

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

HELD

JANUARY 15, 2014

**AT THE ROBERT J. KIBBEE BOARDROOM
205 EAST 42ND STREET, 7TH FLOOR – BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

There were present:

Benno Schmidt, Chairperson

**Valerie Lancaster Beal
Wellington Z. Chen
Rita DiMartino
Judah Gribetz
Joseph J. Lhota
James P. Molinaro**

**Hugo M. Morales
Brian D. Obergfell
Peter S. Pantaleo
Carol A. Robles-Roman
Barry F. Schwartz
Charles A. Shorter**

Muhammad Arshad, ex officio

Terrence F. Martell, ex officio (non-voting)

**Frederick P. Schaffer, General Counsel and Senior Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs
Jay Hershenson, Senior Vice Chancellor for University Relations and Secretary of the Board
Hourig Messerlian, Deputy to the Secretary
Towanda Lewis
Steven Quinn
Anthony Vargas**

**Interim Chancellor William P. Kelly
Int. EVC and University Provost Julia Wrigley
EVC and C.O.O. Allan H. Dobrin
President Lisa S. Coico
Int. President Evangelos J. Gizis
President Karen L. Gould
President Felix V. Matos Rodriguez
Dean Michelle Anderson
Dean Sarah Bartlett
Dean Ayman E. El-Mohandes**

**Vice Chancellor Pamela Silverblatt
Vice Chancellor Gillian Small
Vice Chancellor Gloriana Waters
Vice Chancellor Iris Weinshall
Associate VC Andrea Shapiro Davis
Associate VC Brian Cohen
Associate VC Matthew Sapienza
SUD/Special Counsel Dave Fields
Senior University Dean Robert Ptachik
Special Counsel Marc V. Shaw**

The absence of Vice Chairperson Philip A. Berry and Trustee Freida D. Foster was excused.

Chairperson Benno Schmidt called the meeting to order, and stated that the Board will go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters after the conclusion of the Public meeting. The Board may then reconvene in Public Session following Executive Session.

A. VIDEOTAPING OF BOARD MEETING: Chairperson Schmidt announced that as usual **CUNY-TV** is making available this important community service by transmitting the Public Session of this afternoon's meeting of the **Board of Trustees** live on cable Channel 75. The meeting is also being webcast live at www.cuny.edu/livestream providing service worldwide through personal computers and mobile devices. This meeting is also being webcast live in the Board Committee Room, Room Number 770, designated as the overflow room, which is across the elevator hallway on this floor. The Public Session of this afternoon's Board meeting will be available as a podcast within 24 hours and can be accessed through the **CUNY** website.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the public meeting was adjourned to go into Executive Session at 4:33 P.M.

SECRETARY AND SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR JAY HERSHENSON

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

HELD

JANUARY 15, 2014

**AT THE ROBERT J. KIBBEE BOARDROOM
205 EAST 42ND STREET, 7TH FLOOR – BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN**

The Executive Session was called to order at 4:34 P.M.

There were present:

Benno Schmidt, Chairperson

**Valerie Lancaster Beal
Wellington Z. Chen
Rita DiMartino
Judah Gribetz
Joseph J. Lhota
James P. Molinaro**

**Hugo M. Morales
Brian D. Obergfell
Peter S. Pantaleo
Carol A. Robles-Roman
Barry F. Schwartz
Charles A. Shorter**

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Terrence F. Martell, ex officio (non-voting)

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SUD/Special Counsel Dave Fields
Senior University Dean Robert Ptachik
Special Counsel Marc V. Shaw**

The absence of Vice Chairperson Philip A. Berry and Trustee Freida D. Foster was excused.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Executive Session was adjourned at 4:47 P.M.

SECRETARY AND SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR JAY HERSHENSON

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TRUSTEES OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

HELD

JANUARY 15, 2014

**AT THE ROBERT J. KIBBEE BOARDROOM
205 EAST 42ND STREET, 7TH FLOOR – BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN**

The Public Session reconvened at 4:49 P.M.

There were present:

Benno Schmidt, Chairperson

**Valerie Lancaster Beal
Wellington Z. Chen
Rita DiMartino
Judah Gribetz
Joseph J. Lhota
James P. Molinaro**

**Hugo M. Morales
Brian D. Obergfell
Peter S. Pantaleo
Carol A. Robles-Roman
Barry F. Schwartz
Charles A. Shorter**

Muhammad Arshad, ex officio

Terrence F. Martell, ex officio (non-voting)

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The absence of Vice Chairperson Philip A. Berry and Trustee Freida D. Foster was excused.

Chairperson Schmidt stated that before he introduces the following resolution, he wants to thank the members of the Chancellor Search Committee, who worked diligently over a period of several months, through many meetings, to review candidates. The Presidents' representatives were **Lisa Coico** of **City College** and **Felix Matos Rodriguez** of **Hostos Community College**. The faculty members were **Terrence Martell**, Chair of the **University Faculty Senate**, and **City College** Distinguished Professor Robert Paaswell. Two students who made many contributions were Jennifer Fernandez from **Queens**

College, and **Muhammad Arshad** who is the Chair of the **University Student Senate**. Alumni were represented by Seymour Steinberg, retired Chairman and CEO of New York Life Insurance Company. He added that he served as the Chair of the Chancellor Search Committee, and he wanted to thank **Board Vice Chairperson Philip Berry**, and Trustees **Wellington Chen, Valerie Beal, Brian Obergfell, Rita DiMartino, Peter Pantaleo, Carol Robles-Roman** and **Charles Shorter** for working very diligently.

