



Stockton University
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

AGENDA

The meeting will open to the public at 11:00 a.m. in the Michael Jacobson Board of Trustees Room, Galloway Campus. Immediately following action on the resolution to meet in closed session, members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting.

The Board will reconvene for the Open Public Meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the Campus Center Event Room on the Galloway Campus.

Notice of Public Meeting: As required by the Open Public Meetings Act, on July 25, 2025, a notice of this Meeting and Public Hearing, the dates, times, and locations of Stockton University Board of Trustees Public Meetings were: (a) posted on the University's website, (b) sent to the Press of Atlantic City and the Daily Journal, and (c) filed with the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, Galloway Township Clerk's Office, and Atlantic County Clerk's Office.

- 1) Call to Order and Roll Call, Board Chair**
- 2) Action Item:** [Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2025](#)
- 3) Action Item:** [Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2025](#)
- 4) Action Item:** Election of Officers
- 5) Action Item:** [Resolution to Meet in Closed Session](#)

The Board will approve a resolution to meet in closed session to review and discuss personnel matters; terms and conditions of collective bargaining agreements; pending or anticipated litigation; matters involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real estate property; public safety matters, and other items exempt under the Open Public Meetings Act.

- 6) Call to Order and Roll Call to reconvene Open Public Meeting: Board Chair**
- 7) Chair Report**

8) President's Report: President Bertolino

a. Mission Moment: Karen Alton

9) Information Item: Oath of Office, Ms. Najmah Laing, *Student Trustee Alternate*: Board Chair and President Bertolino

10) Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs and Planning Committee Report: Trustee Gonsalves, Chair

Action Item: Resolutions: Consent Agenda

- [Academic Year Calendars](#)
- [Endorsement of the Strategic Plan](#)

b. Student Success Committee Report: Trustee Hanselmann, Chair

c. Finance and Professional Services Committee Report: Trustee Lowry, Chair

Action Item: Resolutions: Consent Agenda

- [FY26-FY30 Bid Waiver Contracts](#)
- [FY26-FY29 Increase in Bid Waiver Contract](#)
- [FY27 Capital Budget Submission](#)
- [Resolution Authorizing Stockton University to Submit a Grant Application to the Secretary of Higher Education for Grant Funding Under the Summer 2025 Cycle of the Higher Education Capital Facilities Program for the Purpose of Providing Funding for One or More Projects of the Institution and Authorizing All Other Necessary Actions Required in Connection Therewith](#)

d. Audit Committee Report: Trustee Ciccone, Chair

e. Buildings and Grounds Committee Report: Trustee Lozano, Chair

f. Advancement Committee Report: Trustee Days, Chair

g. Investment Committee Report: Trustee Keates, Chair

12) University Policy Review: President Bertolino

Information Items: [Review of Policies \(First Reading\)](#)

- [I-3 Authorizations in Absence of the President](#)
- [II-3 Academic Calendar](#)

Actions Item: Resolution: [Approval of Action for University Policies](#)
(Second Reading)

- [I-9.5 University Seal, Colors, and Mascot](#)

13) Action Item: Resolution: President Bertolino

- [Personnel Actions](#)

14) New Business

15) Comments from the Board of Trustees/Public

Members of the public should limit their comments to three minutes and are not permitted to cede their time to another member of the public.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, in the Campus Center Event Room, located on the Galloway Campus.

Adjournment

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

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

Trustees Present On Zoom	Trustee Nelida Valentin, Chair Trustee Jose Lozano, Vice Chair Trustee Michelle Keates, Secretary Trustee Raymond Ciccone Trustee Collins Days, Sr. Trustee Mady Deininger Trustee Sonia Gonsalves Trustee Kristi Hanselmann (Absent) Trustee Amy Kennedy Trustee Timothy Lowry Trustee Stephanie Lutz Trustee Mary Maples Trustee Mukesh Roy Trustee Fotios Tjoumakaris Trustee Melanie Chin, Student Trustee Dr. Joe Bertolino, President, and Ex Officio
Call to Order	Chair Valentin called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.
Approval of Open Public Regular Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2025, May 17, 2025 & June 26, 2025, as Consent Agenda.	Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Lozano and seconded by Trustee Lowry, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2025, May 17, 2025, and June 26, 2025, Board of Trustees Open Public Meetings.
Resolution to Meet In Closed Session	Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Lowry and seconded by Trustee Roy, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 12:44 p.m.
Reconvene the Open Public Meeting	Chair Valentin reconvened the Open Public Meeting at 4:35 p.m.
Chair's Remarks	Chair Valentin opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees. She shared that the Trustees had recently received an update on the progress of the University's new Strategic Plan and, before turning the meeting over to President Bertolino for the President's report, extended appreciation to the Stockton community for their engagement in the various forums and surveys as part of the development process.
President's Report	President Bertolino began his report by sharing his excitement about recently celebrating his second anniversary as Stockton's President. He proceeded to highlight several Summer activities and recognitions occurring across campus: New Student Orientation, EOF Summer Institute, the Live, Work, Learn program in Atlantic City, with a participation of over 180 students. The Stockton Circle K International Chapter received several awards at the Kiwanis

