The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

There were present:

**Committee Members:**
- Hon. Philip A. Berry, Vice Chair
- Hon. Valerie Lancaster Beal
- Hon. Wellington Z. Chen
- Hon. Freida D. Foster
- Hon. Joseph J. Lhota

**Trustee Observers:**
- Hon. Terrence Martell
- Hon. Joseph K. Awadjie

**Trustee Staff:**
- Senior Vice Chancellor and Secretary Jay Hershenson
- General Counsel and Senior Vice Chancellor Frederick P. Schaffer
- Deputy to the Secretary Hourig Messerlian
- Ms. Doris Wang

**University Staff:**
- Chancellor James B. Milliken
- Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Julia Wrigley
- Vice Chancellor Frank Sánchez
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I. ACTION ITEMS:

A. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2015.** The minutes were approved as submitted.

The meeting was adjourned immediately, to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.
The Executive Session was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

There were present:

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The Executive Session was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

The Executive Committee reconvened into Public Session at 6:19 p.m. to consider the following item:

I. **ACTION ITEMS**, continued:

B. **POLICY CALENDAR**

1. **THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK – APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND UNIVERSITY PROVOST:**

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Vita Carulli Rabinowitz to be Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and University Provost, effective July 1, 2015, at a compensation to be recommended by the Chancellor to the Board, subject to financial ability.

**EXPLANATION:** After a national search chaired by City College President Lisa S. Coico, the search committee recommended five individuals to be considered by the Chancellor as the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and University Provost. Dr. Vita Carulli Rabinowitz is currently the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Hunter College and has served in that position since 2005. She has held a number of other positions at Hunter College, including that of Chair of the Psychology Department and has been a member of the doctoral program in psychology at The Graduate Center since 1989. Dr. Rabinowitz has published widely, and has been the recipient of a number of significant grants including a National Science Foundation Institutional Transformation Award in the amount of $4,500,000 (with Professor Virginia Valian) for what became known as the Gender Equity Project. Dr. Rabinowitz earned a Bachelor’s degree from Douglas College and a Master’s degree and Ph.D. from Northwestern University.
Chancellor James Milliken stated that CUNY had engaged in a national search for a new provost since Fall 2014. As the chief academic officer of the University, the Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost plays a crucial role in charting the academic agenda of the University. The search committee, chaired by President Lisa Coico, included Trustee Valerie Beal, Trustee Barry Schwartz, University Faculty Senate Chair and Trustee Terrence Martell, and University Student Senate Chair and Trustee Joseph Awadjie, as well as a number of college presidents, provosts, members of the faculty, and senior staff. The search committee identified a distinguished group of academic administrators from across the nation, and was unanimous in recommending Dr. Vita Rabinowitz as a finalist for this post. CUNY has been very fortunate to find, and enthusiastically recommend, Dr. Rabinowitz as the best candidate from within the University as CUNY’s Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost. She has served with distinction as Provost and Vice President of Hunter College, receiving impressive endorsements from across the academic community. She is a highly-regarded scholar of social psychology and gender studies, and a distinguished author. Her deep knowledge of the University, the respect and regard she has earned from both faculty and staff, and her commitment to CUNY’s ambitious academic agenda all attest to her exceptional qualifications for this position. Her ideas, sophistication, and enthusiasm are so impressive that the University is confident that she will be an outstanding partner in the academic leadership of the University. CUNY is very grateful for the support of President Jennifer Raab, who while making it quite clear that she and the Hunter College community will very much miss Dr. Rabinowitz’ leadership at the College, has expressed her complete support for Dr. Rabinowitz in this wider role.

Chancellor Milliken added that he would like to make special note of the excellent work and superb direction CUNY has received from Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Julia Wrigley. Dr. Wrigley’s wise counsel and intellectual depth have earned her the respect and gratitude of the entire community. The University will have an appropriate opportunity to thank her at a later time but for now, Dr. Wrigley, thank you very much.

Trustee Valerie Beal stated that as a member of the Executive Committee, it is a thrill to know that the talent was right under our nose all the time, and delighted that Dr. Rabinowitz will bring wonderful expertise, knowledge, and wisdom to the entire University. It is a pleasure to bring her aboard.

Following discussion, this item was unanimously approved.

**Statement of Dr. Vita Carulli Rabinowitz:**

Thank you Vice Chairperson Philip Berry, Chancellor Milliken, colleagues, Trustees, President Raab, and friends. I am humbled and honored by your support of me as Chancellor Milliken’s nominee for Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost. Chancellor Milliken, I am so grateful to you for recognizing my achievements at Hunter College and my potential to contribute at the University level, and for offering me the opportunity of a lifetime. I also want to thank President Coico and the search committee for their strong support of my nomination, and President Raab for her generous support of my advancement throughout this process. I came to Hunter College in 1978, and I have spent my entire academic career there; however, my family’s connection to CUNY actually began far earlier than that: my father, Vito Carulli was admitted to City College in 1940. The opportunity costs of even a free education at one of the nation’s finest colleges proved too great for his struggling family, and he left within a year. But for the remainder of his life, he was proud of having had the chance to go to the great City College where, as he would often boast—men needed an 88 average to be admitted and the women needed an average of 91. I have been Hunter College’s Provost and Chief Academic Officer for the past 10 years, making me its longest-serving
provost and, coincidentally, the longest-serving of the current provosts at CUNY. I am proud of Hunter College's rising academic profile, which is evident everywhere, from its faculty accomplishments, its thriving academic programs, its robust research enterprise, and rising graduation rates, all achieved in partnership with a brilliant and ambitious president, outstanding academic deans, wonderful chief operating officers, and a legendary vice president for student affairs. I am proud of its inspiring strategic plan which calls for the College to be a research-oriented, student-focused institution that fosters interdisciplinary collaboration. Colleagues, it has been the work of my life to propel Hunter College forward just as it launched and nurtured me. For a variety of reasons, in the past year I have yearned to do something more and different at CUNY. Everything I love about Hunter College—the inspiring mission, the striving students, and the faculty and administrators who are attracted to that mission and those students—is what I love about CUNY. From its nationally-renowned community colleges and its innovative two-year programs, to its ambitious four-year programs, to its graduate and professional schools, all through CUNY’s reach, impact, and prospects are unparalleled. The opportunity to set the academic vision for this and to be the academic voice of the indispensable institute of the greatest city in the world is the opportunity of a lifetime for any academic leader anywhere. If there is a thread that unites my career in academic leadership, it is a passion for bridging divides, forging partnerships, and to build support for bold, worthwhile ideas and initiatives. I love creating senses of possibility and shared purpose around a galvanizing vision. The University is fortunate to have Chancellor Milliken whose vision I cannot wait to work with on strengthening relationships with New York City schools that provide three-quarters of CUNY’s freshmen; to deepen partnerships with the City and State and with cultural institutions in the private sector; to create jobs and an educated workforce for the future; and to improve STEM education, arts education, research collaborations across and beyond the University, including with leading university partners around the world in a new global CUNY. So, colleagues, this will be surely the pinnacle of my life’s work. I have developed at Hunter College a deep appreciation for the academic, symbolic, and relational dimensions of all problems and of this position, and I will work always and only in partnership with the Chancellor, the Central Office, other provosts, and with all of you to realize this vision and CUNY’s best future.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.