of EHS  
Director of Global Initiatives

Director of Grants  
Director of Health Services  
Director of Human Resources and Budget  
Director of Institutional Assessment  
Director of Institutional Research  
Director of Planning, Design and Construction  
Director of Procurement  
Director of Public Safety  
Director of Student Financial Services  
Director of Student Life  
Director, Uniquely Abled Academy  
Executive Assistant to the VPSA  
Finance and Operations Assistant  
Finance Assistant  
Finance Manager, Foundation  
Financial Analyst - Grants  
Fiscal Analyst  
Grants and Contract Analyst  
Head Football Coach  
Honors College Director  
Human Resources Assistant  
Information Security Officer  
Nurse Practitioner (10-Month)  
Office Assistant, Office of the President  
Operations Coordinator  
Registrar  
Senior Advisor to the President  
Student Development Assistant  
Technical Assistant - Foundation  
Technical Assistant, English, Modern Language,  
ESL  
Technical Assistant, Fine Art, Theater, Digital  
Media  
Technical Assistant/Assistant to the VPA/CFO

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fagan and seconded by Ms. McDonough, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**Whereas,** the Board of Trustees seeks to clearly define those positions whose titles are hereby identified to be Management Confidential employees,

**Be it resolved,** the titles identified below shall be covered by the Management Contract:

**MANAGEMENT  
CONFIDENTIAL  
TITLES**

Executive Vice President  
Vice President  
Associate Vice President  
Assistant Vice President  
Executive Dean  
Dean  
Associate Dean  
Assistant Dean  
Executive Director of Communications and Marketing  
Chief Fiscal Officer  
Chief Diversity Officer

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fagan and seconded by Ms. McDonough, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

**Resolved**, that the position and title of Interim Executive Dean of Workforce, Community and High School Partnerships has been retrenched, and the position has been re-organized as Dean of High School Partnerships. **Be it resolved**, this position is hereby approved. Effective 7/1/2025, Deborah Shoemaker is hereby promoted to the position of Dean of High School Partnerships, with an annual salary of \$120,000.

**DEAN OF HIGH  
SCHOOL  
PARTNERSHIPS**

Upon a motion made by Ms. Breselor and seconded by Mr. Pratt, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

**REORGANIZATION  
FOR HVCC NORTH**

**Resolved**, that the positions and titles of Executive Director of HVCC North and Vice President for Community, Professional and Workforce Development have been retrenched, and the positions have been re-organized as Executive Vice President for Workforce & Industry Partnerships and North Campus Operations. Be it resolved that this position is approved. Jonathan Ashdown Ph.D. is hereby promoted to the position of Executive Vice President for Workforce & Industry Partnerships and North Campus Operations, effective 6/25/25, with an annual salary of \$200,000.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Breselor and seconded by Dr. Jennings, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

**REORGANIZATION  
FOR  
INSTITUTIONAL**

**Whereas**, the position and title of Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness and **EFFECTIVENESS** Technology has been retrenched, and the position has been re-organized as Executive Dean of STEM and Institutional Effectiveness. **Be it resolved**, this position is hereby approved. Effective 7/1/2025, Hector Rodriguez is hereby promoted to the position of Executive Dean of STEM and Institutional Effectiveness, with an annual salary of \$150,000.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### **ACADEMIC SENATE RECOMMENDATIONS--CURRICULUM**

#### **1. NEW COURSE PROPOSAL**

School of Health Sciences

- **HLTH 165 – Fact and Fallacies in Exercise Nutrition**

The department seeks to create a new elective course

### **PERSONNEL CHANGES**

#### **1. Administration and Finance**

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| a. Deborah Dingman, Assistant Director of Budget<br>eff. 4/29/25 or thereafter | \$77,498/yr  |
| b. Valerie Paull, Director of Administration and Finance                       | \$110,000/yr |

#### **2. FULL TIME NON-TEACHING PROFESSIONALS**

##### Student Affairs

Patrick Onley, Technical

Assistant,

Center for Access and Assistive

Technology,

f/t prob. appt., eff. 5/19/25

\$42,000/yr

#### **3. FULL-TIME NON-INSTRUCTIONAL/CLASSIFIED STAFF**

##### Public Safety

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| a. Joseph Bethel, Campus Security<br>Officer, Public Safety and<br>Security,<br>f/t appt., eff. 5/15/25 or thereafter | \$24.01/hr |
| b. Laurent Chum, Campus Security<br>Officer,<br>Public Safety and<br>Security,<br>f/t appt., eff. 5/27/25             | \$24.01/hr |
| c. Antonio Pontari, Campus Security Officer,<br>Public Safety and Security,<br>f/t appt., eff. 5/14/25                | \$24.01/hr |
| d. Kayla Robinson, Campus Security Officer,<br>Public Safety and Security,<br>f/t appt., eff. 5/27/25                 | \$24.01/hr |

#### **2. Institutional Effectiveness**

Lauren Robichaud, Director of Institutional Effectiveness

\$72,000/yr

**4. PART TIME FACULTY**

School of Business and Liberal Arts

Kainat Akhtar, Adjunct Instructor,  
Education And Social Sciences,  
p/t appt., eff. 5/13/25

\$1,457/sch

**5. OTHER PERSONNEL CHANGES**

- a. Kate Kelly will be Director of Financial Aid only, and will step down as Bursar when that position is filled.
- b. Halea Dickenson and Chris Dobert will receive a pro rata stipend and share the Instructional and Information Technologies responsibilities until a CTO is hired.
- c. Zoe Radz's title has been changed from Office Assistant to Assistant to the President.

**6. RESIGNATIONS**

- a. Michelle Fernandez, Part-Time Advising Specialist eff. 5/15/2025
- b. Aaron Hebert, Head eSports Coach, eff. 5/15/25
- c. Katherine Teal, HR Generalist, eff. 5/22/25
- d. Richard Tedisco, Head Softball Coach, eff. 5/30/25
- e. Devon, Tomson, Head Men's Soccer Coach, eff. 5/9/25
- f. Eyzik Waters, Custodial Worker, eff. 5/14/25

**7. HVCC MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

2024-2025 Fiscal Year Operating Budget Summary as of 5/31/25  
Capital Expenditures, May 2025 and cumulative

**AUGUST MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2025.

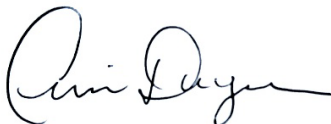
**AUGUST  
MEETING**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Danaher, seconded by Mr. Pratt and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Grace Dwyer  
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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- <sup>i</sup> Minutes of the May 27, 2025 Regular Meeting were amended to add “motion was unanimously approved” to the motion to pass the minutes of the May, 12, Special Meeting minutes.
- <sup>ii</sup> Minutes of the June 2, 2025 Emergency Meeting minutes were amended to add “motion was unanimously approved” to the motion to adopt the minutes of the May 27, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes.