

## I. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

McAlister read the statement of adequate notice:

In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings" Act of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was provided in the following manner:

1. On June 9, 2021, advance written notice of the June 22, 2021 meeting was posted on the Board of Trustees website and the College's Calendar, and advanced written notice was emailed to the clerks of Atlantic and Cape May counties and the clerks of the Board of Commissioners of Atlantic and Cape May counties, and was posted in the Press of Atlantic City on December 9, 2020.
2. On June 9, 2021, copies of advance written notice of the June 22, 2021 meeting were emailed to all persons who, according to the records of Atlantic Cape Community College, requested such notices.

## II. FLAG SALUTE

- Chairperson Kennedy asked everyone to rise for the flag salute.

## III. ROLL CALL

- McAlister provided a roll call for board members and marked others in attendance on the telephone. A quorum of the Board is permitted by Zoom due to the emergency caused by the Coronavirus.

Board Members	College Personnel
✓ Robert Bumpus	✓ Dr. Barbara Gaba, President
✓ Ellen Byrne	✓ Laura Batchelor, Executive Director of Marketing and College Relations
✓ Christina Clemans	✓ George Booskos, Chief Business Officer
✓ Dave Coskey	✓ Dr. Natalie Devonish, Interim Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
✓ Dr. Judith DeStefano-Anen	✓ Leslie Jamison, Chief Financial Officer
X Harrison Furman	✓ Dr. Josette Katz, Vice President, Academic Affairs
✓ James Kennedy	X Maria Kellett, Dean of Cape May County Campus, Associate Dean of Resource Development

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>College Personnel</b>
✓ Brian Lefke	✓ Jean McAlister, Board Secretary, Chief of Staff, and Dean of Resource Development
✓ Maria K. Mento (arrived by 6:10PM)	X Dr. Vanessa O'Brien-McMasters, Dean, Institutional Research, Planning & Effectiveness
X Daniel Money	✓ John Piazza, Chief Information Officer
✓ Valerie Myland	<b>Legal Counsel</b> ✓ Lou Greco, Esq., Board Solicitor
X Donald J. Parker	
✓ Dr. Robert Previti	
✓ Maria Ivette Torres	
<b>Public in Attendance</b>	
✓ Collin Bradley, Atlantic Cape Student, Buccaneers Baseball Team	✓ Bonnie Lindaw, Chief Financial Officer, County of Atlantic
✓ Shane Nanek, Atlantic Cape Student, Buccaneers Baseball Team	✓ Brittany Smith, Chief Financial Officer, County of Cape May
✓ Shane Winkler, Incoming Alumni Trustee	
<b>Faculty and Staff in Attendance</b>	
✓ Dr. Denise Coulter, Dean of Liberal Studies	✓ Tim Cwik, Department Chair, Aviation Studies
✓ Jamal Edwards, Director of Athletics	✓ Gracellen Etherton, Senior Manager, Office of the President / Board of Trustees Operations and Resource Development
✓ Caesar Niglio, Master Technician, Student Affairs, ACCCEA	✓ Bert Rosica, Assistant Baseball Coach
✓ Mickey Trageser, Human Resources	

#### **IV. CALL TO ORDER**

- Chairperson Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:00PM on June 22, 2021.

#### **V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Gaba discussed the following:

##### **COVID-19 Update**

- Over the past year most of the college has been operating remotely. In spite of the challenges posed by the pandemic we have continued to forge ahead so that when we are past the

pandemic residents of Atlantic and Cape May counties will look to us to restart their lives following being on “pause” for so long.

- Recently the Governor eased restrictions, and we are now approaching a new “normal”, enabling students and staff to experience in-person learning and services provided by the college effective June 21.
- To celebrate our “reunion” we hosted a lunch for employees at all 3 campuses, which was a wonderful opportunity to reunite with our colleagues in-person and meet our newly hired colleagues.
- Each Campus is providing a festive lunch complete with sandwiches, beverages, and ice cream. The Atlantic Cape Community College Education Association (ACCCEA) provided gift bags for all participants.
- This was a chance to recognize and thank our staff for their hard work during the pandemic.

## **Grants**

### *Securing Our Children’s Future Bond Act*

- The Legislature has approved an award to Atlantic Cape for \$4M in funding, along with eight other community colleges, totaling \$26 million in grants for our sector. In addition, Atlantic Cape has a match of \$1.3M from Atlantic County. With this funding (\$5.3M) we will be able to renovate Boyer Hall to create a state-of-the-art Innovation Center for our new esports and cybersecurity programs.

