The meeting was called to order at 5:51 p.m. Committee Vice Chair Sandra Wilkin chaired this meeting in the absence of Committee Chair Brian D. Obergfell.

The following people were present:

**Committee Members:**
- Hon. Sandra Wilkin, Vice Chair
- Hon. Wellington Z. Chen
- Hon. Lorraine A. Cortés-Vázquez
- Hon. Charles A. Shorter
- Prof. Jay Weiser, faculty member
- Mr. Donavan Borington, student member

**Trustee Observer:**
- Hon. Chika Onyejiukwa

**Trustee Staff:**
- Senior Advisor to the Chancellor and Secretary of the Board Gayle M. Horwitz
- Interim General Counsel and Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs Jane Sovern
- Deputy to the Secretary Hourig Messerlian
- Ms. Towanda Lewis
- Ms. Fenella Ramsami

**University Staff:**
- Vice Chancellor Judith Bergtraum
- Mr. Gustavo Ordóñez

The agenda items were considered and acted upon in the following order:

I. **ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2017.** Moved by Committee Vice Chair Sandra Wilkin and seconded by Trustee Charles Shorter, the minutes were approved as submitted.

B. **POLICY CALENDAR**

1. The City University of New York – Allocation of $20 Million in Capital Funds to Projects. Committee Vice Chair Wilkin asked for the Committee’s approval to authorize the allocation of $12 million to Lehman College for the construction of the Nursing Education, Research and Practice Center, and $8 million to Brooklyn College for completion of the construction of the Leonard and Claire Tow Performing Arts Center.

   See attached Vice Chancellor Judy Bergtraum’s presentation on New Facilities Needing Funding: Allocation of $20 million FY2016-17 Initiative Funding.

   In response to a question from Trustee Shorter on whether the underlying rationale for these two colleges is that there is relatively a small amount necessary to complete and upgrade these projects in due time:

   Vice Chancellor Bergtraum stated that one project will be completed between August and September 2017, and the other project will begin but the University will have enough money to build the Nursing Education, Research and Practice Center.
Trustee Lorraine A. Cortés-Vázquez stated that for the record she would like to thank the people at CUNY who were instrumental in advocating for these capital funds because it shows team effort and coordinated collaboration, and she hopes that this continues to be the spirit on all future projects. She would like to also recognize that even though their advocacy efforts were effective they are not getting any of the monies associated with this project. Trustee Cortés-Vázquez added that it is prudent that CUNY start looking at projects toward completion. Even on the other six projects listed during the presentation, the University need to start being realistic in terms of timeline and what is the plausibility of moving them forward or making some decisions about how long to keep them on the books because if there is no concrete plan, the University will always be working towards something that will not be a possibility.

Moved by Committee Vice Chair Wilkin and seconded by Trustee Shorter, and following discussion, the item was approved for submission to the Board. Trustee Cortés-Vázquez voted no.

2. Brooklyn College – Amendment to the Architectural Services Contract for the Performing Arts Center. Committee Vice Chair Wilkin asked for the Committee's approval to authorize the General Counsel to amend the previously approved architectural design services contract with Pfeiffer Partners, adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York, held on April 26, 2010, Cal. No. 6.B., from the not-to-exceed amount of $7.5 million to a not-to-exceed amount of $9.5 million. The contract cost shall be chargeable to the CUNY Construction Fund, Project No. BY600-006. The contract shall be subject to approval as to form by the University Office of General Counsel.

See attached Vice Chancellor Bergtraum and Interim University Assistant Director of Design, Construction and Management Ralph Carmosino's presentation on the Performing Arts Center at Brooklyn College.

In response to questions from Prof. Jay Weiser on a) who was responsible beforehand to discover the utility lines and other things, and b) what is CUNY’s process for estimating equipment:

Vice Chancellor Bergtraum stated that it was the architect’s responsibility to discover the utility lines as well as other things during the design. Interestingly enough, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) initially had said it was okay, and then changed their mind. She added that if one looks at CUNY buildings which were built in the last eight years and look at construction in other areas, what happens is that a structure is built, and then in many instances, the University goes back and ask for money from elected officials and others to purchase the furniture. Going forward, CUNY will not proceed with a building unless it has all the money; however, leaving out the furniture has been very common with any operation that does construction.

