

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – OPEN SESSION
VIA ZOOM
AUGUST 26, 2024

BOT Members Present	Nelida Valentin (<i>Chair</i>), Jose Lozano (<i>Vice Chair</i>) (left the meeting at 3:27 p.m.), Michelle Keates (<i>Secretary</i>), Ray Ciccone, Reverend Collins Days, Sr., Madeleine Deininger (joined the meeting at 3:36 p.m.), Sonia Gonsalves, Stephanie Lutz-Koch, Dr. Mukesh Roy, Fotios Tjoumakaris (joined the meeting at 3:11 p.m.), and President Joe Bertolino (<i>President, Ex-Officio</i>)
Absent	Kristi Hanselmann, Amy Kennedy, Mary Maples, and Tim Lowry
Additional Guests	Terricita Sass and Brian Kowalski
Item I.	Call to Order Chair Valentin called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.
Item II.	Resolution to Meet in Closed Session Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Gonsalves and seconded by Trustee Lozano, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 3:08 p.m.
Item III	Reconvene Open Session Chair Valentin reconvened the open session at 3:32 p.m.
Item IV	Motion to assign the reclassification appeals for an initial decision to an Independent Hearing Officer Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Days and seconded by Trustee Tjoumakaris, the Board approved the motion by a vote of 5-3. Trustee Keates, Trustee Ciccone and Trustee Roy voted against the motion to use an independent hearing officer, and in favor of the use of an administrative law judge.
Item V.	Adjournment Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Days and seconded by Trustee Ciccone, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
MICHELLE KEATES
Board Secretary

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General Counsel

Approved by the Board of Trustees on September 11, 2024.