### *Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program*

- In April 2021, the Board of Trustees approved the acceptance of a \$50,000 planning grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJCA) Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program to develop a 10-year plan to revitalize Atlantic City’s Inlet Neighborhood (Ward #1).
- The neighborhood planning process will bring together the neighborhood’s diverse communities of residents, civic leaders, and businesses to communicate an inclusive vision for the Inlet. Promotion of the opportunity to provide feedback on the plan and to join the Inlet Neighborhood Community Advisory Committee are now in full swing.

### *National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Grant for Men’s Volleyball*

- At today’s meeting, the Board will be asked to approve submission and acceptance of a \$10,000 grant for a new men’s volleyball program. The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) just notified us that this is possible.

## **Virtual Graduation**

- The Virtual Graduation aired on June 9 and is available on the college’s YouTube channel. There have been over 2,642 views of the virtual graduation to date - more than the 1,700 views from last year’s Virtual Graduation.

## **Academic Affairs**

- Atlantic Cape signed a new partnership agreement with Stockton University for a 2+3 AS/BS/MBA program in Business Administration. Upon completion of the Associate in Science degree, students would seamlessly transfer to Stockton’s Dual BS/MBA program. The program will prepare students for professional careers in business. A formal signing ceremony is scheduled for July 27.
- Atlantic Cape submitted the first part of the application process to the State Board of Nursing for transitioning the LPN Program from ACIT to Atlantic Cape.
- The Advisory Boards for the Communications, sUAS (Drones) Field Technician, and Computer Science/OST programs met recently. The Advisory Boards are comprised of diverse groups of educational partners and leaders from local businesses and industries. They provide valuable input that helps ensure the college’s programming continues to meet our community’s needs.

## **Community Relations**

- Atlantic Cape hosted the Mexican Consulate on May 22-23, 2021 at the Worthington Atlantic City Campus. The Mexican Consulate of Philadelphia provided service to 350 nationals who reside in the Atlantic City and the South Jersey area with passports and consular identification. The Admissions department had a bilingual representative to provide college information and resources.
- Victor Moreno, Manager of Community Outreach, presented two virtual information sessions in both English and Spanish to the Gateway CAP Fatherhood Program in Atlantic City on May 27 and June 3, 2021. He shared an overview of credit and non-credit programs, eligibility for CCOG, as well as training opportunities for the Atlantic City Works Training Program through Workforce Development.

## **Athletics**

### *Buccaneers Baseball Academic Achievement Award*

- Atlantic Cape students and members of the Buccaneers Baseball Team Shane Nanek and Collin Bradley earned 4.0 GPAs. As such, both received the Buccaneers Baseball Academic Achievement award for Spring 2021. This is Mr. Bradley’s second consecutive Academic Achievement Award.

- Recipients of this award have their name placed on a plaque hanging in the vestibule of the gym, and they will also receive their own individual plaque and blazers with the Buccaneers Baseball crest.
- *Secretary's Note - Mr. Nanek and Mr. Bradley were in attendance at the meeting and were recognized by the Board of Trustees.*

#### *Baseball Division III All-Region 19 Team*

- Congratulations to Jacob Brennan (pitcher), Angel Murray (Infield), and Luis Sauri II (Infield) for earning this year's baseball honors. These student athletes have been selected to the Division III All-Region 19 team.
- Our Buccaneer Baseball team had a great season ending #3 in the conference and #4 in the Region Tournament.

#### *Soccer*

- Atlantic Cape continues to recruit for our new soccer teams for the Fall Semester. Information regarding this opportunity has been shared with community organizations, partners, and local high schools.

### **Capital Projects**

#### *Mays Landing Campus Renovations*

- There have been several construction / renovation projects completed in the past year, including the renovation for our Nursing Program, renovated IT office area, and the Instructional Technology and Workforce Development areas.
- The Board will be offered a campus tour on August 24 at the in-person Board meeting, so Trustees can see firsthand all of the work that has been done with the Chapter 12 funds that are bonded by the County.

#### *Surveillance Camera Project*

- The Surveillance Project at the Cape May County Campus is complete, and the Mays Landing Campus is scheduled to be completed by the end of June. Work to the Worthington Atlantic City Campus will begin in July and is expected to be completed by the end of August. This project was funded by Chapter 12.

