

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, September 22, 2021**

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| <b>Trustees Present</b>   | Trustee Raymond Ciccone, Chair<br>Trustee Andy Dolce, Vice Chair<br>Trustee Nelida Valentin, Secretary<br>Trustee Nancy Davis<br>Trustee Collins Days Sr.<br>Trustee Stan Ellis<br>Trustee Sonia Gonsalves<br>Trustee Michelle Keates<br>Trustee Jose Lozano<br>Trustee Meg Worthington<br>Trustee Jaiden Chavis, Student Trustee<br>Trustee Liliana Morales, Student Trustee Alternate<br>Dr. Harvey Kesselman, President and Ex Officio                |
| <b>Via Zoom</b>   | Trustee Mady Deininger<br>Trustee Leo Schoffer   |
| <b>Absent</b>   | N/A  |
| <b>Call to Order</b>  | Trustee Ciccone called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. On September 14, 2021, a notice of this meeting and Public Hearing, 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. |
| <b>Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2021</b>             | <b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Lozano and seconded by Trustee Dolce, the Board voted to adopt minutes of the July 13, 2021 the Special Meeting.</b>   |
| <b>Approval of Open Public Regular Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2021</b> | <b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Valentin, the Board voted to adopt the minutes of the July 14, 2021 Board of Trustees Open Public Meeting.</b>   |
| <b>Resolution to Meet in Closed Session</b>                             | <b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Dolce and seconded by Trustee Davis, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 1:34 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>Reconvene of Open Public Meeting</b>                                 | Trustee Ciccone reconvened the Open Public meeting at 4:32 p.m.  |

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| <p><b>2021 – 2022<br/>Slate of Officers</b></p>                    | <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Worthington and seconded by Trustee Days, the Board voted to adopt the resolution of the 2021 – 2022 Slate of Officers.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Chair’s Remarks</b></p>                                      | <p>Trustee Ciccone welcomed everyone and declared how amazing it was to see students engaging in activities on campus. He thanked the students, faculty, and staff for keeping the Stockton University spirit alive during the last 18 months. Lastly, Trustee Ciccone thanked President Kesselman for his leadership.</p>   |
| <p><b>President’s Report</b></p>                                   | <p>President Kesselman thanked Trustee Ciccone and stated it took a team effort to get where we are today. He also stated that Stockton University held an Employee Appreciation Day Event and several hundred people attended.</p> <p>President Kesselman invited the audience to the BOT reception at the conclusion of the meeting.</p> <p>Prior to the start of the meeting, the Board of Trustees room dedication took place. During the dedication a plaque was unveiled, recognizing the naming of the meeting room in the Campus Center in memory of Michael Jacobson. President Kesselman acknowledged Sarah Jacobson and her family in the audience. He then shared some words about former Trustee Michael Jacobson and thanked the Jacobson family for coming.</p> <p>President Kesselman called upon the newest Student Trustees Liliana Morales and provided a summary of her background before asking Trustee Ciccone to join them for the Oath of Office.</p> <p>Following the Oath of Office, President Kesselman gave a special recognition to outgoing Student Trustee, Tyler Rodriguez. Tyler Rodriguez thanked the Stockton student community, the Board, and others for the great opportunity and experience that came from serving on the Stockton Board. He also congratulated Jaiden Chavis and welcomed Liliana Morales.</p> |
| <p><b>Oath of Office, Ms. Liliana Morales</b></p>                  | <p>Trustee Ciccone administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Liliana Morales, the newly elected Student Trustee Alternate. After taking the oath, Board members congratulated Ms. Morales.</p>  |
| <p><b>Academic Affairs &amp; Planning Committee (AA&amp;P)</b></p> | <p>Trustee Ciccone stated Trustee Davis, chair of the Academic Affairs &amp; Planning Committee recently lost her husband and offered condolences on behalf of the Board of Trustees. He also thanked Trustee Davis for her dedication.</p> <p>Trustee Davis thanked Trustee Ciccone for his kind words and then called upon Leamor Kahanov, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to provide the Academic Affairs &amp; Planning Committee report.</p> <p>Leamor Kahanov thanked Trustee Davis and thanked co-chairs Bob Heinrich, Chief Enrollment Management Officer and Claudine Keenan, Dean, School of Education and Professor of Instructional Technology for their presentation on Middle States Accreditation during the committee meeting.</p>  |

Leamor Kahanov mentioned that updates on the Ospreys RISE Initiative project were provided by Chris Catching and the Gardner's Basin project updates were provided by Peter Straub during the committee meeting. Additional information regarding these two projects will be provided at future meetings.