Chairperson Schmidt noted that the Chancellor Search Committee received strong assistance from search consultants Isaacson Miller, and in addition it had terrific contributions from former Chancellor Matthew Goldstein and Columbia University Provost Emeritus Jonathan Cole. The Chancellor Search Committee considered more than fifty outstanding individuals as possible candidates and had in depth discussions with about a dozen of them.

Chairperson Schmidt stated that the Chancellor Search Committee's unanimous recommendation to the Board is that President James B. Milliken, currently heading the University of Nebraska System, be recommended to the Board as the new Chancellor. He noted that Board members who were not on the Committee had a chance to meet with James Milliken to get to know him and were also very enthusiastic about him. James Milliken had a chance to meet with several senior members of the Chancellery to talk about the University.

Chairperson Schmidt stated that **CUNY** is very fortunate to have **Dr. William Kelly** step in as **Interim Chancellor**. He has not only kept the University on an even keel but moved it forward. He has several more months of service in that capacity. He will be formally thanked toward the end of his term as **Interim Chancellor**, but speaking on behalf of the entire Board **Dr. Kelly** has done just a superb job keeping **CUNY** moving forward.

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

THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - DESIGNATION OF CHANCELLOR:

WHEREAS, The Search Committee for a new Chancellor of The City University of New York diligently conducted a comprehensive national search; and

WHEREAS, The Committee, comprised of Trustees, college presidents, faculty, students, and alumni unanimously recommended University of Nebraska President James B. Milliken for appointment as the seventh CUNY Chancellor; and

WHEREAS, All the Trustees of the Board interviewed President Milliken; and

WHEREAS, President Milliken is a national leader in public higher education, with extensive academic and administrative experience at local, state and federal and international levels; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That James B. Milliken be appointed Chancellor of The City University of New York, effective on a date mutually agreed upon, prior to June 1, 2014, at a salary to be determined by the Chairperson, subject to financial ability, and that he be appointed Distinguished Professor, with tenure, at the CUNY School of Law.

Chairperson Schmidt read the following letters, from **Vice Chairperson Philip A. Berry** and Trustee **Freida D. Foster** respectively, at their request, in order to reflect their positions on the designation of James Milliken as Chancellor for the record.

January 14, 2014

Chairperson Benno Schmidt
Board of Trustees

The City University of New York
205 East 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017

Dear Chairperson Schmidt:

Regretfully, I am out of town on business and will not be able to attend the special Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 15.

As you know, I participated with great enthusiasm on the Search Committee for a new Chancellor of The City University of New York and recommend without reservation James B. Milliken, President of the University of Nebraska, as our next Chancellor.

I very much believe he will bring to the position an impressive blend of academic and administrative experience, a commitment to the mission of the University and the ability to build on the progress we have made over the past fifteen years.

Please convey my appreciation to all of the Trustees and for their dedication to the enhancement of CUNY.

Sincerely,

Philip Alfonso Berry
Vice Chairperson
CUNY Board of Trustees

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January 14, 2014

Chairperson Benno Schmidt
Board of Trustees
The City University of New York
205 East 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017

Dear Benno:

Although I cannot be with you and the trustees at today's special board meeting, please be advised that I am strongly supportive of the designation of President James B. Milliken as Chancellor of CUNY. I commend the search committee for its excellent work and very much look forward to working with our new Chancellor to further advance the mission of CUNY. Please extend my very best wishes to everyone in attendance.

Sincerely,

Freida Foster
Trustee

Chairperson Schmidt stated that James Milliken has had a very distinguished career and a lot of success during his nine years as President of the University of Nebraska. The university's enrollment stands at an all-time high. He has worked assiduously to increase the number of poor students and minority students who come to the university and he has worked very hard to make sure that a large number of them are successful. Indeed he has been so successful at that that he has helped move Nebraska from ranking seventeenth among the states to where it currently ranks seventh among the state

in the percentage of its populations that go to college. He has also been tremendously effective in fund raising. He has set private fund raising records for the university in recent years. He has built the recently sponsored research capacity of the university to over \$300 million a year and he has been able to establish a number of new nationally eminent research enterprises around water safety, food security and other matters that are very relevant to the future of Nebraska. He had a very distinguished career at the University of North Carolina where he was in charge of strategy and their political relationships. He became very close friends of Governor James Hunt of North Carolina, who is a tremendous fan of James Milliken.

Chairperson Schmidt noted that it is fair to say that James Milliken is tremendously enthusiastic about **CUNY**. He loves **CUNY**'s mission. He is devoted to the idea of **CUNY** as a world class urban University providing access to large numbers of students who might not otherwise have a chance for higher education. He loves the work **CUNY** does with immigrants and others for whom English is not their native language. He is very impressed with how well we serve students with disabilities and he would like to build on that. He turned down several other very prominent public university leadership offers, far better compensated, in order to come to **CUNY** because this is really the place that he wants to be. **CUNY** has an absolutely outstanding candidate who is very enthusiastic about the University, eagerly looking forward to working with the Board, with the faculty, students, alumni and with the political leadership at the state and the city to advance **CUNY**'s cause. This is one of the most important things that this Board has done in the past fourteen years

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the reconvened public meeting was adjourned at 5:02 P.M.

SECRETARY AND SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR JAY HERSHENSON

(This is a detailed summary of the Board of Trustees' meeting. The tapes of the meeting are available in the Office of the Secretary of the Board for a period of three years.)