



BOARD OF TRUSTEES Public Retreat/Meeting

**Minutes
October 12, 2023**

A special meeting of the Ocean County College Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:07 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2023, by Mr. Jerry Dasti, Chair, in Room 102 of the Conference Center on the College campus and via Webex, with Mr. Jerry Dasti, Chair, presiding.

Call to Order

The announcement of public meeting was made by Mrs. Connie Bello in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975. This special meeting was announced on October 5, 2023, as required by the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, by providing adequate notice to the Asbury Park Press, the Atlantic City Press, the Ocean County Clerk, and the College community. The notice indicated this meeting would also be held via Webex, as per New Jersey Public Law 2020, Chapter 11, approved on March 20, 2020, for public bodies to conduct meetings by electronic means.

Public Meeting
Announcement

Those in attendance were Mr. Dasti, Mr. Stephan Leone, Mr. Robert Fall, Mr. Charles Muller, Mr. Joseph Teichman, Mr. Carl V. Thulin, Mr. Jack Sahradnik, Dr. Pamela Monaco, Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration Sara Winchester, Vice President Joseph Konopka, Vice President Gerald Racioppi, and Mrs. Connie Bello. Also attending were Ocean County Commissioner Virginia Haines; Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Executive Director, Institutional Planning, Effectiveness, and Compliance; Ms. Janine Emma, Registrar, and Ms. Mary Gibson, Director, Health Programs, co-chairs of the Guiding Coalition.

Attendance

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all those in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Dasti called for a moment of silence for the victims of the attack on Israel.

Moment of Silence

Finance Committee

In the absence of Mr. Dupignac, Ms. Winchester presented the Finance Agenda as submitted, which was then approved upon roll call vote, with an abstention by Mr. Leone.

➤ Resolutions were adopted to award the following contracts:

Resolutions Adopted
for Contract Awards

- A maximum of \$767,605.08 to SHI International Corporation, Somerset, New Jersey, for a server infrastructure upgrade for the Office of Information Technology through the NJEdge Consortium contract at Ocean County College.

- A maximum of \$25,000 to Mental Health Association of New Jersey, Springfield, New Jersey, for youth peer outreach support training services to be offered through the Work Readiness Assistance Program (WRAP) Grant, at Ocean County College.
- A maximum of \$45,000 to Waters and Sims Employment Services, Inc., Red Bank, New Jersey, for employment counseling training services to be offered through the Workforce and Professional Education Department, funded through the Work Readiness Assistance Program (WRAP) Grant, at Ocean County College.
- A maximum of \$60,000 to PIP Printing, Brick, New Jersey, for copy and bulk mailing services from October 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, at Ocean County College.
- The following additional qualified pool of vendors was identified for professional international and domestic support, travel, and consulting services for study abroad programs and overseas campus support from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, to be used on an as-needed basis at Ocean County College:
 - Vagabond Tours New York, Inc., Tappan, New York

Personnel Committee

Mr. Leone presented the Personnel Report, which was unanimously accepted upon roll call vote.

Personnel Report Approved

Discussion Items

Discussion Items

Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Executive Director, Institutional Planning, introduced Ms. Janine Emma, Registrar, and Dr. Mary Gibson, Director of Title II, Co-Chairs of the Guiding Coalition, who provided an update on the status of OCC’s Strategic Plan, OCC at the Helm. Ms. Emma and Dr. Gibson shared highlights supporting initiatives of the goals for the upcoming year. Dr. Gibson thanked the Trustees and Dr. Monaco for their support, the members of the Guiding Coalition for their work, and Ms. Emma for her time as Co-Chair. She then introduced Ms. Cynthia Fallon, Academic Administrator for STEM, as the new Co-Chair.

The Trustees commended the Guiding Coalition for the work and share that, after having the opportunity to review the report in greater detail, they may have questions that could be addressed at a future time.

Dr. Monaco explained that she has had the opportunity to review the report and meet with Dr. Beshara-Blauth and the goal leaders. Once the Middle States warning has been addressed in January, the plan will be revisited and the process will begin for the development of a new Strategic Plan that will address the current goals of the College.

Mr. Dasti recognized Commissioner Haines and thanked her for attending today’s meeting.

A resolution was introduced and adopted upon unanimous roll call vote to move into a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel action, collective bargaining, and

Resolution Adopted for Closed Meeting

and anticipated litigation. The results of the meeting will be released to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The length of the closed session is estimated to be approximately ninety minutes, after which the public meeting will resume and adjourn.

At 12:25 p.m., the trustees moved to a closed session; at 2:25 p.m., the closed session ended, and the public meeting resumed.

Public Meeting Resumed

Mr. Dasti thanked Mr. Muller for his time serving on the Board of Trustees in his role as Interim Ocean County Superintendent.

Mr. Leone presented the Personnel Addendum, which was unanimously accepted upon roll call vote.

Personnel Report Approved

The next public meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Center and via Webex.

Next Meeting

Mr. Dasti requested comments or inquiries from members of the public, and none were received.

Public Comments

With no further comments from the Board members or the public, the public meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Stephan R. Leone
Secretary

Jodi Heitmann
Special Assistant to the President