### **Staff Accomplishments**

- Dr. Josette Katz, Vice President of Academic Affairs, has been elected to serve as the Chair of the Statewide Academic Affairs Affinity Group.

*Secretary's Note-The President's full monthly report is posted on the Board webpage.*

## VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Chairperson Kennedy called for comments from the public on agenda items.
- None noted.

## VII. CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

- McAlister read the following consent resolutions.

**Res. #116** Regular Session Minutes (May 25, 2021)

**Res. #118**

### Personnel Action

*Appointments* - **Holly Atkinson**, appointed to the position of Specialist, Nursing and Health Sciences effective July 12, 2021 at an annual salary of \$38,367; **Caesar Niglio**, appointed to the position of Enterprise Architect effective July 1, 2021 at an annual salary of \$80,000; **Charles Oglesby**, appointed to the position of Security Officer II/Sergeant effective June 23, 2021 at an annual salary of \$34,802; **Dominic Tullio**, appointed to the position of Assistant Director, Financial Aid effective June 23, 2021 at an annual salary of \$68,369; **Madeline Barrows**, appointed to the position of Assistant Professor, Human Services effective August 30, 2021 at an annual salary of \$57,758; **Jeanine DiNardo**, appointed to the position of Instructor, Hospitality Management effective August 30, 2021 at an annual salary of \$50,031; **Janet Marler**, appointed to the position of English Department Chair effective July 26, 2021 at an annual salary of \$57,758; **Andrea Watkins**, appointed to the position of Assistant Professor, English and Communication effective August 30, 2021 at an annual salary of \$57,758; **Francis Toriello**, appointed to the position of Assistant Professor, Science effective August 30, 2021 at an annual salary of \$57,758.

*Resignation* - **Stephanie Neville**, Assistant Professor, Nursing effective June 30, 2021.

**Res. #82 Rev.**

### Tuition and Fees

Tuition and Fee Schedule for FY22 for Aviation Studies and Radiologic Technology, and High School Initiatives.

**Res. #129**

### Technology Replacement Reserve

To establish a designated Technology Replacement Reserve in the amount of \$2.5 million from the FY21 year-end unrestricted, undesignated net position to a Board designated net position for Technology Replacement Reserve.

**Res. #119****Award of Bids**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Item and Vendor Information</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bid Exempt 910	New Jersey Council of County Colleges Membership Dues New Jersey Council of County Colleges Trenton, NJ	\$47,997.00
Bid Exempt 915	Supplies for Line School Program Atlantic County Workforce Development Board Choctaw Kaul Distribution Detroit, MI	\$65,000.00 (not to exceed)
Bid Exempt 916	Zoom Enterprise Site License HEERF – Institutional <b>(Grant Funded)</b> Zoom Video Communications, Inc. San Jose, CA	\$18,805.50
Bid Exempt 917	Grant Writing Professional Service Hanover Research-Grants Division Arlington, VA	\$45,000.00
Bid Exempt 918	Services for Fixed Wing Aircraft (CESSNA 172SP) – FY2021 Epic Aviation, Inc. Salem, OR	\$22,000.00 (Minimum)
Bid Exempt 919	Services for Fixed Wing Aircraft (CESSNA 172SP) Epic Aviation, Inc. Salem, OR	\$40,000.00 (Minimum)
Bid Exempt 920	Inside Track Enrollment Campaigns Inside Track Salem, OR	\$31,500.00
Bid Exempt 922	Chatbot Service HEERF – Institutional <b>(Grant Funded)</b> Ivy.ai, Inc. Boulder, CO	\$33,755.00
Bid Exempt 923	Airplane Lease (Cessna 172SP and Cessna 172R) for Fixed Wing Flight Training Program Christiansen Aviation, Inc. Tulsa, OK	\$40,320.00 (Minimum)

<b>Number</b>	<b>Item and Vendor Information</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bid Exempt 924	Laptops for Student Laptop Loaner Program HEERF – Institutional <b>(Grant Funded)</b> Ocean Computer Group Matawan, NJ	\$1,728,750.00
Regular Quote 2221	Paper and Envelopes Paper Mart East Hanover, NJ	\$49,203.45
RFP 238	Media Buying Services JL Media Union, NJ	\$350,000.00 (not to exceed)
RFP 239	Creative Services Interact La Crosse, WI	\$60,000.00 (not to exceed)
RFP 242	Public Relations Services Laura Bishop Communications Cherry Hill, NJ	\$60,000.00 (not to exceed)
		Total \$2,592,330.95

**Res. #120****Resolution to Award a Contract for Helicopter Rental**

A contract with Herlihy Helicopters Inc., DBA Helicopter Flight Services for helicopter rental.