	<p>International Convention, including First Place in the Club Single Service category, and the University set a new school record of having 143 student-athletes qualify for the 2024-2025 New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) All-Academic Team for their work inside the classroom.</p> <p>He continued his report by announcing that the state budget for FY26 has been finalized, and the Enrollment outlook looked strong with tuition deposits up 4% over Fall 2024.</p> <p>President Bertolino recognized Academic Affairs for their new certificate program in Public Policy and expanded articulation agreement with Ocean County College.</p> <p>He concluded by reporting that the Final draft of the Strategic Plan will be shared with the campus community later in the Summer and emphasized the over 1000 contributions from various stakeholders.</p>
Academic Affairs & Planning Committee Report	<p>Chair Valentin called upon Committee Chair Trustee Gonsalves to provide the Academic Affairs and Planning Committee Report.</p> <p>Trustee Gonsalves shared highlights from the committee meeting, beginning with the announcement of a new Dean for the William T. Daly School of General Studies, Dr. Elizabeth Throesch. Dr. Throesch will replace Dr. Robert Gregg, who will return to the classroom after serving as the school's Dean for the past 12 years.</p> <p>The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program was granted accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Details were provided about the new articulation agreement with Northeast College of Health Sciences in the areas of Chiropractic Sciences and Clinical Nutrition.</p> <p>The committee was also informed that a new standing committee of Chairs has been established in the faculty senate, and the chair of that committee will also serve as a member of the Academic Affairs Council. Drs. Gerry Lorentz and Tina Zappile joined the meeting to provide updates on the SFT Union negotiations, which continue to progress positively.</p> <p>Trustee Gonsalves ended her report with a mention of Provost Palladino's presentation on the new course scheduling platform that will be rolled out in Fall 2026.</p>
Student Success Committee Report	<p>Committee Vice Chair Trustee Roy began the Student Success report by sharing a few high points from the presentation on a proposed First-Year Student Success Model for the institution, given by the Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Bill Latham. The Model centers on a holistic approach to supporting first-year students, such as co-curricular advising and career exploration.</p> <p>Assistant Vice President for Student Transitions, Access and Retention Programs, Dr. Ana Edmondson, and Instructor of Mathematics & First-Year</p>

	<p>Studies Emily Ryan presented the First-Year Experience task force report, which outlines current and in-progress first-year experiences at Stockton.</p> <p>Trustee Roy ended his report by sharing some of the enrollment data presented by Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management, Darren Bush.</p>
Finance and Professional Services Committee Report	<p>Committee Vice Chair Fotios Tjournakaris initiated his report by providing a brief overview of the items discussed in the Finance and Professional Services Committee, including in detail the three resolutions to be presented to the Board for approval.</p> <p>The following resolutions were presented by Consent Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed FY26 Operating & Capital Budget and Adoption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed budget reflects revenue of \$292,574,812 and expenses of \$311,875,231 resulting in a deficit of \$19,300,419. The deficit will be reduced by any cost savings measures implemented throughout the year. The remaining deficit will be covered with available cash and investments. Included in the proposed budget are capital funding requests of \$6,230,000, of which \$5,655,000 will address deferred maintenance and \$575,000 will address health, safety, and ADA concerns and new projects. • FY26-FY28 Bid Waiver Contracts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AKRF, Inc. (3-year waiver, \$258,600) - Suasion Communications Group LLC (3-year waiver, \$460,000) • FY26 Increase in Bid Waiver Contract: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Niche.com, Inc. (FY26, additional amount requested \$148,500) <p>The board approved the resolutions upon a motion made by Trustee Gonsalves and seconded by Trustee Lozano. There was one Recusal by Trustee Maples for the FY26-FY28 Bid Waiver Contract resolution.</p> <p>Trustee Tjournakaris concluded his report by sharing that the final FY25 year-end results will be available in mid-August after the accrual period ends and required year-end accounting entries are complete. There is an anticipated surplus of approximately \$119,000 based on the forecast through May 31, 2025. The University ended the fiscal year with a cash balance of \$22.9 million. This is \$3.1million more cash than we started the year with and well above the \$10-15 million goal established for fiscal year 2025.</p>
	<p>Committee Chair Trustee Ciccone reported that the Audit Committee has not met since April 30, 2025.</p> <p>At the last meeting, Grant Thornton presented their 2025 Annual Financial Statement and Uniform Guidance Audit Plan.</p> <p>Audit planning and audit procedures related to Information Technology and Student Financial Aid are underway. Baker Tilly reviewed their current internal audit activities, including reviews of Supplemental Payments and Sponsored</p>

