

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

<b>Trustees Present</b>	Trustee Raymond Ciccone, <i>Chair</i> Trustee Nelida Valentin, <i>Vice Chair</i> Trustee Nancy Davis, <i>Secretary</i> Trustee Collins Days, Sr. Trustee Mady Deininger Trustee Stanley Ellis Trustee Sonia Gonsalves Trustee Kristi Hanselmann Trustee Michelle Keates Trustee Amy Kennedy Trustee Timothy Lowry Trustee Jose Lozano Trustee Stephanie Lutz-Koch Trustee Liliana Morales, Student Trustee Trustee Shalayby Parsons, Student Trustee Alternate Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President and Ex Officio
<b>Call to Order</b>	Chair Ciccone called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.
<b>Approval of Open Public Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2023</b>	Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Keates and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2023, Board of Trustees Regular Open Public Meeting.
<b>Approval of Open Public Special Meeting Minutes</b>	Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Lowry and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board voted to approve the revised minutes of March 3, 2023, Board of Trustees Special Open Public Meeting.
<b>Approval of Open Public Special Meeting Minutes</b>	Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Keates and seconded by Trustee Lozano, the Board voted to approve the revised minutes of April 19, 2023, Board of Trustees Special Open Public Meeting.
<b>Resolution to Meet in Closed Session</b>	<b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Lowry and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 8:18 a.m.</b>
<b>Reconvene of Open Public Meeting</b>	Trustee Ciccone reconvened the Open Public Meeting at 10:33 a.m.
<b>Chair's Remarks</b>	Trustee Ciccone greeted everyone in attendance and informed the audience of two upcoming events that were to take place after the meeting: the unveiling of Kesselman Hall and the ribbon-cutting of the Atlantic City – Phase II Residential Hall.
<b>Oath of Office: Kristi Hanselmann Amy Kennedy Timothy Lowry Stephanie Lutz-Koch</b>	Trustee Ciccone and President Kesselman welcomed new Trustees, Kristi Hanselmann, Amy Kennedy, Timothy Lowry, and Stephanie Lutz-Koch, to the Board of Trustees and administered the Oath of Office.

<p><b>Information Item Regarding 2022-23 Slate of Officers</b></p>	<p>President Kesselman presented an information item to the audience regarding the 2022-23 Slate of Officers. Due to the shift with outgoing Trustees, a new slate of officers needed to be voted upon at April's Executive Committee meeting. The new Slate of Officers will consist of the following. Raymond Ciccone as Chair, Nelida Valentin as co-chair, and Dr. Nancy Davis as secretary until September 2023.</p>
<p><b>Special Recognition of Outgoing Trustees</b></p>	<p>President Kesselman, alongside Chairman Ciccone, recognized the four outgoing Trustees: Trustee Andy Dolce, Trustee Leo Schoffer, Trustee Meg Worthington, and Student Trustee, Liliana Morales. All outgoing Trustees and the Student Trustee received plaques recognizing their service to the Board.</p>
<p><b>President's Report</b></p>	<p>President Kesselman began his report by recognizing the exemplary contributions of the late William T. Daly. While honoring the work of William T. Daly, President Kesselman presented an Action Item to rename the School of General Studies "<i>William T. Daly School of General Studies.</i>"</p> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the Board unanimously approved renaming the School of General Studies "William T. Daly School of General Studies.</b></p> <p>In continuation of his report, President Kesselman commended the Associate Director of Athletic Development and head rowing coach, Christopher O'Brien, for leading the Women's Varsity 8 team to Stockton's first-ever Mid-Atlantic Rowing Conference and winning Gold Medal. O'Brien was also commended for being nominated MARC Coach of the Year.</p> <p>Lastly, President Kesselman stated the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education has granted \$21.3 million to fund two out of three projects. Over \$19 million will be allocated for the Library and Learning Commons project, while nearly \$2 million will be used for the Academic Classroom Technology Upgrades. President Kesselman also expressed his appreciation to his cabinet and the individuals who contributed to creating the proposals.</p>
<p><b>Academic Affairs &amp; Planning Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Committee Chair Trustee Gonsalves began her report by mentioning a recent discussion held by the Academic Affairs and Planning Committee on May 2, 2023, regarding the breakdown of communication within the division and particularly with the faculty. She encouraged faculty and staff to attend their respective Senate meetings to reduce miscommunications and ensure that everyone's voices are heard. Trustee Gonsalves also highlighted important updates shared by her committee members:</p> <p>Dr. Leamor Kahanov:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arnold Schwarzenegger's campus visit with over 600 attendees to hear his message: Strength Against Hate.</li> <li>• Spring Career and Internship Fair with over 500 attendees and 130 prospective employees.</li> </ul>