**Res. #122****Resolution Authoring the Award of a Contract for New Jersey Community College Worker's Compensation Insurance Pool**

Remit the assessment of \$156,000 to the New Jersey Community College Insurance Pool for the New Jersey Community College Insurance Pool Worker's Compensation Fund.

**Res. #123****Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Insurance**

Authorizing the award of contract with Borden Perlman for insurance with a premium of \$486,103.



**Res. #124**

**Resolution Authoring the Award of a Contract for Student Insurance – Accident and Catastrophic for Sports**

A contract with T.L. Groseclose Associates for student insurance with no changes in per-student rate from prior year.

**Res. #125**

**Resolution Authoring the Award of a Contract for Professional Services  
Allied Universal Service**

A contract to Allied Universal Service for security services, on an “as needed” basis for all three (3) campuses the sum in excess of \$17,500.00 to June 30, 2022.

**Res. #131**

**Resolution Authoring the Award of a Contract for Professional Services  
Shore Medical Center**

A three-year contract with Shore Medical Center for coursework instruction in Radiologic Technology at a cost based on the student fees collected for the Radiologic classes taught at Shore Medical Center.

**Res. #132**

**Consortium for Title IX Training and Related Services**

Participation in a consortium contract for Title IX Training and Related Services through the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC), Joint Purchasing Consortium (JPC) for a contract term of March 25, 2021 – March 24, 2022 with Fox Rothschild, LLP with the cost to be determined after the number of colleges participating is confirmed.

**Res. #126**

**Community Navigator Pilot Program**

Application for and acceptance of a total grant of \$1,000,000 from the U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Entrepreneurial Development Community Navigator Pilot Program, over the term of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

**Res. #127**

**NJ Wind Turbine Technician Training Grant Challenge**

Application and acceptance of up to \$1,000,000 from the NJ Wind Turbine Technician Training Grant Challenge to establish an industry-recognized certificate training program to prepare New Jerseyans for careers as offshore wind turbine technicians, with a grant term of Fall 2021-Spring 2023.

**Res. #128****Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)**

To submit a budget to, and to accept a contract from, the State of New Jersey, Office of the Secretary of Higher Education FY21 Educational Opportunity Fund Article IV – Academic Year Support, with preliminary funding of \$260,786 to be awarded over the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

**Res. #133****Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Special Project Grant**

To accept \$12,497 from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Secretary of Higher Education for the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) FY21 Special Project for Summer 2021.

**Res. #135 Executive Session**

- Chairperson Kennedy congratulated the staff who have been appointed to new positions and welcomed new faculty and staff.
- Trustee Clemans motioned to approve consent resolutions; Trustee Byrne seconded.

ROLL CALL:

ALL AYES

NO NAYS

NO ABSTENTIONS

Motion carried.

**VIII. BUDGET REPORT**

- Trustee Money reported under Resolution #117 – Regular Resolutions.

**IX. REGULAR RESOLUTIONS****Motion to Accept FY22 Annual Budget Message**

- Leslie Jamison, Chief Financial Officer, stated on Trustee Money's behalf that the Annual Budget Message documents the assumptions used in the original budget development which were approved by the Board in March 2021.
- Trustee Byrne motioned to accept the FY22 Annual Budget Message, Trustee Byrne seconded.

**Res. #117 FY21 Financial Statement for eleven months ended May 31, 2021.**

- Leslie Jamison, Chief Financial Officer, stated the following on Trustee Money's behalf:

- As of May 31, 2021, the College has earned nearly 96% of budgeted revenues and expended 79% of budgeted expenditures. The year to date revenue is down -0.4% compared to this time last year, mainly due to the \$2.1 million tuition and fees revenue loss recovered by the HEERF funds.
- The year to date expenditures are down approximately 8% because of cost saving strategies instituted at the beginning of the fiscal year, as well as allowable allocations to coronavirus relief grants.
- The year to date margin is expected to be positive for the fiscal year.
- Trustee Previti motioned to approve Resolution #117, Trustee Coskey seconded.

