



# Board of Trustees Meeting March 24, 2026

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

## MINUTES

*The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hudson Valley Community College was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. on the college campus, Guenther Board Room, 80 Vanderburgh 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 (remote)  
Judith Breselor  
William Fagan  
Flora Fasoldt  
Thomas Grant  
Patrick Madden  
Jackie McDonough  
Wayne Pratt

### Also Present:

President Michael Brophy  
Secretary George Raneri  
Assistant Secretary Laura LaFontaine  
Rensselaer County Attorney C.J. Kempf

### Members Excused:

Kercel Montes

**Also Attending:** Regina LaGatta, Tara Bocketti, Jason Bourdeau (remote), Ruben Barato, Jodi Dorrough, Gina Ricci, Dennis Kennedy, Patricia Klimkewicz, Hector Rodriguez, Deb Shoemaker, Robert Whitaker, Casey Crandall, Michael Markou, Alycia Courter, Marcy Pendergast, Christopher McNally, Doreen McGreevy, Gerard Marino, and Allison Collins Schroeder

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kelleher called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and called upon Mr. Fagan to conduct the meeting.

### 2. WELCOME — HERNINGSHOLM VOCATIONAL COLLEGE DELEGATION

Mr. Fagan welcomed a visiting delegation from Herningsholm Vocational College in Denmark, noting HVCC's partnership with the institution since 2023. The current group consists of 13 students and 3 instructors studying electrical technology and advanced manufacturing (CNC), with an additional 22 business students arriving Friday. The delegation will remain on campus through April 1st. Members of the delegation introduced themselves to the Board.

### 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Mr. Fagan, seconded by Ms. Breselor and unanimously approved, the board entered into an executive session to discuss contracts at 4:36 p.m.

Upon a motion by Ms. Fasoldt seconded by Mr. Pratt, and unanimously approved, the board exited executive session at 5:25 p.m. No actions were taken during Executive Session.

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. *Minutes of the February 24, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees-ACTION ITEM*
- B. *Faculty Student Association (FSA) Fiscal Year 2027 Budget – ACTION ITEM*
- C. *Appointment of Laura LaFontaine, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees – ACTION ITEM*
- D. *Appointment of treasurer and assistant treasurers - ACTION ITEM*
  - a. *Gerard Marino, Vice President for Administration, Treasurer*
  - b. *Gina Ricci, Chief Fiscal Officer, Assistant Treasurer*
- E. *Workforce Development/Employer Survey Findings – INFORMATIONAL*
- F. *2025-2026 Fiscal Year Operating Budget Summary as of 2/28/2026 – INFORMATIONAL*
- G. *Capital Expenditures, February 2026-INFORMATIONAL*
- H. *March 2026 Personnel Changes-INFORMATIONAL*
- I. *Monthly FSA Financials as of February 28, 2026-INFORMATIONAL*

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

The Student Trustee was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior appointment. No report was given.

#### **6. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

At the request of the President, Ruben Barato, Vice President of Student Affairs, presented enrollment projections for the 2026-27 academic year to inform budget planning and state aid calculations. Projections indicate continued modest, sustainable growth consistent with the past five years, with a projected fall headcount of 10,961 and FTE of 7,211. Spring projections were adjusted using additional modeling to account for historical anomalies. Board members raised questions regarding program demand areas and graduation/transfer rates; Mr. Barato noted that health, advanced manufacturing, and career and technical education programs continue to drive enrollment growth.

#### **7. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjournment, President Brophy and Chairman Kelleher recognized Patricia Klimkewicz, Vice President for Academic Affairs, noting that the Board had previously signed a commendation honoring her retirement with honors from the United States Navy at the rank of Captain (O-6). The Board expressed its pride in and gratitude for her service to the country. Upon a motion by Trustee McDonough, seconded by Trustee Madden, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura LaFontaine

Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees

**Personnel Committee of the Board of Trustees**

**MARCH PERSONNEL CHANGES (as of March 9, 2026)**

**A. FULL-TIME NON-TEACHING PROFESSIONALS**

**1. Student Services**

D Fontaine, Student Financial Aid Specialist Financial Aid  
f/t prob. appt., eff. 2/11/26  
\$41,500/yr

Maryanne Singer, Associate Director of SOAR Student Outreach and Retention  
f/t prob. appt. eff. 3/2/26  
\$60,000/yr

0. Workforce Development and Industry Partnerships Christian Leahy, Assistant Director  
Workforce Development and Community Education  
f/t prob. appt. eff. 3/9/26  
\$52,000/yr

0. Administration and Finance

Jordan Dales, Information Technology Specialist Information Technology Department  
f/t prob. appt., eff. 2/9/26  
\$46,000/yr

Marco Rozier, Procurement Specialist Procurement Services  
f/t prob. appt., eff. 2/5/26  
\$52,000/yr

Neha Fnu, Accounting Manager Comptroller's Office  
f/t prob. appt., eff 3/4/26  
\$72,500/yr

Joshua McCart, Accounting Manager Comptroller's Office  
f/t prob. appt., eff. 1/31/26  
\$72,500/yr

Stephanie O'Rourke, Grants Accounting Analyst Grants Office  
f/t prob. appt., eff. 2/11/26  
\$51,000/yr

Brandon Burt, Grants Accounting Analyst Grants Office  
f/t prob. appt., eff. 2/18/26  
\$51,000/yr

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

1. Administration and Finance Polly Morgan, Custodial Worker Custodial Department  
f/t prob. appt., eff 2/16/26  
\$18.55/hr.

Ewart Simpson, Building Maintenance Worker Maintenance Department Physical Plant  
f/t prov. appt., eff. 3/10/26  
\$22.26/hr.

### **0. School of STEM**

Dylan Gillman-Jones, Laboratory Assistant Biology/Chemistry/Physics  
f/t prov. appt., eff. 2/9/26  
\$24.91/hr.

## **C. PART TIME NON-TEACHING PROFESSIONALS**

### **1. School of Liberal Arts**

Jeremy LaParl, Part Time Advising Specialist Education and Social Science  
p/t appt., eff. 3/5/26  
\$29.00/hr.

0. Workforce Development and Industry Partnerships Robert McNiven, Aviation Maintenance Instructor  
Aeronautical Technical Institute  
f/t prob. appt. eff. 2/9/26  
\$45.00/hr.

0. Administration and Finance Janet McCart, Finance Manager Comptroller's Office  
p/t temp. appt., eff 2/20/26  
\$50.00/hr.

## **D. PART TIME NON-INSTRUCTIONAL/CLASSIFIED STAFF**

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

Joseph Bethel, Campus Security Officer Public Safety/Security  
p/t appt., eff. 2/5/26  
\$22.26/hr.

## **E. RESIGNATION**

1. William Lamb, Part Time Campus Security Officer, Public Safety, effective 2/28/26
2. Leslie Foster, Grants and Contracts Analyst, Grants Office, effective 2/20/26
3. Christopher Spencer, Director of Aeronautical Technical Institute, effective 1/28/26

## **F. RETIREMENT**

1. Janet McCart, Finance Manager, Comptroller's Office, effective 2/20/26