	<p>Dr. Jessica O’Shaughnessy - <i>Associate Provost for Programs</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For FY-23, Internal Faculty Awards exceeded a quarter of a million dollars.</li> <li>• For FY-23, External Faculty grants are nearing 5.9 million.</li> <li>• Dr. Joseph Cronin will join as Executive Director for the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Warren Kleinsmith, <i>Dean of the School of Business</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion of Phase I: planning to relocate the existing Dean’s suite and the administrative staff offices.</li> <li>• 92 business courses scheduled to work in Atlantic City for Fall 2023 Academic Year.</li> </ul> <p>Alex Marino, <i>Director of Academic Operations in Atlantic City</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 450 students were eligible for the Live-Work-Learn program in Atlantic City. Out of the 450 students, 241 were able to secure employment.</li> </ul> <p>Trustee Gonsalves concluded her report by presenting a resolution for Board Approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Arts in Education and Human Development.</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Lozano and seconded by Trustee Davis the Board unanimously approved the Bachelor of Arts in Education &amp; Human Development.</b></p>
<p><b>Student Success Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Committee Chair Trustee Davis expressed her appreciation for the Student Success Committee that operates under the guidance of Dr. Chris Catching. Trustee Davis also expressed her gratitude to the family of William T. Daly and reflected on her experiences working with him. Trustee Davis yielded the floor to Chris.</p> <p>Chris highlighted the successful spring recruitment events: Division III Athletes Week, the Spring Career and Internship Fair, and the Board of Trustees Distinguished Fellows. Chris invited Dr. Ian Bouie, Director of Academic Achievement Programs, to name the Spring 2023 Trustees.</p> <p>Dr. Bouie acknowledged the students and their projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jessica Nash, <i>SMART Textbooks Online Community</i></li> <li>• Jordan Harvey, <i>Inspiring the Next Generation in the Sciences</i></li> <li>• Kimberly Sanchez, <i>Family Fiesta</i></li> <li>• Luke O’Connor, <i>21<sup>st</sup> Century Libraries: Reinstating the Library as a Fundamental Piece of Our Culture</i></li> <li>• Olivia Lovett, <i>Determining the Feasibility of Creating a Food Policy Council</i></li> <li>• Safa Panna, <i>Developing New Antimony (Sb) Based Complexes for Optoelectronic Applications</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Finance and Professional Services Committee Report</b></p>	<p>The Finance and Professional Services Committee met on May 2, 2023, to review the University’s financial performance and various resolutions.</p> <p>Committee Chair, Trustee Ellis, presented six resolutions on the Consent Agenda for the Board of Trustees’ approval:</p>

- Continuation of FY23 Budget into FY24
- FY24 Meal Plan Rates
- Academic Term Tuition and Fees Effective for FY24 and 2024 Summer Session Tuition and Fees
- Academic Term Fees Effective for FY24
- FY24 Tuition Rate for Fully Online Master's Degrees, Graduate Educational Endorsements, and Graduate Certificate Programs
- Reappointment of Board Member to NARTP - Dr. Anthony Lowman, effective May 2023 – May 2026.

**Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Lozano and seconded by Trustee Gonsalves, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda resolutions.**

Next, Trustee Ellis presented one resolution for the Board's approval. Bid Waiver Contracts for FY24-FY28:

- Original Materials and Supplies
  - Electronic Data Collection Corporation (5-year waiver) - \$316,300
  - College Board (3-year waiver) - \$195,000
  - Niche.com, Inc. (2-year bid waiver) - \$270,000
- Utilities
  - Galloway Township Municipal Utilities Authority (3-year waiver) - \$660,000
  - Atlantic City Electric (3-year waiver) - \$10,468,000
  - Atlantic City Sewerage Company (3-year waiver) - \$990,000
  - South Jersey Gas Company (3-year waiver) - \$4,200,000
- Insurance
  - New Jersey State College and University Risk Management Program (1-year waiver) - \$890,000
  - Willis of New Jersey (1-year waiver) - \$915,000
- Personnel Recruitment and Advertising
  - JobTarget (1-year waiver) - \$100,000
- Contracts with Other Government Agencies
  - Atlantic County Utilities Authorities (5-year waiver) - \$600,000
  - Atlantic County Utilities Authorities (3-year waiver) - \$213,000
- Management Contracts
  - B&B Parking, Inc. (3-year waiver) - \$1,075,000

**Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the Board approved the FY24-FY28 bid waiver contracts.**

Trustee Ellis concluded his report with an FY23 finance update. He noted that the revenue budget was 87% realized and the expense budget was 89% realized through March 31, 2023.

	<p>Further, Fitch Ratings and Moody's Investors Service both completed their annual ratings review of Stockton. Fitch upgraded Stockton from 'A-' to 'A' with a stable outlook. Moody's upgraded Stockton from 'Baa1' to 'A3' with a stable outlook.</p>
<b>Audit Committee Report</b>	<p>Committee Chair Trustee Lozano reported that the Audit Committee met on April 25, 2023. At the meeting, Internal Auditor, Baker Tilly, presented on audits in process and the University's Enterprise Risk Management project. Jennifer Potter updated the committee on the University's FY22 financial statements. Grant Thornton's audit opinion was unmodified or clean and there were no internal control deficiencies and no misstatements.</p> <p>The Audit Committee reviewed independent outside auditor responses to the publicly advertised bid for external audit and tax services. Four responses were received. An internal committee of representatives from the Division of Administration &amp; Finance reviewed the proposals and submitted a recommendation to the Audit Committee for their consideration. The Audit Committee agreed with management's recommendation to reengage Grant Thornton for external audit and tax services for an initial 1-year period with the option to renew for two additional 1-year terms.</p> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Lozano and seconded by Trustee Deininger, the Board approved the appointment of the independent outside auditor.</b></p>
<b>Buildings and Grounds Committee Report</b>	<p>Chairman Ciccone, interim chair, yielded the floor to Don Hudson, Senior Vice President for Facilities and Operations.</p> <p>Don promoted the unveiling of the Phase II Residential Hall building on the Atlantic City Campus, which occurred after the Board of Trustees public session. He also confirmed that the Phase II Residential building will be set to open for students in Fall 2023.</p> <p>He touched on two more initiatives: the expansion of the Athletic Center and the opening of the North Athletic Sports Complex Pavilion. Unfortunately, the Athletic Center Expansion was paused because of bids that exceeded the budget. However, they have begun a value engineering phase and anticipate being able to put it out for bidding in the coming months. The North Athletic Sports Complex Open Pavilion is currently undergoing design development, and if all goes according to plan, the committee will move forward with bidding later this summer.</p> <p>He concluded the report by mentioning a review of next year's projected and proposed 2024 capital budget, which will be presented to the Board in July for approval.</p>
<b>Advancement Committee Report</b>	<p>Committee Chair, Trustee Days, and the Advancement Committee met on May 2, 2023.</p> <p>Trustee Days welcomed Trustee Lutz-Koch to the committee. Trustee Days expressed his gratitude for the support of the successful</p>