ROLL CALL:

ALL AYES

NO NAYS

NO ABSTENTIONS

Motion carried.

#### **Res. #121**

##### **Resolution to Retain Legal Counsel**

A one-year legal services contract with Louis J. Greco for a retainer fee of \$46,916.00 and an hourly rate of \$137.13 for litigation and off campus hearings.

- Trustee Previti motioned to approve Resolution #121, Trustee Byrne seconded.

ROLL CALL:

ALL AYES

NO NAYS

NO ABSTENTIONS

Motion carried.

#### **Res. #136**

##### **National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Grant for Men's Volleyball**

The application and acceptance of the \$10,000 award from the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) to start a men's volleyball team effective Fall of FY23.

- Trustee Byrne motioned to approve Resolution #136, Trustee Torres seconded.

ROLL CALL:

ALL AYES

NO NAYS

NO ABSTENTIONS

Motion carried.

## Res. #118A

### Adjunct Pay Increase

An increase to \$700 per credit hour for adjuncts and \$740 per credit hour for senior adjuncts, respectively, effective August 30, 2021.

- Trustee Torres stated that this increase puts Atlantic Cape more in line with the average per credit amount being paid to adjunct professors at community colleges in southern New Jersey. Savings in retirements and other line items will cover the additional expense of this increase to our adjunct professors.
- Trustee Torres also thanked the adjunct professors for serving our students.
- Trustee Clemans motioned to approve Resolution #118A, Trustee Byrne seconded.

ROLL CALL:

ALL AYES

NO NAYS

NO ABSTENTIONS

Motion carried.

## Res. #118C

### Personnel Action

*Appointments* - **Johnna Atkinson**, appointed to the position of Office Assistant, Academic Support Services effective July 19, 2021 at an annual salary of \$31,563; **Kathryn Kaczmarek Frew**, appointed to the position of Assistant Professor, English effective August 30, 2021 at an annual salary of \$57,758.

*Promotions* - **Gracellen Etherton**, from Senior Manager to Executive Assistant, Office of the President/Board of Trustee Operations and Resource Development effective June 23, 2021 at an annual salary of \$62,423; **Suzanne Fiedler**, from Master Technician to Assistant Director, Server, Cloud, and Broadcast Systems effective June 23, 2021 at an annual salary of \$69,418; **Luis Montefusco**, from Director, Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning to Senior Director, Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning effective June 23, 2021 at an annual salary of \$86,542; **Christopher Vallese**, from Program Coordinator to System Administrator, Server, Cloud, and Broadcast Technology effective June 23, 2021 at an annual salary of \$58,436.

*Title Change and Salary Increase* – **Dr. Denise Coulter**, from Dean, Liberal Studies to Dean, Professional and Liberal Studies effective July 1, 2021 at an annual salary of \$110,364; **Dave Moderski**, from Master Technician to Security Administrator effective June 23, 2021 at an annual salary of \$66,939;

*Extension of Appointment* - **Kasey Dunlap**, extension of appointment as temporary full-time Financial Aid Specialist at an annual salary of \$39,134 through April 30, 2022 [Grant Funded].

*Reassignment* - **Jesse Kurtz**, from Senior Manager, Web Systems and Marketing to Senior Manager, Digital Accessibility effective July 1, 2021 at his current annual salary of \$61,632.

- Trustee Torres congratulated all those who received a promotion, appointment, or reassignment.
- Trustee Previti motioned to approve Resolution #118C, Trustee Clemans seconded.

ROLL CALL:

ALL AYES

NO NAYS

NO ABSTENTIONS

Motion carried.

### **Res. #130**

#### **Recognition of Valerie Myland, Alumni Trustee**

To recognize **Ms. Valerie Myland**, Alumni Trustee, for her service to the Board of Trustees, the College's Foundation, and the students of Atlantic Cape.

- Trustee Torres read the resolution in its entirety and thanked Trustee Myland for her willingness to serve as the Alumni Trustee, especially during the pandemic.
- Trustee Myland thanked the Board for the honor.
- Trustee Byrne motioned to approve Resolution #130, Trustee Clemans seconded.

ROLL CALL:

ALL AYES

NO NAYS

NO ABSTENTIONS

Motion carried.

### **Res. #134**

#### **Honorary Resolution Trustee Alfred Cade**

To honor the legacy of **Mr. Alfred Cade** and extend to his family and friends its sincere condolences.

