



**MEETING OF THE
NEW JERSEY COUNCIL OF COUNTY COLLEGES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
VIA ZOOM**

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AGENDA

BUSINESS MEETING (6:00 PM)

I. WELCOME

- 1. Meeting Called to Order - Reading of Public Announcement**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements – Chair Jessica Purnell**
 - 2026 National Legislative Summit in Washington , DC

II. BUSINESS

- 3. ACTION: Approval of Minutes***
 - A. November 10, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting
 - B. November 17, 2025 Council Meeting
 - C. December 15, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting
 - D. January 12, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting
 - E. January 16, 2026 Council Minutes
- 4. ACTION: Acceptance of Council Financial Statements***
 - A. November 2025
 - B. December 2025
 - C. January 2026
- 5. Report on Temporary Investments***
- 6. ACTION: Appointment of Legal Counsel**
- 7. ACTION: Acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements of the NJ Council of County Colleges for the Year Ended June 30, 2025***
- 8. ACTION: Proposed Modifications to the Funding Distribution Model for State Operating Aid to New Jersey's Community Colleges***

III. STRATEGY

9. Economic Impact of New Jersey Community Colleges: Study Results*

10. State Policy Update

- Gubernatorial Transition
 - Review of Reports from the Sherrill-Caldwell Transition Action Teams*
<https://www.nj.gov/governor/action/reports/>
- Update: FY2027 State Budget Request*
- Council Priorities/Strategy
- Update: Future Ready New Jersey Coalition*

11. Overview of Five Opportunity Agenda Laws: Next Steps

- Modernization of the Council Enabling Legislation: N.J.S.18A:64A-22
- Other bills

12. Upcoming Council Events and Convenings

- AI in Technology and Learning- February 27, 2026 (Union College of Union County)
- Spring Trustee Leadership Academy- March 30 & 31 (Virtual)
- Student Leadership Day – April 24, 2026 (Brookdale Community College)
- Council Meeting – June 15, 2026 (Virtual via Zoom)
- Community College Opportunity Summit- June 9-11 2026 (Atlantic City, NJ)

13. Consideration of Employment Contract for Council President Aaron Fichtner