	Research. Final Reports will be presented at the next Audit Committee meeting on August 20, 2025.
Buildings and Grounds Committee Report	<p>Committee Chair Trustee Lozano opened his committee report by sharing that Senior Vice President for Facilities and Operations, Don Hudson, provided a brief overview of the 30+ projects currently underway.</p> <p>Don informed the committee that the Library Learning Commons project is currently on schedule and the project remains within budget.</p> <p>The Water Tank replacement project that was discussed previously is underway and should be completed by the end of the Summer.</p> <p>The Housing I redevelopment project was initiated; more details will be provided in a future meeting.</p> <p>In closing, Trustee Lozano remarked that the committee also reviewed the proposed FY27 State Capital Budget submission, which includes \$250,000 for emergency systems and renovations.</p>
Advancement Committee Report	<p>Committee Chair Trustee Days began his report by informing the public that the Advancement committee did not meet this cycle but provided an update on the Division's fiscal goals. The University Advancement team exceeded its fiscal year goals by \$1M, reaching a total of \$5.1M</p> <p>A full report will be provided when the committee meets again in September.</p>
Investment Committee Report	<p>Committee Chair Trustee Keates reported that the Investment Committee has not met since the May 7th Board meeting.</p> <p>She proceeded to highlight the investment results through May 31, 2025, and preliminary fiscal year-end figures.</p> <p>The University's total portfolio balance as of May 31st was \$126,734,010. For the eleven months ending May 31st, the University had a gain on investments of \$7,854,964. Wells Fargo's return for the eleven months was 7.5% and Windmark's return was 6.3%.</p> <p>Results through June 30, 2025, are still preliminary, but the estimated return for the fiscal year was 10.6% for Wells Fargo and 9.3% for Windmark.</p> <p>Trustee Keates concluded her report by sharing that the Investment Committee will meet on August 26, 2025, with the advisors to review investment performance through June 30, 2025.</p>
University Policies	<p>President Bertolino presented the following policy as an informational item for first reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-9.5 University Seal, Colors, Mascot <p>He continued the policy update by presenting the following policy for a second reading and approval by the Board of Trustees:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • II-70 Emeritum Status <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Days and seconded by Trustee Lowry the board approved the resolution.</p>
Personnel Actions Resolution	<p>President Bertolino presented the Board with the following resolutions for approval by consent agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel Actions Resolution • AFT Reclassification Appeal <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Gonsalves and seconded by Trustee Lozano, the Board approved the resolution.</p>
Personnel Action	<p>Chair Valentin presented the board with the following resolution for approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidential Tenure <p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Days and seconded by Trustee Lowry, the board approved the resolution.</p>
New Business:	
Board Comments and Comments from the Public	<p>Student Alyssa Vilas, provided comments advocating for the re-opening of the on-campus childcare center “Free to Be.” In her remarks, she emphasized the impact on student parents and faculty by the University's lack of childcare options, suggested that the University look at potential ways to fund reinstating the center with a potential partnership through the School of Education.</p>
Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting	<p>The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Event Room of the Galloway Campus.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Days and seconded by Trustee Lowry, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m.</p>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on September 10, 2025

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – OPEN SESSION
VIA ZOOM
JULY 29, 2025**

BOT Members Present	Nelida Valentin (<i>Chair</i>), Jose Lozano (<i>Vice Chair</i>), Michelle Keates (<i>Secretary</i>), Ray Ciccone, Reverend Collins Days, Sr., Madeleine Deininger, Sonia Gonsalves, Kristi Hanselmann, Amy Kennedy, Stephanie Lutz-Koch, Mary Maples, Tim Lowry, Dr. Mukesh Roy, Fotios Tjournakaris, and President Joe Bertolino (<i>President, Ex-Officio</i>)
Absent	
Additional Guests	Terricita Sass and Brian Kowalski
Item I.	Call to Order Chair Valentin called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.
Item II.	Resolution to Meet in Closed Session Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Roy and seconded by Trustee Deininger, the Board voted to meet in closed session at 8:06 a.m.
Item III	Reconvene Open Session Chair Valentin reconvened the open session at 9:01 a.m.
Item V.	Adjournment Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Maples and seconded by Trustee Lowry, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
MICHELLE KEATES
Board Secretary

BRIAN KOWALSKI, Esq.
General Counsel

Approved by the Board of Trustees on September 10, 2025

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION

MEET IN CLOSED SESSION

- WHEREAS,** the Open Public Meetings Act (P.L. 1975, Ch. 231) permits public bodies to exclude the public from discussion of any matter as described in subsection 7(b) of the Act, provided that the public body adopts a resolution at a public meeting indicating its intent to hold a closed session; and
- WHEREAS,** subsection 7(b) of the Act permits a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses, among other things, personnel matters; terms and conditions of collective bargaining agreements; pending or anticipated litigation; matters involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real estate property; and public safety matters, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Stockton University Board of Trustees shall meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters, terms and conditions of collective bargaining, real estate matters, pending or anticipated litigation, public safety matters, including recommendations of the President contained in the Personnel Resolution, and other matters permitted under subsection 7(b) of the Act; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that the discussion of matters discussed in closed session may, or may not, be disclosed to the public during that portion of the meeting which convenes at 3:30 p.m.

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**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
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RESOLUTION

ACADEMIC YEAR CALENDARS

(SUMMER 2026, 2027, 2028; FALL 2026, 2027; WINTER 2027, 2028; AND SPRING 2028)

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has considered the proposed Academic Year Calendars (Summer 2026, Summer 2027 and Summer 2028; Fall 2026 and Fall 2027; Winter 2027 and Winter 2028; and Spring 2028) therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the above referenced and attached calendars are adopted.

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Fall 2026, Fall 2027

*Revisiting Fall 2026 – request to move start date after Labor Day

Year	Term	Fall Faculty Conference	Session Begins	Drop/ Add Begin	Drop/ Add End	Deadline for 100% Refund	Deadline for 50% Refund	Deadline for Withdrawal grade	Session Ends
2026*	Fall	9/1/2026	09/08/26	09/08/26	09/14/26	09/14/26	09/29/26	11/21/2026	12/19/2026
2026*	Sub term A		09/08/26	09/08/26	09/14/26	09/14/26	09/21/26	10/5/2026	10/28/2026
2026*	Sub term B		10/28/26	10/28/26	10/30/26	10/30/26	11/09/26	11/24/2026	12/19/2026
2027	Fall	9/1/2027	9/7/2027	9/7/2027	9/13/2027	9/13/2027	9/28/2027	11/24/2027	12/18/2027
2027	Sub term A		9/7/2027	9/7/2027	9/13/2027	9/13/2027	9/20/2027	10/5/2026	10/25/2027
2027	Sub term B		10/27/2027	10/27/2027	10/30/2027	10/30/2026	11/6/2027	11/24/2027	12/18/2027

