**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES**  
**May 5, 2021**

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<th>Role</th>
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| Present       | Trustee Raymond Ciccone, Chair  
Trustee Andy Dolce, Vice Chair  
Trustee Nelida Valentin, Secretary  
Trustee Nancy Davis  
Trustee Collins Days  
Trustee Mady Deininger  
Trustee Stanley M. Ellis  
Trustee Sonia Gonsalves  
Trustee Michelle Keates  
Trustee Jose Lozano  
Trustee Leo Schoffer  
Trustee Meg Worthington  
Trustee Tyler Rodriguez, Student Trustee  
Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President and Ex Officio |
| Absent        | n/a                                                                              |

**Call to Order**  
Trustee Ciccone called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. On April 30, 2021, a special notice of the meeting announcing the change of location, as required by the Open Public Meeting Act, was (a) posted on the University’s website, (b) sent to the Press of Atlantic City and the Daily Journal, (c) and filed with the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, Galloway Township Clerk’s Office, and Atlantic County Clerk’s Office.

**Approval of Open Public Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2021**  
Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adopt the Open Public Meeting minutes of the February 24, 2021 Board of Trustees Open Public Meeting.

**Resolution to Meet in Closed Session**  
Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Dolce and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 12:36 p.m.

**Reconvene of Open Public Meeting**  
Trustee Ciccone reconvened the Open Public meeting at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

**Public Hearing on Academic Tuition and Fees for FY22**  
Trustee Ciccone called upon Jennifer Potter, Vice President for Administration and Finance, to open the annual tuition hearing, and provide an annual tuition presentation.

Jennifer Potter reported that each year prior to the adoption of the tuition and fee
schedule the University is required by New Jersey statute to hold a tuition and fee hearing and shared several factors for the Board to consider in setting tuition and fees. The final tuition and fee schedule proposal will be presented to the Board at the end of June. The Executive Committee will be presented with the proposal after the FY22 budget is approved by the State of New Jersey.

Trustee Ciccone thanked Jennifer Potter for her report and then opened the hearing to the public for comments. There were no public comments.

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<td>Trustee Ciccone welcomed everyone and stated today’s Board of Trustees meeting represented the first time the Board met in person since March 2020, and being on campus is symbolic. Stockton University is fully open and operating and families are coming daily for campus tours. He also stated that thousands of people will be attending commencement ceremonies over a three-day period next week. Prospective first-year students and families will be attending Experience Stockton Day on May 15, 2021.</td>
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<td>Trustee Ciccone then called upon Michael Angulo, Vice President for Personnel, Labor &amp; Government Relations. Michael Angulo announced today was Stockton University’s Employee Recognition Day. A virtual event program recognizing employees who have reached their service milestones can be found on the Human Resources website. Then he acknowledged that President Kesselman was the longest serving employee being recognized this year, celebrating 40 years of services.</td>
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<td>Michael Angulo congratulated and thanked President Kesselman for his service and leadership on behalf of the entire University community.</td>
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<td>President Kesselman acknowledged and thanked the team and the Board for their support every day. He also acknowledged and thanked the students, faculty, and staff.</td>
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<td>Trustee Ciccone and President Kesselman administered the Oath of Office to the following four new trustees appointed to the Board on May 5, 2021: Reverend Collins Days, Sr., Dr. Sonia Gonsalves, Ms. Michelle Keates, and Mr. Jose Lozano. After the oath, Board members congratulated the new Trustees.</td>
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<td>President Kesselman began his report by stating the following statement:</td>
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<td>”Throughout the pandemic Stockton’s administration, faculty and staff have worked diligently to provide a safe environment while continuing to serve our students as we work toward fully reopening in the fall. Our efforts will continue to be one of the most important steps. We all can take steps to keep ourselves and each other safe by getting vaccinated. It is the responsible thing to do. The American College Health Association has stated that comprehensive COVID19 vaccination is the most effective way to return to a safe, robust on-campus experience in fall 2021. The Trustees themselves have set the example by getting</td>
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vaccinated. The COVID19 vaccine is now plentiful and available to everyone over the age of 16. This way, we can return safely in September and provide the college experience our students expect and deserve. Stockton would require that all students be vaccinated unless they have a medical or other approved exemption. Please know that details concerning all of this will be provided in the very near future and I ask that the Board of Trustees endorse this statement."

