

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**HELD**

**JULY 15, 1971**

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

There were present:

Frederick Burkhardt, Chairman  
David I. Ashe  
Herbert Berman  
Maria Josefa Canino  
Alexander A. Delle Cese  
Fileno DeNovellis  
Jean-Louis d'Heilly  
Norman E. Henkin  
Minneola P. Ingersoll

Robert Ross Johnson  
James Oscar Lee  
John A. Morsell  
Jack I. Poses  
Luis Quero Chiesa  
Barbara A. Thacher  
Nils Y. Wessell  
Arleigh B. Williamson

N. Michael Carfora, Secretary of the Board

Deputy Chancellor Seymour C. Hyman

Mr. Joseph Wells

The absence of Mr. Hayes and Mrs. Weiss was excused.

At this point the Board went into Executive Session.

**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 July 15, 1971, at 5 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, New York  
July 15

*s/ Herbert Berman*  
Herbert Berman

*s/ Norman E. Henkin*  
Norman E. Henkin

*s/ Jack I. Poses*  
Jack I. Poses

*s/ Frederick Burkhardt*  
Frederick Burkhardt

*s/ Minneola P. Ingersoll*  
Minneola P. Ingersoll

*s/ Luis Quero Chiesa*  
Luis Quero Chiesa

*s/ Maria Josefa Canino*  
Maria Josefa Canino

*s/ David I. Ashe*  
David I. Ashe

*s/ Barbara A. Thacher*  
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*s/ Alexander A. Delle Cese*  
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*s/ Robert Ross Johnson*  
Robert Ross Johnson

*s/ Nils Y. Wessell*  
Nils Y. Wessell

*s/ Fileno DeNovellis*  
Fileno DeNovellis

*s/ James Oscar Lee*  
James Oscar Lee

*s/ Arleigh B. Williamson*  
Arleigh B. Williamson

*s/ Jean-Louis d'Heilly*  
Jean-Louis d'Heilly

*s/ John A. Morsell*  
John A. Morsell

**NO. A. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** Mr. DeNovellis, on behalf of the Special Committee on Kingsborough Community College, presented the following report:

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON  
KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
JULY 15, 1971**

Honorable Fileno DeNovellis, Chairman  
Honorable David I. Ashe  
Honorable Norman E. Henkin

Honorable Minneola P. Ingersoll  
Honorable James Oscar Lee

The Special Committee on Kingsborough Community College was appointed on May 25, 1971 by the Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, the Honorable Frederick Burkhardt.

The Committee met eight times and interviewed sixty persons including the President of the College, other administrators, faculty members, students and representatives of the Brooklyn community surrounding the College.

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1**

The majority of the Committee recommends that President Powell be removed as President by the full Board. Chancellor Bowker concurs with this recommendation.

The minority of the Committee does not concur with the above recommendation. The minority of the Committee recommends that President Powell be continued in office for a trial period of six months at which time the full Board would reconsider the matter.

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 2**

The majority and minority of the Committee are in complete agreement on this recommendation. The Committee recommends that the bylaws of the Board of Higher Education be suspended in order that all department chairmen at Kingsborough Community College be removed from their present positions. The Committee further recommends that the President of the College be instructed to appoint all new Acting Departmental Chairmen. In addition, at the end of the 1971-1972 academic year, the Committee recommends that the Chancellor report back to the Board on the desirability of holding elections for departmental chairmen and the date when this action might be taken.

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 3**

If the first recommendation of the majority noted above is approved by the full Board, the entire Committee recommends that the Board's usual search procedures for selecting a president be suspended in order to insure the establishment of effective leadership at the College in making the necessary preparations to open the College in the Fall.

The Committee further recommends that Dean Leon Goldstein (resume attached) be appointed President of the College and Professor of Social Science, effective immediately, at the salary rate of \$37,800 per annum (\$29,800 plus \$8,000) subject to financial ability.

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

**NO. 1. DISMISSAL OF PRESIDENT—KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE: RESOLVED,** That the Board of Higher Education of the City of New York, acting as the Board of Trustees of Kingsborough Community College, dismiss Dr. Theodore Powell as President of that College, due to a lack of confidence in his administration of that College, effective July 15, 1971.

**NO. 2. SUSPENSION OF BYLAWS AND REMOVAL OF DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN—KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE: RESOLVED,** That the Board of Higher Education of the City of New York, acting as the Board of Trustees of Kingsborough Community College, suspend the relevant portion of its bylaws for the purpose of removing from their present administrative positions all department chairmen at that College, effective immediately (July 15, 1971); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education empower the new president of Kingsborough Community College to appoint acting chairmen of all the departments at the College for the period of one academic year. At the end of that period, the Chancellor will recommend to the Board further action needed at this institution, particularly in regard to the resumption of elections of departmental chairmen.

**NO. 3. APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR WITH TENURE—KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE: RESOLVED,** That the Board of Higher Education approve the appointment of Leon M. Goldstein as University Professor of Social Science, with tenure, effective July 16, 1971, at the salary rate of \$29,800 plus an administrative supplement of \$8,000 per annum, subject to financial ability.

**NO. 4. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT--KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE:**  
RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education, acting as the Board of Trustees of Kingsborough Community College, approve the appointment of Leon M. Goldstein as President of Kingsborough Community College subject to the concurrence of the Trustees of the State University of New York, effective July 16, 1971 at the salary rate of \$37,800 per annum, subject to financial ability.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**N. MICHAEL CARFORA**  
Secretary of the Board