J-Term/Winter Terms

Year	Term	Session Begins	Drop/ Add Begin	Drop/ Add End	Deadline for 100% Refund	Deadline for 50% Refund	Deadline for Withdrawal grade	Session Ends
2027	Winter 1	12/21/2026	12/21/2026	12/23/2026	12/23/2026	12/26/2026	01/12/2027	01/16/2027
2027	Winter 2	01/04/2027	01/04/2027	01/06/2027	01/06/2027	01/09/2027	01/12/2027	01/16/2027
2028	Winter 1	12/20/27	12/20/27	9/13/2027	9/13/2027	9/28/2027	01/11/2028	1/15/2028
2028	Winter 2	1/3/2028	1/3/2028	1/5/2028	1/5/2028	1/9/2028	01/11/2028	1/15/2028

Spring 2028

*Approved Spring 2026 & 2027 prior

Year	Term	Term begins	Drop Add Begin	Drop Add End	Deadline for 100% Refund	Deadline for 50% Refund	Spring Break	Deadline for Withdrawal grade	Session Ends
2028	Spring	1/18/2028	1/18/2028	1/24/2028	1/24/2028	02/08/28	March 5- March 11	04/12/28	05/06/28
2028	Sub term A	1/18/2028	1/18/2028	1/24/2028	1/24/2028	02/02/28		02/24/28	03/13/28
2028	Sub term B	3/14/2028	3/14/2028	03/21/28	03/21/28	03/27/28		04/19/28	05/06/28

Summer Terms 2026, 2027, 2028

Year	Session	Session Dates	Session Begins	Drop Add Begin	Drop Add End	Deadline for 100% Refund	Deadline for 50% Refund	Session Ends
2026	Session I	May 11- June 15	05/11/26	05/11/26	05/13/26	05/13/26	05/22/26	06/15/26
2026	Session II	May 19- June 26	05/19/26	05/19/26	05/21/26	05/21/26	05/26/26	06/26/26
2026	Session III	May 19- July 28	05/19/26	05/19/26	05/21/26	05/21/26	06/04/26	07/28/26
2026	Session IV	June 29 - August 7	06/29/26	06/29/26	06/30/26	06/30/26	07/14/26	08/07/26
2026	Session V	May 19- August 7	05/19/26	05/19/26	05/21/26	05/21/26	06/04/26	08/07/26
2027	Session I	May 10- June 15	05/10/27	05/10/27	05/12/27	05/12/27	05/21/27	06/15/27
2027	Session II	May 18- June 26	05/18/27	05/18/27	05/20/27	05/20/27	05/27/27	06/26/27
2027	Session III	May 18- July 28	05/18/27	05/18/27	05/20/27	05/20/27	06/03/27	07/28/27
2027	Session IV	June 28 - August 6	06/28/27	06/28/27	06/30/27	06/30/27	07/14/27	08/06/27
2027	Session V	May 18- August 6	05/18/27	05/18/27	05/20/27	05/20/27	06/03/27	08/06/27
2028	Session I	May 15- June 16	05/15/28	05/15/28	05/17/28	05/17/28	05/31/28	06/16/28
2028	Session II	May 22- June 27	05/22/28	05/22/28	05/24/28	05/24/28	06/01/28	06/27/28
2028	Session III	May 22 - July 31	05/22/28	05/22/28	05/24/28	05/24/28	06/23/28	07/31/28
2028	Session IV	June 28 - Aug 11	06/28/28	06/28/28	06/30/28	06/30/28	07/19//28	08/11/28
2028	Session V	May 22 - Aug 11	05/22/28	05/22/28	05/24/28	05/24/28	06/23/28	08/11/28

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION

TO ENDORSE THE STRATEGIC PLAN

- WHEREAS,** strategic planning offers an opportunity to reaffirm Stockton University's mission, vision, and values, promotes organizational focus, and strengthens alignment among the University's academic, administrative, and operational units; and
- WHEREAS,** Stockton University's Strategic Planning Steering Committee is charged with developing a broad, comprehensive, and collaborative institutional strategic planning document that will guide the University's planning and decision-making process; and
- WHEREAS,** Stockton University launched the current Strategic Plan process in 2024, in anticipation of its previous strategic plan coming to a close; and
- WHEREAS,** the University convened a Strategic Planning Steering Committee consisting of 29 faculty, staff, students, and Board members and charged the same with drafting long-range areas of focus that are learner- and people-centered; and
- WHEREAS,** the resultant Strategic Plan is shaped by five priorities: Cultivate a Community of Care: Belonging and Pride; Inspire Minds: Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship; Empower Student Success; Anchor in Purpose: Serving the Region and Beyond; and Sustain Tomorrow: Stewardship and Innovation; and
- WHEREAS,** overall, more than 325 members from across campus served on committees, and over 1,000 students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends participated throughout this planning process; and
- WHEREAS,** the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and the representative employee and student governing bodies within the University recommend the Strategic Plan to the Board of Trustees for its endorsement; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees endorses the newly drafted Strategic Plan and supports its implementation.

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**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
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RESOLUTION

FY26-FY30 BID WAIVER CONTRACTS

- WHEREAS,** the State College Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:64-52 et seq., authorizes college and university Boards of Trustees to approve waivers of the public bid process for procurement of specified goods and services in furtherance of the missions of the state colleges and universities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees of Stockton University finds the following purchases, contracts and agreements have met the criteria for award without public bid under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64-56; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Stockton University Board of Trustees authorizes the President or the President's designee to enter into contracts with the vendors indicated below, under the bid waiver provisions of the State College Contracts Law.