On behalf of the full board, Trustee Ciccone stated mandating vaccines for students this fall was endorsed.

President Kesselman and Kevin McHugh, Executive Director of Athletics, congratulated and acknowledged the Women’s Volleyball Team on their 14th NJAC win during the 2021 New Jersey Athletic Conference. Stockton University holds the most NJAC Volleyball Championships in the entire conference’s history. Kevin McHugh provided additional information highlighting achievements made by Coach Allison Walker and the following eight seniors: Alice Brandt, Grace Brandt, Francesca Gustav, Julie Koloff, Charlotte Leon, Christy Lauer, Sophie Marziello, and Emily Sullivan.

President Kesselman and Kevin McHugh congratulated and acknowledged Mr. Daniel Do for becoming the only Division III athlete and the first runner up for the National Arthur Ashe Jr. Male Athlete of the Year Award, along with Coach Nick McDonough. Daniel Do is a member of Stockton’s Men’s Cross County and Track teams.

President Kesselman thanked Kevin McHugh and turned the meeting over to Trustee Ciccone.

Trustee Davis announced that a new Provost was hired and Susan Davenport, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President will be stepping down from her Interim Provost role on 6/30/2021. She called upon Susan Davenport to report and thanked her for her exceptional job as Interim Provost.

Susan Davenport expressed how wonderful it was to have everybody in person. Then she acknowledged Donnetrice Allison, Professor of Africana Studies and Communication Studies for her work on the addition of the “R” attribute as a graduation requirement beginning in the Fall 2021 semester before presenting the following resolution:

- Creation of a Graduation Requirement for Race and/or Racism Education

**Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Deininger, the Board voted to approve the resolution.**

President Kesselman expressed how proud he was of this addition and commended the Board for approving the “Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice at Stockton” Resolution last July.
Susan Davenport reported the School of Arts and Humanities will separate the Visual Arts and Performing Arts academic programs to offer two separate Bachelor of Arts degrees beginning Fall 2021.

Susan Davenport reminded the audience that commencement will be held at the Sports Center (aka Big Blue) on the Galloway Campus on May 11th, 12th, and 13th. There will be four (4) in-person ceremonies on each day. All ceremonies will be live streamed.

Trustee Davis expressed how excited she was about the creation of the graduation requirement for Race and/or Racism Education and acknowledged Donnetrice Allison for her wonderful job and Susan Davenport for her leadership.

**Student Success Committee Report**

Trustee Valentin reported she is proud of the Student Success Committee because staff members come from the University’s Enrollment Management, Student Transition Programs, Engagement and Community Development, Planning and Operations, and Student Affairs and everyone is focused on student success.

Trustee Valentin reported during the committee meeting, members reflected and discussions took place on what was learned regarding the University’s ability to support student health, safety, and well-being during the past academic year.

Trustee Valentin called upon Christopher Catching, Vice President for Student Affairs, to report. Christopher Catching presented the Board of Trustees Distinguished Fellowship Award recipients: Matthew Furry, Destiny Hernandez Rodriguez, Mykola Hubchak, Luke Ngo, and Joshua Smith.

In addition, Christopher Catching acknowledged Nordia Johnson, Director of Academic Achievement Programs for her outstanding efforts over the past year and congratulated the recipients.

Trustee Valentin stated Haley Baum, Dean of Students and Steven Radwanski, Executive Director of Residential Life provided an update on the University’s vaccination strategies for making COVID-19 vaccinations accessible to all students. She also announced that vaccinations are available to everyone, so please take advantage of these services on and off campus.

**Finance and Professional Services Committee Report**

Trustee Ellis provided the Finance and Professional Services Committee report and presented the following consent agenda resolutions:

- Approving and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a State College Intergovernmental Agreement
- Approving and Authorizing the Acceptance of Assets and Liabilities and Assumption of Agreements from Stockton Affiliated Services, Inc. in connection with Dissolution of the Organization
- Continuation of FY21 Budget into FY22
Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Dolce and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the Board voted to approve the resolution.