- Trustee Torres stated that Mr. Al Cade passed away May 6, 2021. He served our country for 26 years in the US Army and retired as a Brigadier General. He later served on our Board of Trustees from 1989 through 1993, participating on a variety of committees and was the College's keynote Commencement speaker in 2000. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, our sincerest condolences are extended to his family and friends.
- Trustee Previti motioned to approve Resolution #134, Trustee Myland seconded.

ROLL CALL:

ALL AYES

NO NAYS

NO ABSTENTIONS

Motion carried.

**Res. #118B**

**Retirement of Paula Stewart Davis, Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management**

To acknowledge the retirement of **Ms. Paula Davis**, Dean Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, effective October 1, 2021.

- Trustee Torres noted that the Board passes this resolution regrettably and with much gratitude for Dean Davis' service and read the resolution in its entirety.
- Trustee Myland motioned to approve Resolution #118B, Trustee Byrne seconded.

ROLL CALL:

ALL AYES

NO NAYS

NO ABSTENTIONS

Motion carried.

**X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PERSONNEL AND BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

- There was no report under the Cunningham-Ruiz Bill.

**XI. FOUNDATION REPORT**

Trustee Myland reported on behalf of the Foundation.

- The new Foundation Board Members were appointed at the Foundation's Reorganization Meeting: Cynthia Cooper, daughter of the late James Cooper; James Lees Jr. Principal and Inside Council of Kisby-Lees Mechanical LLC/Kisby Shores Electrical Contractors LLC; and Kathy Birkenstock, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at AtlantiCare and 1998 graduate of our Nursing program. There are currently 25 Trustees on the Foundation Board.
- The Restaurant Gala Goes Al Fresco Event is tomorrow, June 23 at 6PM outside at Harrah's. The event is sold out with more than 650 guests, 23 restaurants, 6 Breweries and Distilleries, live music, and more. Trustees who have not turned in their 50/50 raffle tickets should contact Jean McAlister to arrange pick up. The drawing will be held virtually on Friday, June 25 at 6PM. There is still time to purchase additional raffle tickets at [atlantic.edu/raffle](http://atlantic.edu/raffle). We are nearing the \$200,000 scholarship goal.
- The Foundation has pledged to donate \$35,000 to the Bring it Home Capital Campaign, bringing the total raised or pledged to \$83,000. The total amount available for the field, including Chapter 12 funds, is now \$208,000. Please consider donating to the Capital Campaign. We are halfway to our first goal of \$400,000.

**XII. NEW JERSEY COUNCIL OF COUNTY COLLEGES (NJCCC)**

Dr. Gaba reported the following:

- The State budget, released by the legislature very late this evening, includes a \$10 million increase in operating aid to county colleges.
- This is the first increase in state operating aid to county colleges in 13 years. This addition now means that the Council's entire budget request is included in the State budget, including full funding for the Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG) (including \$5 million to community colleges for student success grants) and full funding of the Chapter 12 program.
- The budget also includes funding for the Garden State Guarantee program which is limited now to the third and fourth year of a student's college education at a four-year state college or university in New Jersey. The Council advocated for this change which will ensure that community college students receiving CCOG will have the promise of a four-year college education tuition free.

**XIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Trustee Kennedy noted that there is no meeting in July and the August Board meeting will be held in person at the Mays Landing Campus (Board Room).

**XIV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Caesar Niglio, President of the Atlantic Cape Community College Education Association (ACCCEA) stated the following:
  - The staff have been excited about returning to campus, and the Welcome Back events that took place on Monday were well received. They were appreciative of the effort by senior management to welcome them back to the college. Staff met people who they did not know or who were hired in the last year. The ACCCEA gave gift bags to both union and nonunion members at the event.
  - The ACCCEA is starting a discussion with Student Affairs on a welcome back event for students when they return in September. Student Engagement is planning the event, and ACCCEA will be helping.
  - Niglio stated his appreciation for the appointments and the support and congratulated everyone else who received a promotion or appointment, noting that the Board recognized the hard work being done.
  - Jean McAlister noted that Shane Winkler, the incoming Alumni Trustee, is in attendance and will be starting at the August meeting. The Board welcomed Mr. Winkler.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

- At 6:50PM, Trustee Lefke motioned to adjourn; Trustee Clemans seconded.

ROLL CALL:

ALL AYES

NO NAYS

NO ABSTENTIONS

Motion carried.