Leamor Kahanov presented and requested Board approval of the following two resolutions:

- Authorization to Accept an Award from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste for the 2020 Recycling Enhancement Act Grant Research Program Titled "New Jersey Food Asset Inventory and Mapping Project"
- Authorization to Accept an Award from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program

**Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Keates and seconded by Trustee Ellis, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.**

Leamor Kahanov called upon Brent Arnold, Dean of the School of Health Sciences. Brent Arnold acknowledged and presented Dr. Margaret "Peg" Slusser with the 2021 School of Health Sciences Leadership Award.

Leamor Kahanov acknowledged Peter Straub, Dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and Professor of Biology and stated he will be stepping down and returning to faculty at the end of this academic year.

**Student  
Success  
Committee  
Report**

Trustee Valentin remarked on the many activities that are happening on campus and then acknowledged Trustee Days, Trustee Gonsalves, and Trustee Deininger for their involvement in focusing on the University's student success efforts.

Trustee Valentin thanked everyone for coming together and working during a difficult time last year. She reported there are about 800 more students on campus than last year. Then she called upon Robert Heinrich, Chief Enrollment Management Officer, to give his report.

Robert Heinrich reported the following University's enrollment updates:

- Spring 2021 Semester: Stockton University's largest graduating class in the history
- Fall 2021 Semester: Transfer students increased by 4%
- Fall 2021 Semester: New students were down by 5%; the student population dropped slightly due to vaccine mandate; 158 students were disenrolled. However, 50 students returned prior to the start of the semester
- Fall 2021 Semester: Overall diversity of the student population increased by 2%

Robert Heinrich thanked the Division of Enrollment Management and

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|  | <p>colleagues for their extraordinary efforts in the recruitment and retention of students. Before calling upon Christopher Catching, Vice President for Student Affairs, to give his report, he reminded everyone of Stockton's upcoming Open House event.</p> <p>Christopher Catching provided a summary on Stockton Cares, which is a new initiative created by Haley Baum, Christine Easton, and Christine Feil that aids students by connecting them to University resources that exist on campus. He also provided a summary of the Nest Fest Overnight Orientation and thanked his colleagues from the Division of Enrollment Management and Academic Affairs for supporting the overnight orientation experience while sharing a slide presentation of students during Welcome Week and Spirit Day.</p> <p>Christopher Catching acknowledged and thanked several of his colleagues who worked on these programs for their leadership and coordination efforts. Lastly, he shared a short video presentation of recent student activities.</p> <p>Trustee Valentin once again stated it was nice to have students back on campus and engaged.</p> <p>President Kesselman acknowledged and recognized the work provided by the committee and Christopher Catching.</p> |
| <p><b>Finance and Professional Services Committee Report</b></p> | <p>Trustee Ellis provided the Finance and Professional Services Committee report and presented the following consent agenda resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY23 Capital Budget Submission</li> <li>• FY22 Bid Waiver Contracts</li> <li>• FY22-FY24 Increase in Bid Waiver Contracts</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Days and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to approve the resolution.</b></p> <p>Trustee Ellis stated the following resolution was approved during the August 30<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY22 Bid Waiver Contract for Jennings Boatyard Inc. was approved by the Executive Committee on August 30, 2021</li> </ul> <p>Trustee Ellis stated the School of Natural Science and Mathematics research vessel will be funded by a donation from the Arndt family and will be named in honor of Professor Emeritus Rudy Arndt by the University.</p>   |
| <p><b>Audit Committee Report</b></p>                             | <p>Trustee Ciccone reported the following on behalf of Trustee Dolce, Audit Committee Chair (absent).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant Thornton, external auditors for the University, met with the committee in August to discuss the completion timeline for the FY21 audit. The final report should be ready in early 2022.</li> <li>• Baker Tilly, internal auditors for the University, concluded their audit of the Student Mental Health Review and updates were provided on their Athletic Time and Attendance Review.</li> </ul>  |

