



# Board of Trustees Meeting

December 16, 2025

Guenther Board Room, 80 Vandenburg Ave., Troy, NY

## MINUTES

*The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hudson Valley Community College was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. on the college campus, Guenther Board Room, 80 Vandenburg Avenue, Troy, New York and via remote meeting, with live stream for the public via the college website at [hvcc.edu](http://hvcc.edu).*

### Members Present:

Neil J. Kelleher, Chairman

Judith Breselor

Phil Danaher

William Fagan

Flora Fasoldt

Thomas Grant

Patrick Madden

Jackie McDonough

Kercel Montes

Wayne Pratt

### Members Excused:

None

**Also Attending:** President Michael Brophy; Secretary George Raneri; Assistant Secretary Erin Grace Dwyer; Rensselaer County Attorney C.J. Kempf; Trustee Emeritus William Jennings

**Also Present:** Jonathan Ashdown, Tara Bocketti, William Bordak, Jason Bourdeau (remote), Alycia Courter (remote), Steve Cowan, Joe Dana, Judith DiLorenzo, Jodi Dorrough, Michael Eaton, Marc Gorsage (remote), Lamyaa Hasib, Dennis Kennedy, Tyler Kessel, Patricia Klimkewicz, Ian LaChance, Regina LaGatta, Doreen McGreevy, Chris McNally, Valerie Paull, Marcy Pendergast, Amy Posner, Gina Ricci, Deb Richey, Hector Rodriguez, Daniel Seaman, Deb Shoemaker, Ainsley Thomas, Jason Vandenburg, Joel Walbridge, Matthew Weir, Sid Whitaker, Kimberly Williams

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kelleher called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

## 2. RESOLUTION CONFERRING TRUSTEE EMERITUS STATUS ON DR. WILLIAM C. JENNINGS

Upon unanimous motion and consent of the HVCC Board of Trustees, the following resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, Dr. William Jennings was appointed to the Hudson Valley Community College Board of Trustees by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in 2014 and has since served the College with great distinction and dedication;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Jennings brought to the Board a wealth of experience from a distinguished 35-year career at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), where he held numerous academic and administrative leadership positions, including Chair of the Electrical, Computer, and Systems Engineering Department; Associate Dean of the Graduate School; Dean of Continuing Education; Vice Provost for Computing and Information Technology; and Vice Provost for Professional and Distance Education;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Jennings, who holds bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in electrical engineering from RPI, was recognized upon his retirement as Professor Emeritus for his exemplary contributions to higher education, scholarship, and institutional advancement;

**WHEREAS**, In addition to his professional accomplishments, Dr. Jennings has demonstrated a deep commitment to public service through his 13 years as a member of the Stephentown Town Council, as a member of the Stephentown Volunteer Fire Department, and through his volunteer leadership as trustee of the Stephentown Memorial Library and member of the Stephentown Historical Society;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Jennings' thoughtful leadership, insight, and unwavering dedication to student success, academic excellence, and community service have made a lasting impact on Hudson Valley Community College;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hudson Valley Community College Board of Trustees hereby confers upon Dr. William Jennings the honorary title of Trustee Emeritus in recognition of his distinguished service, leadership, and commitment to the mission and values of the College;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board herein extends its deepest appreciation to Dr. William Jennings for his dedication and service to Hudson Valley Community College and to the people of Rensselaer County and the Capital Region.

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Mr. Danaher and seconded by Ms. Breselor, all items on the following consent agenda were approved by unanimous vote.

- A. Minutes of the November 19, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
- B. Board of Trustees Policy Manual and Code of Ethics
- C. Monthly Expenditures as of November 30, 2025
- D. UHY 2025 Audit Plan
- E. November 2025 Curriculum Change
- F. November 2025 Personnel Change

### **4. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Student Trustee Kercel Montes gave an overview of the past month's activities of the Student Senate, including the annual Pride Ball, Winter Banquet, and the Theatre Department's presentation of Lysistrata. He also reported on other special initiatives sponsored by the Student Senate, such as the Leadership Series: Putting People First, Live Trivia, Pizza Time and Movie Tickets, Sip and Paint, and college transfer advisement with SUNY Oneonta, Utica College, and Siena University.

### **5. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

A. At the request of the President, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Ian LaChance presented an enrollment report. Mr. LaChance reported that both the winter and spring terms are on track to show an

increase in enrollment over last year at this time. Winter enrollment is currently showing a 42.1% increase in FTEs, and spring enrollment is currently showing an 8% increase in FTEs.