Vendors & Categories

FY and Amount

Original Materials & Supplies

EBH 18 LLC dba Hilton East Brunswick (526015)

FY26: \$200,000

This bid waiver provides for a venue for two separate grant-funded conferences, the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect Biennial Conference on October 21, 2025, and Nurture New Jersey Leadership Summit on December 10, 2025. The events require a conference space large enough to hold 700 attendees and centrally located in the State of New Jersey. The venue will provide all audio and visual equipment/support and meals for all attendees. The hotel is appropriate for the events given its size and location and accessibility for maternal and infant health experts from across the state and country as well as child welfare partners and community members. (Reference: N.J.S.A. 18A:64-56(a)[03]).

Entertainment

Degy Booking International Inc. (526018)

FY26: \$200,000

This bid waiver will enable the University to engage an event services intermediary to facilitate the coordination and booking of third-party vendors for campus events. Through this arrangement, Degy will serve as the provider of musical talent for the annual musical concert organized by the Stockton Entertainment Team for the student body. Artist selection is informed by student surveys that identify preferred genres and performers, ensuring that the final choice aligns with both student interests and the allocated budget. (Reference: N.J.S.A. 18A:64-56(a)[16]).

Printing

Garrison Printing Co Inc. (526017)

FY26: \$125,000

This bid waiver will authorize Garrison Printing to produce and distribute both the Fall and Spring editions of the alumni magazine, ensuring timely delivery and continuity of publication for our alumni communications. (Reference: N.J.S.A. 18A:64-56(a)[18]).

Data Processing Software, Systems, Services and Equipment

**Gray Decision Intelligence, Inc.
fka Gray Associates Inc. (526016)**

FY26-FY30: \$474,125

This bid waiver authorizes a five-year subscription for the Division of Academic Affairs, Office of the Provost, to Gray Decision Intelligence's Program Evaluation System (PES) and related consulting services, enabling comprehensive analysis of internal University data against regional market trends. The PES platform supports strategic program evaluation, development, and resource optimization through AI-driven reporting, cost-efficiency insights, and employment outcome analysis, and includes an on-campus workshop with faculty and leadership to align findings with institutional goals. Gray is the sole provider offering a self-service data portal of this scope. (Reference: N.J.S.A. 18A:64-56(a)[19]).

Personnel Recruitment and Advertising

MediaNews Group Inc. dba AdTaxi (526014)

FY26-FY28: \$395,000

Under the guidance of the University Relations and Marketing team, AdTaxi will provide support for recruitment campaigns through targeted advertising across various platforms, including programmatic display (digital ads), social media displays, programmatic radio (streaming services), and TikTok. Additionally, AdTaxi will prepare monthly analytic reports and offer strategic recommendations based on performance insights. (Reference: N.J.S.A. 18A:64-56(a)[20]).

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**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
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RESOLUTION

FY26-FY29 INCREASE IN BID WAIVER CONTRACT

- WHEREAS,** the State College Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:64-52 et seq., authorizes college and university Boards of Trustees to approve waivers of the public bid process for procurement of specified goods and services in furtherance of the missions of the state colleges and universities; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees of Stockton University has previously approved a waiver of public bidding for the below named vendor; and
- WHEREAS,** the contract with the below named vendor must be increased to accomplish the purposes of the bid waiver as specified below; and
- WHEREAS,** the increase in the contract with the below named vendor requires the approval of the Board of Trustees; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Stockton University Board of Trustees authorizes the President or the President's designee to enter into a contract with the vendor indicated below, under the bid waiver provisions of the State College Contracts Law.

Vendor & Category

Data Processing Software, Systems, Services and Equipment

Ellucian Company LLC (525012)

Additional Amount Requested FY26-FY29:	\$104,909
Previously Approved Contract Amount FY25-FY29:	<u>4,497,635</u>
New Recommended Contract Total FY25-FY29:	<u>\$4,602,544</u>

This bid waiver increase will secure continued support for Ellucian's Banner ePrint Advantage and Oracle Programmer Advantage—licensed, proprietary modules of the University's ERP system. As these components can only be serviced and updated by Ellucian under the existing master agreement, maintaining full integration is essential to ensure system stability and operational continuity. (Reference: N.J.S.A. 18A:64-56(a)[19]).

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**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
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RESOLUTION

FY27 CAPITAL BUDGET SUBMISSION

- WHEREAS,** Stockton University is ranked among the top public universities in the country with more than 160 undergraduate and graduate programs, as well as continuing education opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** the University offers unique living and learning environments throughout southern New Jersey, including the 1,600-acre Galloway campus in the Pinelands National Reserve and the Atlantic City campus located on the Boardwalk, just steps from the beach; and
- WHEREAS,** a major increase in capital funding will be necessary to maintain the existing campus facilities, build new facilities to meet enrollments, update technological requirements, and enable the ability to renovate existing facilities so that the learning environment and its infrastructure can continue to support the educational mission of the University; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the Stockton University Board of Trustees approves the University's FY27 Capital Budget submission in the amount of \$246,763,167 which is consistent with the institution's Facilities Master Plan, and authorizes its submission to the New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning; therefore, be it further
- RESOLVED,** that the Stockton University Board of Trustees recommends the approval of public funding for the FY27 Capital Budget submission in the amount of \$185,072,375 for Stockton University.

