

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

**HELD**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 1971**

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Frederick Burkhardt, Chairman  
David I. Ashe  
Herbert Berman  
Alexander A. Delle Cese  
Jean-Louis d'Heilly  
Norman E. Henkin  
Robert Ross Johnson

John A. Morsell  
Jack I. Poses  
Luis Quero Chiesa  
Barbara A. Thacher  
Eve Weiss  
Nils Y. Wessell

N. Michael Carfora, Secretary of the Board

Acting Chancellor Seymour C. Hyman  
Chancellor-elect Robert J. Kibbee

Vice-Chancellor Julius C. C. Edelstein

The absence of Miss Canino, Mr. DeNovellis, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Ingersoll, Dr. Lee and Professor Williamson was excused.

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

**NO. 1. HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE:** The following report of the Committee, as presented by Mr. Delle Cese, was received and accepted and the resolutions contained therein were adopted:

**REPORT OF THE EUGENIO MARIA DE HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE  
August 31, 1971**

Hon. Alexander A. Delle Cese, Chairman  
Hon. Herbert Berman  
Hon. Jack I. Poses

Professor Anita Carter  
Professor Manuel Ramos  
Mr. Galen Dixon (student representative)

Hon. Luis Quero Chiesa  
 Hon. Barbara A. Thacher  
 Hon. Frederick Burkhardt, ex officio  
 Hon. Herman Badillo, special consultant

Miss Miriam Gomez (student representative)  
 Mr. Tuilo Porratta (student representative)  
 Mr. Jesus Tejada (student representative)

The Eugenio Maria de Hostos Community College Presidential Search Committee was appointed on May 3, 1971 by the Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, Mr. Frederick Burkhardt, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Nasry Michelen on May 4, 1971.

Two representatives of the Hostos College faculty, four representatives of the student body were named by their respective groups, in addition to the Hon. Herman Badillo 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 eleven times from May 5, 1971 to August 31, 1971.

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

While mindful of the need to appoint a permanent president of Hostos College as soon as possible, the Committee was motivated by the conviction that the individual selected posses 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 opinion that Candido de Leon, currently doctoral student at Teachers College, Columbia University, while on leave as Dean of Administration at Hostos Community College, completely satisfies the foregoing requirements.

Mr. de Leon was interviewed by the Committee on July 26 and August 2, 1971. As indicated on the attached vita, Mr. de Leon's academic credentials and experience in higher education are most impressive.

The Committee is of the opinion that Candido de Leon would be an excellent president of Hostos College and, therefore, recommends to the Board the following:

(a) **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Higher Education, acting as the Board of Trustees of Hostos Community College, approve the appointment of Candido de Leon as University Professor of Education, with tenure, and President of Hostos Community College, effective upon the concurrence of the Trustees of the State University of New York, at a salary rate of \$35,800 (\$29,800 plus \$6,000), subject to financial ability; and that until the concurrence of the Trustees of the State University Mr. de Leon will serve as Acting President.

(b) **RESOLVED**, That the bylaws of the Board be waived to effectuate the appointment of Mr. Candido de Leon as University Professor of Education, with tenure, as Mr. de Leon does not possess the Ph.D. degree.

Mr. Poses abstained.

**NOTE:** The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York approved the appointment of President de Leon at its meeting held September 28, 1971.

**At this point Mr. de Leon was introduced to the members of the Board.**

**NO. 2. EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION:** The Board expressed its appreciation to Mr. Delle Cese for chairing the Hostos Community College Presidential Search Committee.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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