Trustee Ellis presented the bid waiver resolutions:

- FY21-FY26 Bid Waiver Contracts

Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the Board voted to approve the resolution.

Trustee Ellis presented FY21-FY22 Increase in Bid Waiver Contracts

Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board voted to approve the resolution.

Trustee Ellis also reported that discussions took place on the following:

- Atlantic City Phase II Project
- American Rescue Plan Covid Relief Funding
- Budget Projections for FY21
- Review of the Tuition Hearing Presentation

### Audit Committee Report

Trustee Dolce reported the Audit Committee met with Grant Thornton on March 4, 2021 to review the final Fiscal 2020 Audit Report. He stated the report was clean with no discrepancies, management letter, or recommendations.

Trustee Dolce congratulated Jennifer Potter, Vice President for Administration and Finance and her team for their exceptional work.

Trustee Dolce also reported discussions took place on the following:

- Fiscal 2021 audit plan meeting took place on April 28, 2021 with Grant Thornton
- Baker Tilly is preparing a report on student mental health and will make recommendations to the Audit Committee at its next meeting.

### Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

Trustee Schoffer called on Don Hudson, Vice President for Facilities & Operations, to provide a summary. Don Hudson reported on the following projects:

- Phase II – Atlantic City
- Arts and Science Building - Roofing
- Jimmie Leeds Road Entrance - Landscaping
- Multicultural Center
- Sport Center Expansion
- Capital Request Revision
- Performing Arts Center
- Restore and Update Cedar Bog Bridge

Don Hudson acknowledged Joe Vannucci, Jeff Langel, Albert Weber, Mike Mason, Brian Kay, Dennis Finnegan and the Paint Shop for their efforts on restoring and updating the Cedar Bog Bridge.

Trustee Schoffer acknowledged Don Hudson and his staff for their outstanding work. He announced that work will begin in the coming months on the Phase II Residence Hall at the Atlantic City campus.

### Development Committee Report

Trustee Schoffer reported the following:

- $2.4 million in gifts have been received for this year and other potential gifts are expected to be received by the end of the fiscal year

- In lieu of the Annual Scholarship Gala and Foundation, the Development Office will be holding the Benefit on the Boardwalk on June 11, 2021, to support the Stockton Student Relief Fund. This will be an indoor/outdoor event being held at the Residence Hall on Albany Avenue. Tickets are on sale.

Trustee Schoffer recognized Dan Nugent, Chief Development Officer and Executive Director of the University Foundation, for the outstanding work of his entire staff.

### Investment Committee Report

Trustee Worthington reported:

- The Investment Committee met on April 28, 2021 and the University’s investment advisors provided an overview of the University’s investment performance.
- The portfolio balance stands at $107.4 million.
- Return for nine months on all investments was $16.6 million.

### University Policies

President Kesselman presented the Board with the following five revised policies and the deletion of four policies as a first reading. These policies will be recommended for Board approval at the July 14, 2021 meeting.

**Revised Policies:**

- I-57 Campus Hearing Board
- III-70 Financial Aid Program
- III-147 Pets on University Property
- VI-27 Leaves of Absence
Next, President Kesselman recommended Board approval of the following ten revised policies and the deletion of one policy, following their second reading:

**Revised Policies:**

- I-3 Authorization in Absence of the President
- I-4 Mission Statement
- I-9.5 University Seal
- I-12 Strategic and Annual Planning
- I-16 Open Public Meetings Act
- I-18 Legal Representations of State Employees
- I-50 Code of Ethics
- I-68 Committee on Campus Diversity and Inclusive Excellence
- I-111 Printing of Union Materials
- VI-89 Internal Audit

**Deleted Policy:**

- VI-67 Contracts with Music Licensing Organization Concerning Licensing & Royalties for Music on Campus

**Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board voted to approve the resolution.**

**Personnel Actions Resolution**

President Kesselman announced the Board’s review of the Personnel Actions Resolution, posted on the University’s website for review.

**Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the Board voted to approve the resolution.**

**Board Comments/ Comments from the Public**

President Kesselman acknowledged and thanked Susan Davenport and Michelle McDonald on behalf of the entire Stockton community for their work over the past year and ensuring that the institution and Academic Affairs continued moving forward through the COVID-19 pandemic.

President Kesselman recognized and introduced Leamor Kahanov as the new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs as of July 1, 2021.
Trustee Dolce stated the National Aviation Report is doing remarkable work with NASA, TSA and the FAA and thanked Michael Angulo and Trustee Worthington. He also expressed how happy he was about the Board dedicating the Board of Trustees room to Trustee Michael Jacobson and would like Sara Jacobson to attend the plaque dedication ceremony in the near future.

Trustee Worthington welcomed Leamor Kahanov to the area and then thanked Susan Davenport and Michelle McDonald for their work preparing and filling the Provost position.

Trustee Ciccone congratulated President Kesselman on his leadership after sharing a quote from Moody's about the philosophy of governance at Stockton University under his leadership.

Susan Davenport announced and congratulated the following faculty members awarded tenure: Theodore Alter, Associate Professor of Social Work; Carla Cabarle, Associate Professor of Business Studies, Accounting; Stacey Culleney, Instructor of Education; Christopher DiSanto, Associate Professor of Music; Anthony Dissen, Instructor of Health Science; Jennifer Dunkle, Associate Professor of Chemistry; Craig Lind, Associate of Biology; GorDan Reeves, Associate Professor of Chemistry; David Reiser, Associate Professor of Theatre; Raz Segal, Associate Professor of Holocaust & Genocide Studies; and Jeffery Webber, Associate Professor of Geology.

Susan Davenport congratulated Emari DiGiorgio, Professor of Writing & First-Year Studies on her range adjustment, then announced the following faculty members retiring this year: Deborah Figart, Distinguished Professor of Economics; Diane Holtzman, Associate Professor of Business Studies, Marketing; Ellen Mutari, Professor of Economics; Sipra Pal, Associate Professor of Physics; Lisa Rosner, Distinguished Professor of History and Joseph Rubenstein, Professor of Anthropology

Susan Davenport also announced that Margaret Slusser, Dean of the School of Health Sciences has been awarded Professor Emerita of Health Sciences and will be retiring this year along with Annamarie Valerio, Academic Fieldwork Coordinator, Hoong “Kerry” Chang-Fitzgibbons, Associate Professor in the Library and Peter Hagen, Associate Dean of Generals and Director of Academic Advising and Jianrong Wang, Assistant Director/Professor in the Library.

Susan Davenport recognized and welcomed Brent Arnold as the new Dean of Health Sciences as of July 1, 2021. She also mentioned Brent Arnold and Leamor Kahanov both have been appointed as Professors of Exercise Science.

Michael Angulo announced and congratulated Heizel Prince, who has been appointed as the new Senior Human Resources Generalist.

Chris Catching acknowledge and thanked Jason Babin, Director of the Office of Military & Veteran Services and Rebecca Longo, Assistant Director of the
Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Center for their work and announced their resignations.

Jennifer Potter announced and welcomed Anne Marie White as the new Grants Manager. She also congratulated Christy Santiago on her promotion to Assistant Controller for the Fiscal Affairs office.

President Kesselman announced that Stockton University’s women’s rowing team ranked 15th in the nation just before the Dad Vail Regatta that took place over the weekend. This was the highest ranking ever for Stockton, and the University was the only public institution on the list.

Lynne Kesselman acknowledged and thanked Kevin McHugh for his leadership regarding the women’s rowing efforts.

Kevin McHugh recognized Lynne Kesselman for getting this program off the ground and thanked her and President Kesselman.

There were no comments from the public virtually.

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<th>The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. on the Atlantic City campus in the Fannie Lou Hamer Event Room.</th>
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<td>Adjournment</td>
<td>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Dolce and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.</td>
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