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| <p><b>Buildings and Grounds Committee Report</b></p> | <p>Trustee Schoffer called on Don Hudson, Vice President for Facilities &amp; Operations to provide a summary of the ongoing maintenance repairs, new projects, and future developments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don Hudson presented the following resolution to the Board for approval: Meadow Expansion of AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center on Galloway Campus.</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Lozano and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to approve the resolution while Trustee Schoffer abstained.</b></p> <p>Don Hudson continued to report on current and planned projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AC Residential Phase II Project</li> <li>• Multicultural Center</li> <li>• Dark Path Lighting and Security Project</li> <li>• Athletic Facilities Task Force</li> <li>• Performing and Cultural Arts Task Force</li> <li>• Gardner’s Basin</li> </ul> <p>President Kesselman acknowledged and thanked AtlantiCare’s representative Matthew Levinson for attending and for the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center expansion project.</p>   |
| <p><b>Development Committee Report</b></p>           | <p>Trustee Schoffer reported the Development and Alumni Relations team had been highly successful during the past year and a half despite overcoming the challenges posed by COVID-19 and congratulated everyone involved.</p> <p>Trustee Schoffer stated Stockton University has over 60,000 alumni and one of next year’s goals is to get a greater percentage of them involved in supporting the University. Then he called upon Dan Nugent, Chief Development Officer and Executive Director of the University Foundation, to provide additional remarks.</p> <p>Dan Nugent thanked Trustee Schoffer, Trustee Deininger, and Trustee Keates for their service on the committee. He also mentioned that Ospreys Give is returning, which is known as Stockton’s Annual Day of Giving. The 24-hour giving event will run from October 6<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that this year’s goal is to obtain gifts from 550 donors in honor of the University’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Dan Nugent recognized and thanked Alumni Dr. Kesselman, Mrs. Kesselman, and a combination of cabinet members and staff members for their matching challenge gifts. Additional information about becoming an ambassador or volunteering can be found at <a href="https://ospreysgive.stockton.edu/">https://ospreysgive.stockton.edu/</a>.</p> |
| <p><b>Investment Committee Report</b></p>            | <p>Trustee Worthington reported the Investment Committee met on August 24, 2021, and stated that as of August 2021, the portfolio balance was \$115,414,324, and there was a gain of approximately \$2,020,000 for FY22. She thanked Jennifer Potter and the University’s investment team for their guidance.</p>   |

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| <p><b>University Policies</b></p>                      | <p>President Kesselman presented the Board with the following five revised policies as a first reading. These policies will be recommended for Board approval at the December 8, 2021, meeting.</p> <p><i>Revised Policies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I-92 Space Management Advisory Committee</li> <li>I-100 Emergency Closing</li> <li>I-100.5 Emergency Operations Plan</li> </ul> <p>President Kesselman recommended Board approval of the following five revised policies and the deletion of one policy, following their second reading:</p> <p><i>Revised Policies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I-61 Allocation and Disbursement of Student Activity Funds</li> <li>I-125 Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals</li> <li>III-40 On-Campus Housing</li> <li>III-148 Prohibition of Weapons</li> <li>III-149 Parking and Traffic Regulations</li> </ul> <p><i>Deleted Policies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I-60 Student Organizational Funding</li> </ul> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by President Kesselman and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to approve the resolution.</b></p> |
| <p><b>Personnel Actions Resolution</b></p>             | <p>President Kesselman acknowledged Mamta Patel and her staff for their incredible work evaluating the COVID-19 religious exemptions and working with the other divisions to ensure that Stockton University remains in compliance as a residential institution. He also thanked Emari DiGiorgio, President of the Stockton Federation of College Teachers and Manish Madan, President of the Faculty Senate for their contributions.</p> <p>President Kesselman announced the Board's review of the Personnel Actions Resolution, posted on the University's website for review.</p> <p><b>Upon a motion duly made by President Kesselman and seconded by Trustee Worthington, the Board voted to approve the resolution.</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Board Comments/ Comments from the Public</b></p> | <p>Trustee Schoffer announced on November 10, 2021, the William J. Hughes Center will honor Alumni Steven Perskie with the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award; Alumni Richard S. Dovey with the Distinctive Alumni Leadership Award, and Danielle Combs with the Distinctive Student Leadership Award.</p> <p>Christopher Catching announced and welcomed the following new appointees: Anthony Berich, Interim Director of Athletics and Recreation; and Michael Barany, Director of Military and Veterans Success Center. Christopher Catching</p>  |

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|   | <p>also recognized and congratulated Teresa Barone, Assistant Director for the Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Center and Jeffrey Haines, Associate Director of Athletics and Recreation on their roles.</p> <p>Jennifer Potter congratulated Joseph Marcello on his promotion to Payroll Manger and welcomed Denise Damico, as the new Interim Budget Manager.</p> <p>Michael Angulo welcomed and congratulated James Over, who has been appointed as the new Interim Investigator.</p> <p>Beverly Vaughn reminded everyone about the upcoming performance of the “Messiah” scheduled for December 12, 2021.</p> <p>Trustee Ciccone thanked everyone for coming and invited all to attend the reception following the meeting.</p> |
| <b>Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting</b> | The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. at the Galloway Campus in the Michael Jacobson Board of Trustees Room.  |
| <b>Adjournment</b>                      | <b>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Keates and seconded by Trustee Days, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.</b>   |