

**NEW JERSEY COUNCIL OF COUNTY COLLEGES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024- 11:00 AM  
BALLY'S, ATLANTIC CITY (GARDEN ROOM: BERKSHIRE AND TIVOLI)**

**MINUTES**

**I. WELCOME**

**1. Meeting was Called to Order at 11:00 a.m. - Reading of Public Announcement**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, advance notice of this Public Meeting of the Council was provided on May 6, 2024 by posting written notice of this meeting on the Council website and by transmitting the meeting notice to The Trenton Times, The Trentonian, and to the Secretary of State.

**ATTENDEES:**

<u>College</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Board Chair</u>	<u>Board Alternate/ Other Trustees</u>
Atlantic Cape	Barbara Gaba		
Bergen	Eric Friedman		Sheetal Ranjan
Brookdale		Barbara Horl	
Camden			Jessica Stewart
Essex	Augustine Boakye		
Hudson	Chris Reber		Pamela Gardner
Mercer	Deborah Preston		Lawrence Nespoli
Middlesex	Mark McCormick		Christine Buteas
Morris	Anthony Iacono		Paul Licitra
Ocean			
Passaic			
Raritan	Michael McDonough		
Rowan at Burlington			
Rowan at South Jersey	Frederick Keating		
Salem	Michael Gorman		Dot Hall
Sussex	Jon Connolly		
Union			Mary Zimmermann
Warren	Marianne Van Deursen		

There were 21 voting members of the Council who were present during the business meeting, constituting a majority and quorum.

**Council Staff:** Aaron Fichtner, Megan Swieconeck, Catherine Starghill, Linda Scherr, and Mikal Jenkins.

**2. Introduction and Announcements- Chair Sheetal Ranjan**

**II. BUSINESS**

**3. ACTION: Approval of Minutes**

By motion of Dot Hall, and seconded by Mary Zimmermann the minutes of the March 12, 2024 Executive Committee meeting; March 18, 2024 Council meeting; April 22, 2024 Executive Committee meeting; and May 13, 2024 were approved without amendment.

**4. Acceptance of Council Financial Statements**

By motion of Mary Zimmermann and seconded by Barbara Horl, the Council accepted the financial statements for March 2024, April 2024, and May 2024.

**5. Report on Temporary Investments**

The Council currently keeps its cash reserves in an account with Spencer Savings Bank. The Council is also enrolled in the NJ Cash Management Fund. As of May 31, 2024, the Council's NJ Cash Management Fund holdings are \$2,369,601.

**6. ACTION: Approval of the NJCCC FY2025 Budget**

By motion of Tony Iacono, and seconded by Barbara Horl, the Council approved the FY2025 NJCCC Operating Budget.

**7. Action: FY2025 Chapter 12**

By motion of Mary Zimmermann, and seconded by Jessica Stewart, the Council approved the FY2025 Chapter 12 allocations.

**III. STRATEGY**

**8. FY2025 State Budget**

Fichtner reported that the FY2025 State Budget continues to be the primary focus of the NJ Legislature. The Higher Education committee hearings for both chambers took place on May 9<sup>th</sup>, and the NJCCC was well represented. Both chambers have submitted a common resolution to restore the community colleges' operating aid. Fichtner thanked all of the Council members and community college students who have participated in the budget process testimony.

**9. Legislative Update\***

Fichtner reviewed the updated legislative report and bill tracking list prepared by Heidkamp and Jenkins. Fichtner highlighted Lampitt 2.0 transfer bill (A2440). Based on input from the presidents

and our engagement with Assemblywoman Lampitt's staff, the bill has been successfully amended to preserve the NJ Presidents' Council in developing the Statewide Transfer Agreement. In addition the Assembly Higher Education Committee met on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the amendments. President McCormick and President Hancock of TESU provided great testimony. The Senate companion bill is not currently scheduled for testimony yet.

**Meeting Adjourned.**