	<p>Scholarship Benefit Gala, which had nearly 700 members in attendance to support the foundation and honor President Kesselman. They were able to raise more than \$460,000 to support students.</p> <p>In the final remarks of his report, Trustee Days urged everyone to show their support for Stockton by giving back to the Stockton community. He expressed his optimism that the Development team will surpass their fundraising target for the year.</p>
<b>Investment Committee Report</b>	<p>Committee Chair, Trustee Keates, and the Investment Committee met on April 25, 2023, with Investment Managers, Wells Fargo and Windmark. The University's total portfolio balance as of March 31<sup>st</sup> was \$104,350,385. The return on investments for the first nine months of FY23 was a gain of \$4,751,320.</p> <p>The Investment Committee's next meeting will be held on August 22, 2023.</p>
<b>University Policies</b>	<p>President Kesselman presented the Board with the following policy for a first reading.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VI-90 Smoking Policy</li> </ul> <p>President Kesselman recommended Board approval for the following policies after second reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I-52.2 Research and Professional Development Committee</li> <li>• II-3 Academic Calendar</li> <li>• II-16 Determination of a Student's Academic Level</li> <li>• II-20 Graduation with Honors</li> <li>• II-24 Double Major (<i>recommended for deletion</i>)</li> <li>• II-91 Student Education Record</li> <li>• III-14 Calendar Policy (<i>recommended for deletion</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by President Kesselman and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board unanimously approved the revised policies.</b></p>
<b>Personnel Actions Resolution</b>	<p><b>Upon a motion duly made by President Kesselman and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board unanimously adopted the Personnel Actions Resolution.</b></p>
<b>Board Comments and Comments from the Public</b>	<p>Trustee Deininger addressed the Daly family and acknowledged Dr. Daly's impact. She also emphasized the importance of General Studies at Stockton. She then addressed the three outgoing Trustees and thanked them for all their efforts and time. Lastly, she recognized and thanked President Kesselman for everything he has done for the University.</p> <p>President Kesselman wished Vice Chair Valentin a happy birthday and thanked the outgoing trustees, as well as the entire Board of Trustees for their hard work. He acknowledged what a pleasure it was to serve with them.</p> <p>Trustee Valentin echoed the previous comments and welcomed the new trustees to the Board.</p>

Chairman Ciccone took a moment to reflect on his personal experience with Dr. Daly and the profound impact he had on his life. Additionally, he expressed his sadness at the departure of the outgoing Trustees while warmly welcoming the new ones.

Leamor Kahanov began her remarks by thanking the Board for approving the Bachelor of Arts in Education and Human Development.

She congratulated the following faculty members who were awarded tenure and promotion and asked them to stand and be recognized if in the room:

- Dr. Nicole Milan-Tyner, *Assistant Professor of Health Science*
- Professor Aaron Moss, *Assistant Professor of Theatre/Directing*
- Dr. Sujoy Chakraborty, *Assistant Professor of Computer Science*
- Dr. Joseph Cirio, *Assistant Professor of Writing and First-Year Studies*
- Dr. Sarah Gray, *Assistant Professor of Chemistry*
- Dr. Zheng Li, *Assistant Professor of Computer Science*
- Dr. Ruibin Lu, *Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice*
- Dr. Marian Majd, *Assistant Professor of Economics*
- Dr. Nusret Sahin, *Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice*
- Dr. Siobahn Suppa, *Assistant Professor of Mathematics & First-Year Studies*
- Dr. Sequetta Sweet, *Assistant Professor of Organizational Leadership*
- Dr. Benham Tavakkol, *Assistant Professor of Business Studies and Business Analytics*
- Dr. Yuli Zhang, *Assistant Professor of Business Studies and Marketing*
- Dr. Bryce Muth, *Assistant Professor of Exercise Science*

Dr. Mary Lou Galantino, *Distinguished Professor of Physical Therapy*, was recognized for receiving a range adjustment.

Leamor concluded her remarks by naming and congratulating faculty on their Emeritus status:

- Dr. Lisa Honaker, *Professor Emerita of British Literature*
- Dr. Peter Cho, *Associate Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and First-Year Studies*
- Dr. Juan Tolosa, *Professor Emeritus of Mathematics*
- Dr. Karen York, *Professor Emerita of Biology*
- Dr. Janet Wagner, *Dean, School of Business*

Chris Catching announced personnel changes within the Division of Student Affairs:

- Joseph Thompson, *Director of Campus Center Operations*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desiree Robinson, <i>Case Management Specialist</i></li> <li>• Dr. Brooke Zall-Crawford, <i>Director of Counseling and Psychological Services</i></li> <li>• Rosaria Pipitone, <i>Associate Director of Career Education and Development</i></li> <li>• Dr. Ana Edmondson, <i>Assistant Vice President for Student Transition Access and Retention Programs</i></li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	Dr. Kesselman announced that the Criminal Justice bachelor's degree program has earned the ACJS endorsement for academic quality. This program is the first in the nation to be awarded the newly-created designation for academic excellence.
<b>Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting</b>	The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. at the Atlantic City Campus in the Fannie Lou Hamer Event Room.
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p><b>Trustee Ciccone thanked everyone for their attendance.</b></p> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Ciccone and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 a.m.</b></p>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on July 19, 2023