September 10, 2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STOCKTON UNIVERSITY TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE SUMMER 2025 CYCLE OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION CAPITAL FACILITIES PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR ONE OR MORE PROJECTS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND AUTHORIZING ALL OTHER NECESSARY ACTIONS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Adopted: September 10, 2025

WHEREAS: On August 11, 2025, the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (the “Secretary”) released a solicitation for grant funding (the “Summer 2025 Cycle”) under the Higher Education Capital Improvement Fund Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:72A-72 et seq. (“CIF Act”) and under the Higher Education Facilities Trust Fund Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:72A-49 et seq. (“HEFT Act”) (collectively, the “Higher Education Capital Facilities Program”); and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the Capital Improvement Fund (“CIF”) grant program is to provide grants to New Jersey’s four-year public and private institutions of higher education for the cost, or a portion of the cost, of the renewal, renovation, improvement, expansion, construction, and reconstruction of facilities and technology infrastructure. “Renewal and renovation” means “making the changes necessary to address deferred capital maintenance needs, to meet all [State of New Jersey] and federal health, safety, fire, and building code standards, or to provide a safe and appropriate educational or working environment” (N.J.S.A. 18A:72A-75); and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the Higher Education Facilities Trust Fund (“HEFT”) grant program is to provide grants to New Jersey’s public and private institutions of higher education for the cost, or a portion of the cost, of the construction, reconstruction, development, extension, and/or improvement of instructional, laboratory, communication, and research facilities (N.J.S.A. 18A:72A-52); and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the CIF grant program, the CIF grants are expected to be funded from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds (the “CIF Bonds”) to be issued by the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority (the “Authority”) pursuant to the CIF Act; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the HEFT grant program, the HEFT grants are expected to be funded from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds (the “HEFT Bonds”, and, together with the CIF Bonds, the “Tax-Exempt Bonds”) to be issued by the Authority pursuant to the HEFT Act; and

WHEREAS: The deadline to submit a grant application (the “Grant Application”) for funding under the Summer 2025 Cycle of the Higher Education Capital Facilities Program is September 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:72A-77(a), “the governing board of a four-year public or private institution of higher education may determine, by resolution, to apply for a grant from CIF. Upon adoption of the resolution, the board shall file an application with the [S]ecretary,

which application shall include a complete description of the project to be financed and an identification of any additional sources of revenue to be used”; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:72A-54(a), “the governing board of a public or private institution of higher education may determine, by resolution, to apply for a grant from HEFT. Upon adoption of the resolution, the board shall file an application with the Secretary of Higher Education, which application shall include a complete description of the project to be financed and an identification of any additional sources of revenue to be used”; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of Stockton University (the “Institution”) desires to approve the submission and form of a Grant Application to the Secretary for funding under the Higher Education Capital Facilities Program for the projects (each, a “Project” and collectively, the “Projects”) described on **Exhibit A** attached hereto (“**Exhibit A**”). Words used in the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, as the context may require; and

WHEREAS: The Board further desires to designate and authorize officers of the Institution to take all necessary and desirable actions to (i) submit to the Secretary a Grant Application for the purpose of providing funding for the Projects, (ii) obtain such other sources of financing for such Projects as may be necessary to complete such Projects, (iii) execute and deliver grant agreement(s) and such other documents and instruments as may be required to implement the grant funding, and (iv) undertake and implement the Projects; and

WHEREAS: The Board desires to approve the aggregate costs of the Projects paid and/or financed through all sources in an amount not to exceed the total amount set forth on **Exhibit A** with respect to such Projects; and

WHEREAS: The Board reasonably expects to reimburse expenditures for costs of the Projects paid by the Institution prior to the issuance by the Authority of the Tax-Exempt Bonds; and

WHEREAS: If a Project or a portion of a Project is eligible for funding from both the CIF and HEFT grant programs, the Secretary has discretion to approve funding for said Project or portion of said Project from a different grant program than which the Institution applied for funding; and

WHEREAS: The Board desires to authorize the Authorized Officers (as defined below) of the Institution to accept grant funding for the Projects from either of the Capital Facilities Grant Programs and to make the certifications and commitments necessary to qualify the Projects for said grant funding from either of the Capital Facilities Grant Programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STOCKTON UNIVERSITY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length herein.

SECTION 2. The Board hereby authorizes the undertaking of the Projects described on **Exhibit A** attached hereto; approves the aggregate cost of such Projects, to be paid and/or financed through all sources in an aggregate amount not to exceed the total amount set forth on **Exhibit A** with respect to such Projects; authorizes the financing of all or any portion of the Projects with Tax-Exempt Bonds, commercial loans and other funds available to the Institution, as necessary and as further described in **Exhibit A**; acknowledges that should additional funding be needed to complete the Projects, such funding will be the responsibility of the Institution; and authorizes the submission and form of a Grant Application to the Secretary of Higher Education for grant funding of the Projects under the Summer 2025 Cycle of the Higher Education Capital Facilities Program.

SECTION 3. A. CIF Grant Program

With respect to any Project that receives funding pursuant to the CIF grant program, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 9A:12-1.3(e):

- the Board hereby certifies that the Institution has an up-to-date long-range facilities plan approved by the Board that includes provisions to address deferred maintenance and other capital renewal requirements and the Board hereby pledges to use the CIF grant to advance that plan; and
- the Board commits to maintaining the capital improvement project funded by the CIF grant; and
- the Board certifies that the Institution will use the CIF grant funds for renewal or renovation of instructional, laboratory, communication, research, and/or administrative facilities, or for improvement, expansion, construction, and reconstruction of instructional, laboratory, communication, and research facilities, or technology infrastructure if the criteria found at N.J.A.C. 9A:12-1.3(d) are met; and
- the Board commits to paying the Institution's required share of the debt service on the CIF Bonds issued to fund the CIF grant (one-third of the debt service on the CIF Bonds if the Institution is a public institution or one-half of the debt service on the CIF Bonds if the Institution is a private institution).