In response to a question from Trustee Cortés-Vázquez on whether the $16 million is for naming rights or for private fundraising:

Vice Chancellor Bergtraum stated that the $16 million was received from the Tow family for naming rights.

Moved by Committee Vice Chair Wilkin and seconded by Trustee Wellington Chen, and following discussion, the item was approved for submission to the Board.
3. **Brooklyn College – Amendment to the C/M Build Contract for the Performing Arts Center.** Committee Vice Chair Wilkin asked for the Committee's approval to request that the City University Construction Fund amend the previously approved construction management contract with Hill International, Inc., adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York, held on April 27, 2009, Cal. No. 6.H., from $70 million to $87 million. The contract cost shall be to a not-to-exceed amount of $87 million. The contract cost shall be chargeable to the CUNY Construction Fund, Project No. BY600-006. The contract amendment shall be subject to approval as to form by the University Office of General Counsel.

See attached Vice Chancellor Bergtraum and Interim University Assistant Director of Design, Construction and Management Carmosino’s presentation on Brooklyn College Performing Arts Center, for I.B.2.

Moved by Committee Vice Chair Wilkin and seconded by Prof. Jay Weiser, and following discussion, the item was approved for submission to the Board.

4. **New York City College of Technology – Amendment to Architectural Services Contract for the New Academic Building.** Committee Vice Chair Wilkin asked for the Committee’s approval to request the City University Construction Fund to amend the existing architectural services contract with Perkins Eastman Architects, P.C., to reflect the fund’s purchase of additional design and construction-related services to complete the construction for the new academic building. The amendment is to authorize an increase in the approved amount from $17 million to $20 million. The total cost of the amendment shall be chargeable to the State Capital Construction Fund, Project No. 2582909999, for an amount not to exceed $3 million. The contract amendment shall be subject to approval as to form by the Fund’s General Counsel.

Vice Chancellor Bergtraum stated that this amendment is needed to take care of the additional architectural changes at New York City College of Technology (NYCCT).

See attached Vice Chancellor Bergtraum’s presentation on New Academic Building at New York City College of Technology.

In response to a question from Trustee Wellington Chen on what was the material that caused a problem in the circular area of the New Academic Building at NYCCT:

Interim University Assistant Director of Design, Construction and Management Carmosino stated that a ceramic tile roof was susceptible to cold weather, so it had to be changed.

In response to questions from Mr. Donavan Borington on a) whether the interior and exterior of the building meet the needs of all of the students, and b) will it be fully accessible:

Vice Chancellor Bergtraum stated that all new CUNY buildings are fully accessible to all students.

In response to a question from Prof. Weiser on whether there were any other unexpected field conditions, other than the tile:

Interim University Assistant Director of Design, Construction and Management Carmosino stated that there were some issues with the glass curtain wall, for example, there were different kinds of glass being manufactured, so it needed to be simplified in
construction. Also, there were different types of glass used in different applications, for example, the building/lobby versus an office space.

Moved by Committee Vice Chair Wilkin and seconded by Trustee Wellington Chen, and following discussion, the item was approved for submission to the Board.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Report – Community College Construction Projects

Vice Chancellor Bergtraum stated that at the last meeting, the Office on Facilities Planning, Construction and Management (OFPCM) committed to start giving this Committee the lists of projects that are at the community and senior college level so she would like to provide the Committee with the first list. Before the next scheduled meeting in April 2017, OFPCM will provide this Committee with a list of all projects in the senior colleges, and it will be posted online. She added that more fields will be added going forward.

See attached Vice Chancellor Bergtraum’s report on CUNY: Community College active projects.

Committee Vice Chair Wilkin moved to go into Executive Session at 6:23 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cortés-Vázquez.

CONVENING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Committee Vice Chair Wilkin called for an Executive Session pursuant to Section 105, Article 7, of the Public Officers Law, for the purpose of discussing real estate matters. The Committee met in Executive Session from 6:27 p.m. to 6:38 p.m.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session. Committee Vice Chair Wilkin moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cortés-Vázquez and the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.