

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

HELD

FEBRUARY 27, 1970

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

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

There were present:

David I. Ashe
Herbert Berman
Maria Josefa Canino
Porter R. Chandler
Norman E. Henkin
Minneola P. Ingersoll
Francis Keppel

James Oscar Lee
Benjamin F. McLaurin
Louis Nunez
Luis Quero Chiesa
Ella S. Streator
Arleigh B. Williamson

N. Michael Carfora, Secretary of the Board

The absence of Dr. Azzari, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burkhardt, Mr. d'Heilly, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Poses, and Mrs. Shoup was excused.

Upon motions duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolutions were adopted or action was taken as noted:

NO. 1. THE CITY COLLEGE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE: (a) Mr. Keppel, on behalf of the Committee, presented the following report:

**REPORT OF THE CITY COLLEGE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 13, 1970**

Hon. Francis Keppel, Chairman
Hon. David I. Ashe
Hon. Norman E. Henkin
Hon. Benjamin F. McLaurin
Hon. Louis Nunez
Hon. Frederick Burkhardt, ex officio
Chancellor Albert H. Bowker

Professor Stanley Feingold
Professor Harry Lustig
Professor Bernard Sohmer
Mr. David Kosh (alumnus representative)
Mr. Steven Simon (student representative)
Mr. Laslo Varadi (student representative)

The City College Presidential Search Committee was appointed on May 19, 1969 by the Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, Mr. Porter R. Chandler, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Buell Gallagher on May 12, 1969.

Three representatives of the City College faculty, two representatives of the student body, and one representative of the alumni were named by their respective groups to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board's Committee.

The Search Committee met with the outside representatives as a committee of the whole ten times from June 18, 1969 to February 13, 1970.

The Committee considered in detail the credentials of more than one hundred possible candidates and interviewed six candidates for the position.

While mindful of the need to appoint a permanent president of City College as soon as possible, the Committee was motivated by the conviction that the individual selected possess the highest academic credentials, dedication to urban education, and proven ability as a leader capable of securing the confidence of the faculty. The Committee is of the unanimous opinion that Dr. Robert Marshak, Distinguished University Professor at the University of Rochester, completely satisfies the foregoing requirements.

Dr. Marshak was interviewed by the Committee on February 5, 1970. In addition to Dr. Marshak's most impressive academic credentials and experience in higher education (as indicated on the attached vita), he is credited with building, at the University of Rochester, one of the most respected and impressive physics departments in the United States.

The Committee is of the unanimous opinion that Dr. Marshak would be an excellent president of City College and, therefore, recommends to the Board the following:

RESOLVED, That Dr. Robert E. Marshak be appointed President of The City College and Professor of Physics, with tenure, effective September 1, 1970, at an annual salary of \$37,900 (\$27,900 plus \$10,000) subject to fiscal ability.

(b) RESOLVED, That Dr. Robert E. Marshak be appointed President of The City College and Professor of Physics, with tenure, effective September 1, 1970, at an annual salary of \$37,900 (\$27,900 plus \$10,000), subject to financial ability.

NO. 2. EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION: RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education express to Professor Joseph J. Copeland its gratitude and deep appreciation for his acceptance, under unusually difficult circumstances, of the office of Acting President of The City College, and for the manner in which he has discharged the duties of that office since May 12, 1969.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

N. MICHAEL CARFORA
Secretary of the Board