RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York authorize an amendment to the resolution adopted November 27, 2006 (Cal. No. 4C), for the acceptance of a gift from the Brooklyn College Foundation of up to $5,000,000 for costs associated with the architectural and engineering services for the construction of a performing arts center at Brooklyn College. The amendment reflects an increase in the amount of the Brooklyn College Foundation’s gift by $2,500,000 for a new total gift of $7,500,000; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees of the City of New York authorize the General Counsel to approve an amendment to the previously-approved consultant contract with Pfeiffer Partners in an amount of $3,631,861, executed for professional design- and construction-related services as required for the performing arts center at Brooklyn College. The contract cost shall be chargeable to a non-tax Brooklyn College member organization account for an amount not to exceed $6,792,248.14. The contract amendment shall be subject to approval as to form by the University Office of General Counsel.

EXPLANATION: At the time the current contract was executed, it was anticipated that a new in fill building of approximately 30,000 gross square feet would be built in the existing space between the Gershwin and Whitman Theater wings, with connections to both theaters. During the initial Feasibility Phase, it was discovered that a sewer main exists directly below the location of the proposed building. CUNY was alerted by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection that they would not permit any new buildings to be constructed directly over the sewer line. Therefore, the proposed in-fill structure could not be built as planned. The project was re-defined by CUNY and Brooklyn College as a replacement of the existing Gershwin Theater wing, incorporating a new entry gateway for the campus at Hillel Place. The existing wing would be demolished, and a new expanded theater wing built in its place. A new program was developed by Pfeiffer Partners, in collaboration with CUNY and Brooklyn College, and expanded to 60,000 gross square feet.

The Brooklyn College Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized for the sole purpose of aiding and promoting the educational and charitable purposes and lawful activities of the College, including, raising funds for the construction of new buildings on campus. The Brooklyn College Foundation has set aside $7,500,000 from privately raised capital campaign funds for the architectural and engineering services phase of the construction of a new performing arts center. The Center will expand existing performing arts programs of the college and provide state-of-the-art facilities. It is
expected that the new facility will include a black box theater, set design workshops, classrooms, rehearsal space, offices, function rooms, and galleries.