**B.** At the request of the President, Executive Vice President for Workforce & Industry Partnerships Jonathan Ashdown presented an update to the board on Workforce Development and Community Education, the SUNY Community College Workforce Development Training Contract Courses Grant Program, and the Workforce Development Advisory Council. The Capital Region Workforce Study completed by Dr. Ashdown was also reviewed, and included information regarding the Capital District labor market, job growth and unemployment, industry clusters and employer demand, as well as cost of living and retention barriers in the region. Dr. Ashdown finished by speaking to how HVCC can best serve employment needs regionally, and how the construction of the Advanced Technology Education Center (ATEC), will serve to meet those needs.

**C.** At the request of the President, Director of Public Safety Michael Eaton spoke to the board regarding the ongoing meetings of the Campus Safety Committee regarding improving Public Safety's policies, procedures and funding.

**6. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR HVAC REPAIR IN THE VIKING CHILDCARE CENTER.**

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

**RESOLVED**, that Hudson Valley Community College Board of Trustees hereby approve a reallocation of funds previously designated to other projects in the amount of \$665,831 for the emergency repairs to the HVAC in the Viking Childcare Center.

**7. RESOLUTION APPROVING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTER (ATEC) CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS**

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

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Trustees of Hudson Valley Community College, at their meeting of August 22, 2023, approved the capital project "Advanced Technology Education Center (ATEC)"; and

**WHEREAS**, The Rensselaer County Legislature, via Resolution G/358/23, approved the project entitled "Applied Technologies Education Center (ATEC) Phase II" at a cost of \$53.5 million, and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Committee of the Hudson Valley Community College Board of Trustees Audit and Finance & Buildings and Grounds Committee approved, at their meeting of December 8, 2025, to move to the full Board for consideration and vote contract change orders for the following vendors and corresponding not to exceed amounts:

*Bunkoff General Contractors - \$1,048,233.00*

*Absolute Fire – Fire Protection Construction Contractor - \$26,453.00*

*E.W. Tompkins – Plumbing Construction - \$155,142.00*

*RMB Mechanical – Mechanical Construction - \$226,521.22*

*Johnson Controls – Controls Construction - \$36,397.00*

*Tech Electric – Electrical Construction - \$394,045.00*

*Total Cost to Date - \$1,886,791.22*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that, without adjustment of the total ATEC project cost of \$53.5 million, the Hudson Valley Community College Board of Trustees hereby approves the herein listed contract change orders totaling \$1,886,791.22

## **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion by Ms. Breselor seconded by Mr. Fagan and unanimously approved, the board entered into an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons at 5:05 p.m.

Upon a motion by Ms. Breselor seconded by Mr. Fagan and unanimously approved, the board exited executive session at 6:10 p.m.

Upon exiting executive session, the following actions were taken:

## **9. APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

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

**WHEREAS** a fair and open search was completed for the position of Vice President for Administration; and

**WHEREAS** the search received sixty-three (63) applicants, the committee interviewed two (2) applicants for the position, and two (2) applicants advanced and interviewed with the President; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that effective February 1, 2026, Gerard Marino is hereby appointed to the position of Vice President for Administration with an annual salary of one-hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000).

## **10. APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER**

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

**WHEREAS** a fair and open search was completed for the position of Executive Director of the Educational Opportunity Center; and

**WHEREAS** the search received forty-five (45) applicants, the committee interviewed eight (8) applicants for the position, and two (2) applicants advanced and interviewed with the President; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that effective January 26, 2026, Michael C. Markou is hereby appointed to the position of Executive Director of the Educational Opportunity Center with an annual salary of one-hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000).

## **11. HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Upon a motion by Mr. Danaher and seconded by Mr. Pratt, the following was approved by unanimous consensus of the Board:

*The Hudson Valley Community College ad hoc Public Safety Committee has approval of the Board of Trustees to meet with applicable county officials and local law enforcement to discuss moving forward with proposed upgrades to the Public Safety policies, procedures and funding.*

## **12. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2025.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kelleher requested a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Roy “Duke” Pompey, who dedicated nearly four decades of his professional life in service to the students of Hudson Valley Community College and the greater community. Upon a motion by Mr. Danaher, seconded by Mr. Pratt and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned in his memory at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erin Dwyer", with a stylized, flowing script.

Erin Grace Dwyer  
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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