B. HEFT Grant Program

With respect to any Project that receives funding pursuant to the HEFT grant program, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 9A:15-1.3(b):

- the Board hereby certifies that the Institution has an up-to-date long-range facilities plan approved by the Board that includes provisions to address deferred maintenance and other capital renewal requirements and the Board hereby pledges to use the HEFT grant to advance that plan; and
- the Board commits to maintaining the facilities project funded by the HEFT grant; and
- the Board certifies that the Institution will use the HEFT grant funds for the cost, or a portion of the cost, of the construction, reconstruction, development, extension, or improvement of instructional, laboratory, communication, and research facilities.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is a declaration of the official intent of the Institution that the Institution reasonably expects and intends to reimburse expenditures for costs of the Projects paid prior to the issuance of the Authority's Tax-Exempt Bonds ("Applicable Tax-Exempt Debt") in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 and that the maximum principal amount of the Applicable Tax-Exempt Debt expected to be issued to finance costs of the Projects, including amounts used to reimburse expenditures for such costs paid prior to the issuance of the Applicable Tax-Exempt Debt is \$17,998,000.

SECTION 5. The Authorized Officers (as set forth in **Exhibit B** attached hereto) (each an "Authorized Officer") are each hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and desirable action to submit to the Secretary a Grant Application for the purpose of providing funding for the Projects, to approve, execute and deliver any and all agreements necessary, including but not limited to grant agreements, to undertake, implement and finance the Projects, and to approve, execute and deliver any and all other financing documents and instruments in the form approved by the Authorized Officers executing the same in the name of and on behalf of the Institution, in as many counterparts as may be necessary, and to affix or impress the official seal of the Institution thereon and to attest the same, and such execution and attestation will be conclusive evidence of the approval of the form and content of such agreements and other documents and instruments necessary to undertake, implement and finance the Projects and to pay financing costs including through the financing thereof. The Authorized Officers are further authorized and directed to do and perform such other acts and to take such other actions as may be necessary or required, or which may be deemed to be appropriate, to implement the purposes of this Resolution to undertake, implement and finance the Projects and to provide for the payment and/or repayment of the financing costs thereof.

SECTION 6. The Board hereby authorizes the Authorized Officers to accept grant funding for the Projects as may be awarded to the Institution as a result of participating in the Summer 2025 Cycle.

SECTION 7. All resolutions, orders and other actions of the Board in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution to the extent of such conflict are hereby superseded, repealed or revoked.

SECTION 8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately; and be it further resolved that no further approvals by the Board are necessary to implement this Resolution.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: September 10, 2025

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Description:

Stockton University identified three (3) priority deferred maintenance projects essential to replacing outdated systems and ensuring safe, efficient, and reliable campus operations within its core academic facilities:

1. **Roofing & Waterproofing System Replacement** – A multi-building roof replacement initiative to address drainage and waterproofing issues, improve interior environmental conditions, strengthen operational resilience, and enhance energy efficiency across critical academic facilities.
2. **Mechanical/Air Quality Ventilation Equipment Renovation** – Replacement of nine (9) 55-year-old boilers and related air quality equipment in critical academic facilities to ensure continuous heating, improve reliability and energy performance, comply with regulatory codes, and reduce long-term maintenance and operational risks.
3. **Campus Emergency Technology & Fire Alarm System Replacement** – Replacement of the 55-year-old fire alarm/life safety system in critical academic facilities. This project will modernize life-safety infrastructure, comply with regulatory codes, and integrate a new communications platform to support campus-wide emergency response.

B. Grant Request:

1. Roofing & Waterproofing System Replacement Project

Amount of CIF Grant Request	\$7,923,000
Amount of HEFT Grant Request	\$0
Total Amount of Grant Request	<u>\$7,923,000</u>

2. Mechanical/Air Quality Ventilation Equipment Renovation Project

Amount of CIF Grant Request	\$0
Amount of HEFT Grant Request	\$5,200,000
Total Amount of Grant Request	<u>\$5,200,000</u>

3. Campus Emergency Technology & Fire Alarm System Replacement Project

Amount of CIF Grant Request	\$4,875,000
Amount of HEFT Grant Request	\$0
Total Amount of Grant Request	<u>\$4,875,000</u>

C. Total Amount of Institutional Funds to be Provided (if any): \$0.00

D. Total Cost of Project: \$17,998,000

EXHIBIT B

AUTHORIZED OFFICERS OF STOCKTON UNIVERSITY

Dr. Joseph Bertolino, President

Jennifer M. Potter, Senior Vice President, Administration & Finance and Chief Financial Officer



TO: Joe Bertolino, President

FROM: Terricita Sass, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff

DATE: September 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Revise/Delete University Policy

I am requesting a revision of the following policy as recommended by policy administrators:

- I-3 Authorizations in Absence of the President
- II-3 Academic Calendar

I recommend that the Board of Trustees conduct a First Reading of the policy at the September 10, 2025, meeting, followed by approval of the recommendation for a Second Reading and a vote on the policies at the December 3, 2025, meeting of the Board.

