

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

HELD

MAY 4, 1969

AT THE BOARD HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
535 EAST 80 STREET - BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

There were present:

Porter R. Chandler, Chairman
David I. Ashe
Herbert Berman
Norman E. Henkin
Minneola P. Ingersoll
Robert Ross Johnson

James Oscar Lee
Benjamin F. McLaurin
Louis Nunez
Jack I. Poses
Luis Quero Chiesa
Ruth S. Shoup

N. Michael Carfora, Secretary of the Board
Arthur H. Kahn, General Counsel

Chancellor Albert H. Bowker
President Buell G. Gallagher

Vice-Chancellor Robert Birnbaum
Vice-Chancellor Julius C. C. Edelstein
Vice-Chancellor Seymour C. Hyman

The absence of Dr. Azzari, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burkhardt, Mr. Keppel, Judge Re, Mr. Schultz, Mrs. Streater and Professor Williamson was excused.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

WAIVER OF NOTICE OF MEETING
of
THE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

The undersigned members of the Board of Higher Education do hereby waive notice of a special meeting of the members of the Board of Higher Education to be held on May 4, 1969 at 7 p.m. at the Board Office at 535 East 80 Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, to transact such business at such meeting as may lawfully come before said Board.

Dated: New York, May 4, 1969

s/ DAVID I. ASHE
David I. Ashe

s/ JAMES OSCAR LEE
James Oscar Lee

s/ HERBERT BERMAN
Herbert Berman

s/ BENJAMIN F. McLAURIN
Benjamin F. McLaurin

s/ PORTER R. CHANDLER
Porter R. Chandler

s/ LOUIS NUNEZ
Louis Nunez

s/ NORMAN E. HENKIN
Norman E. Henkin

s/ JACK I. POSES
Jack I. Poses

s/ MINNEOLA P. INGERSOLL
Minneola P. Ingersoll

s/ LUIS QUERO CHIESA
Luis Quero Chiesa

s/ ROBERT ROSS JOHNSON
Robert Ross Johnson

s/ RUTH S. SHOUP
Ruth S. Shoup

NO. A. THE CITY COLLEGE CLOSING: At the request of the Chancellor, the following were heard with respect to the closing of The City College:

President Buell G. Gallagher
Associate Professor Arthur Bierman
Associate Professor Lloyd P. Gartner
Associate Professor Louis G. Heller
Professor Howard L. Adelson
Dean Egon Brenner
Dean William Allan
Professor Bernard Bellush
Professor Samuel Hendel
Assistant Professor Jay Schulman
Professor Joseph Copeland
Dean Allen J. Ballard, Jr.
Vice-Chancellor Seymour C. Hyman
Vice-Chancellor Julius C. C. Edelstein

At this point the Board went into Executive Session.

NO. 1. COMPLIANCE WITH COURT ORDER: Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That because of its genuine commitment to the validity of the orderly processes of law, the Board of Higher Education, pursuant to the order of Mr. Justice McCaffrey of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, directs that The City College of the City of New York be reopened and directs the administration of the College to take such action as may be necessary to reopen and resume classes in compliance with the order of the Court.

NO. 2. VACATING OF SOUTH CAMPUS - THE CITY COLLEGE: Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Board of Higher Education believes in the urgent necessity for increased higher educational opportunity for the youth of New York City and for increased responsiveness of the University to the needs of the students which form the basis for the demands of the Black and Puerto Rican Student Community of City College, and wishes particularly to note that, although the occupation of the South Campus has caused great inconvenience and hardship to students and faculty, there have been no incidents of a violent or destructive nature at the campus; and

WHEREAS, The Board wishes to support the continued negotiations, but also wishes to permit students and faculty to resume their regular academic programs; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board ask the Black and Puerto Rican Student Community of The City College to voluntarily vacate the South Campus in an orderly manner consistent with their conduct up to this time; and be it further

RESOLVED, That upon their vacating of the South Campus and only then the Board authorizes its Chairman to agree to mediatory negotiations, if the Black and Puerto Rican Student Community also so agree, and to appoint two negotiators who shall be agreed to by The City College Faculty Senate; the two negotiators so designated shall proceed promptly to negotiate in good faith with two negotiators to be designated by the Black and Puerto Rican Student Community and the four shall agree on a fifth who shall serve as chairman. The Chairman of the negotiating group shall report back to the Board and to the Black and Puerto Rican Student Community on their recommendations at a special meeting of the Board to be held in no event later than two weeks following the first meeting of the negotiators.

NO. 3. OPEN ENROLLMENT: Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the following statement was adopted.

In the 1964 Master Plan, the Board of Higher Education committed itself to the policy of open enrollment, which means that it has as a goal the admission of all graduates of secondary schools in New York City who are interested in and can profit by further education. It also pledges itself to continue and expand services to students needing special education. The Board commits itself to the realization of these goals as a matter of first priority and as rapidly as the State and the City make the funds available and it pledges itself to work in every way possible to obtain them. This is not to be interpreted as meaning that the Board of Higher Education under any circumstances will accept a quota system based upon race or ethnic origin for the admission of students, which is in violation of Federal and State Laws.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

N. MICHAEL CARFORA
Secretary of the Board