

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

HELD

MAY 28, 1973

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

There were present:

Luis Quero-Chiesa, Chairman
Herbert Berman
Maria Josefa Canino
Alexander A. Delle Cese
Jean-Louis d'Heilly
Frederick O'R. Hayes
Joseph J. Holzka

Robert Ross Johnson
James Oscar Lee
Jack I. Poses
Edward S. Reid
Barbara A. Thacher
Francisco Trilla
Eve Weiss

N. Michael Carfora, Secretary of the Board

Chancellor Robert J. Kibbee
Deputy Chancellor Seymour C. Hyman
Vice-Chancellor Julius C. C. Edelstein

Vice-Chancellor Timothy S. Healy
Vice-Chancellor David Newton
Vice-Chancellor Frank J. Schultz

The absence of Mr. Ashe, Mr. Burkhardt, Mr. DeNovellis, Mr. Henkin, Ms. Ingersoll, Mr. Morsell and Mr. Wessell was excused.

**WAIVER OF NOTICE OF MEETING
OF
THE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Higher Education hereby severally waive notice of the time and place of a meeting of members thereof and consent that it be held at the office of the Board at 535 East 80 Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on May 28, 1973 at 6:00 p.m. o'clock in the evening for the purpose of considering pending legislation and for the transaction of any other such business which may come before said meeting.

Dated: New York, New York
May 28, 1973

s/ Herbert Berman
Herbert Berman

s/ Frederick O'R. Hayes
Frederick O'R. Hayes

s/ Jack I. Poses
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s/ Barbara A. Thacher
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s/ Maria Josefa Canino
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s/ Joseph J. Holzka
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s/ Luis Quero-Chiesa
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s/ Francisco Trilla
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s/ Alexander A. Delle Cese
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s/ Robert Ross Johnson
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s/ Eve Weiss
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s/ Jean-Louis d'Heilly
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s/ James Oscar Lee
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NO. 1. REPORT: At the request of the Chairman, Chancellor Kibbee and Vice-Chancellor Edelstein outlined the highlights leading to the passage of the Governor's Omnibus Bill.

NO. 2. PROPOSED BOARD ACTION: The Board discussed the following proposed resolution:

RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Higher Education of the City of New York herewith jointly submit their resignations to the Mayor of the City of New York effective immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education call upon the Mayor to delete from his proposed budget for the coming fiscal year all appropriations for the senior colleges of the City University. The Board of Higher Education takes this action regretfully as the only honorable course available to us as the trustees of a great institution of higher education. Our action is forced by the prior action of the Governor and the legislature, first in recklessly denying minimal State funding essential for the operation of a quality university, second by violating the principle of home rule with regard to the governance of the City University. The people of New York City have long borne a disproportionate burden in the financing of higher education as compared to other citizens in the state. For them to be further shortchanged while their own university is dominated by a gubernatorially-appointed minority, responsive to the whims of the Executive Mansion in Albany, is intolerable.

The Governor has chosen the back door to seize control of the University and to impose tuition upon the undergraduates of the City University. We believe the cause of public higher education is better served by a more honorable course. Let us give the senior colleges of the City University to the State, to be incorporated directly into the State University of New York and funded as other units of SUNY, and let the Board of Higher Education of the City of New York be reconstituted as the local sponsor of community colleges in the five boroughs of the city.

None of us accepted appointment to this body for the purpose of presiding over the academic demolition of this great university. Our only responsible alternative is to resign and offer the leadership of the City our counsel for what we feel is in the best interests of this and coming generations of students seeking public higher education in New York City.

Mr. Marvin Schick, Assistant to the Mayor on Higher Education, read a message from the Mayor. The Mayor requested that the Board defer action on the proposed resolution until he had time to address the Board at its meeting scheduled for May 29, 1973.

At this point the Board went into Executive Session.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

NO. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE: RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Board be authorized to appoint an Ad Hoc committee to study the restructuring of the Board as it is included in the Governor's Omnibus Bill and report back to the Board its recommendations for action.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

N. MICHAEL CARFORA
Secretary of the Board