<p>Policy I-3: Authorizations in Absence of the President Summary of Key Changes</p>
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The Policy has been updated as follows:

- Updated the Policy Administrator from the Executive Vice-President and Chief of Staff to the President
- Removed language regarding brief absences of the President;
- Updated authority in the absence of the President and in concurrent absence of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

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POLICY

Authorizations in Absence of the President

Policy Administrator: President
Authority: N.J.S.A. 18A: 64-6
Effective Date: January 30, 1975; February 16, 2011; May 5, 2021; TBD
Index Cross-References:
Policy File Number: I-3
Approved By: Board of Trustees

During extended absences of the President from the University, e.g., vacation, illness, out-of-state travel, etc., the President shall designate the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs as Acting President and shall so notify the Chair of the Board of Trustees. In the concurrent absence of both the President and the Provost, the Executive Vice President & Chief of Staff shall be so designated.

Review History:

	Date
Policy Administrator	07/24/2025
Divisional Executive	07/24/2025
General Counsel	07/28/2025
Senior Leadership Team	08/14/2025
President	08/15/2025
Board of Trustees	

<p>Policy II-3: Academic Calendar Summary of Key Changes</p>

The Policy has been updated as follows:

- Updated to include Winter Sessions.

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POLICY

Academic Calendar

Policy Administrator: University Registrar

Authority: N.J.S.A. 18A:64-6

Effective Date: January 17, 1977; February 16, 2011; May 3, 2023; TBD

Index Cross-References:

Policy File Number: II-3

Approved By: Board of Trustees

Principles of Developing an Academic Calendar

Stockton operates on a semester schedule that consists of a 15-week term. The fall term begins after September 1st and ends 15 weeks later. The spring term typically begins following the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday and ends in early May. The winter break occurs between the fall and spring terms. The winter term may occur as outlined on the established academic calendars. Spring break occurs midway in the spring term. The summer terms occur from mid-May to mid-August on varying schedules.

The Academic Calendar is published on the Stockton website. The calendar includes the beginning and ending dates of terms, drop/add dates, withdraw dates, select holidays, registration dates, and other related academic dates. In accordance with the American Federation of Teachers Master Agreement, the Academic Calendar is developed in consultation with necessary campus partners including but not limited to the Registrar, the Stockton Federation of Teachers (SFT) Union, Faculty Senate and Staff Senate, the academic schools, and the Academic Affairs Council and approved annually by the Board of Trustees. Stockton may make changes to the Academic Calendar after initial approval. Please always refer to the Stockton website for the most up-to-date version.

Review History:

	Date
Policy Administrator	02/04/2025
Faculty Senate	04/11/2025
AA Council	04/22/2025
AA Leadership	06/02/2025
Divisional Executive	06/26/2025
General Counsel	07/21/2025
Senior Leadership	08/14/2025
President	08/15/2025
Board of Trustees	

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF ACTION FOR UNIVERSITY POLICIES

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for establishing the policies of Stockton University; and

WHEREAS, the policies of the University continue to be reviewed by appropriate offices and individuals, with updates and revisions proposed as needed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development of policies of the University have been further reviewed utilizing input from interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the review of policies resulted in a recommendation to adopt the following updated policy on Second Reading:

- I-9.5 University Seal, Colors, and Mascot

The Board of Trustees previously completed a First Reading of this policy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the adoption of this policy as recommended on Second Reading.

September 10, 2025

<p>Policy I-9.5: University Seal, Colors, and Mascot Summary of Key Changes</p>

The Policy has been updated as follows:

- Clarified the symbolism of the official University colors;
- Streamlined the introductory language for clarity and brevity.

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POLICY

University Seal, Colors, and Mascot

Policy Administrator: Office of the President

Authority: N.J.S.A. 18A:64-6a

Effective Date: December 10, 2003; February 16, 2011; February 18, 2015; May 5, 2021; TBD

Index Cross-References:

Policy File Number: I-9.5

Approved By: Board of Trustees

- I. The Board of Trustees is authorized by state law to adopt and use a corporate seal.
- II. On February 18, 2015, the Board of Trustees authorized the adoption of the current Stockton University Corporate Seal.
- III. The Corporate Seal containing the University's official colors and mascot is attached to this Policy.

Review History:

	Date
Policy Administrator	05/02/2025
Divisional Executive	05/02/2025
General Counsel	06/11/2025
Senior Leadership	06/30/2025
President	07/02/2025
Board of Trustees	

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY SEAL, COLORS, and MASCOT



LOGO:

The original logo of Stockton State College as approved by the first Board of Trustees. The ribbon highlights the year in which the college was established.



RAMPANT LION:

The Rampant Lion represents courage and strength.



BOOK AND CANDLE:

The Book and Candle is a symbol of the enlightenment to be gained through lifelong learning.



TREE:

The Tree represents the Pinelands locale of Stockton's campus.



MASCOT:

Stockton's official mascot is the Osprey. The Osprey is native to our region and was saved from extinction through the efforts of Stockton faculty.



UNIVERSITY COLORS:

Stockton University's official colors are black and white, reflecting the institution's original identity. Over time, blue and yellow have been adopted as prominent complementary colors in the University's visual expression.

- **Black** symbolizes discipline, power, sophistication, and confidence.
- **White** represents new beginnings, completeness, and efficiency.
- **Blue** conveys trust, reliability, confidence, and perseverance, and has become a defining element in Stockton's brand presence.
- **Yellow** signifies enthusiasm, creativity, illumination, and fun.

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY

Board of Trustees

September 10, 2025

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accepts and approves the following recommendations concerning personnel actions, subject to and contingent on the appropriation of funds by the State of New Jersey and receipt by the University