

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
Cranford, New Jersey

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Meeting
January 25, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Victor M. Richel, Chair, at 7:39 p.m. via remote access and in person in the Executive Education Center, Cranford Campus. The following were in attendance:

TRUSTEES

Mr. Richel; Lawrence D. Bashe; Rafael J. Betancourt, Esq.; George A. Castro, II; Daryl Palmieri; Dr. Kamran Tasharofi; Mary M. Zimmermann; Noura Elgazar; Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin, President.

GOVERNORS

Melinda Ayala; Nancy J. Benz; Brian Campbell; Tamecka Dixon; Stephen F. Hehl, Esq.; Donna M. Herran; Gary S. Horan; Jeffrey H. Katz, Esq.; J. Anthony Manger, Esq.; Carl J. Napor; Francis Raudelunas; Allan L. Weisberg; Hugh C. Welsh.

ALSO PRESENT

Denise Collins; Dr. Demond T. Hargrove, Vice President of Student Development; Michael M. Horn, Esq., McCarter English; Dr. Maris A. Lown, Vice President Academic Affairs; Dr. Bernard Polnariev, Vice President of Administrative Services; Dr. Jaime M. Segal; Dr. Lori Wilkin, Vice President of Finance & Operations.

A quorum of the Board of Trustees was present.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

Completed.

MINUTES

On motion duly made by Mr. Connolly and seconded by Mrs. Zimmermann, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of November 9, 2021, were approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Completed.

REPORTS OF JOINT TRUSTEES AND GOVERNORS' COMMITTEES

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Zimmermann reported to the Board that at the Educational Planning and Policy meeting held earlier that Dr. Lown and Dr. Hargrove provided highlights of the mid-year report for the Student Success Plan, and for Assessment, Planning and Research Dr. Ziner presented Academic

Program Reviews for Spring 2021. She reported that as of January 5, 2022, enrollment for Winter ended at +26.3. Spring enrollment is -2.3%

Mrs. Zimmermann submitted the following Resolutions for approval:

Resolution E022-005 - Faculty Personnel Action

RESOLVED, that the following faculty personnel action recommended by the President be approved:

Retirement:

Josaine Royster, Associate Librarian, Academic Affairs, effective December 31, 2021.

Sabbatical:

Dr. Carol Biederstadt, Associate Professor, English, Humanities, effective September 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

On motion duly made by Mrs. Zimmermann, seconded by Dr. Tasharofi and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Resolution for adoption.

Resolution E022-006 - Staff Personnel Actions

RESOLVED, that the following personnel actions recommended by the President be approved:

Staff Appointments:

Salvatore Disalvio, Intercampus Shuttle Van Driver, Finance and Operations, effective December 6, 2021, \$36,360 per annum.

Stephanie Robinson, Student Services Specialist, Student Development, effective December 6, 2021, \$52,000 per annum.

Tevin Stokes, Student Services Generalist, Student Development, effective December 6, 2021, \$44,000 per annum.

Dr. Andrew Ziner, Executive Director of Institutional Research, Administrative Services, effective December 6, 2021, \$115,000 per annum.

Darnell Willis, Public Safety Officer, Finance and Operations, effective December 20, 2021, \$32,728 per annum.

Richard Baldassarre, Maintenance Mechanic, Finance and Operations, effective January 3, 2022, \$38,000 per annum.

Elylisa Baldwin, Student Services Generalist, Student Development, effective January 3, 2022, \$44,000 per annum.

Emma Laffey, Student Services Specialist/Social Worker, Student Development, effective January 3, 2022, \$53,000 per annum.

Pamela Ramos, Purchasing Department Assistant, Finance and Operations, effective January 3, 2022, \$47,000 per annum.

Jean Valencia, Student Services Generalist, Student Development, effective January 3, 2022, \$44,000 per annum.

Dr. Marcus Babaoye, Assistant Director of Institutional Research, Administrative Services, effective January 18, 2022, \$100,000 per annum.

Jaclyn Sagona, Student Services Generalist, Student Development, effective January 18, 2022, \$44,000 per annum.

Staff Promotions/Reclassifications/Reinstatements:

Christopher Sapara-Grant, Director of Facilities from Associate Director of Maintenance and Facilities, Finance and Operations, effective December 16, 2021, \$119,000 per annum.

Bethann Sutherland, Manager of Help Desk Services from Help Desk Coordinator, Finance and Operations, effective January 3, 2022, \$75,195 per annum.

Heather Keith, Dean of Student Success from Interim Dean of Student Success, Student Development, effective February 1, 2022, \$111,513 per annum.

Staff Employment Separations:

David Piro, Public Safety Officer, Finance and Operations, effective December 10, 2021.

Paul Belmonte, Student Services Specialist, Student Development, effective December 31, 2021.

Jerry Willis, Custodian, Finance and Operations, effective December 31, 2021.

Alonia Joyner, Public Safety Officer, Finance and Operations, effective January 6, 2022.

Andre Richards, Public Safety Officer, Finance and Operations, effective January 7, 2022.

Marieanne Angulo, Director of Instructional Design, Administrative Services, effective January 14, 2022.

Nicole Paternoster, Educational Support Coordinator, Academic Affairs, effective January 14, 2022.

Wanda Wright Smith, Associate Registrar, Student Development, effective January 20, 2022.

Dr. Marcus Babaoye, Assistant Director of Institutional Research, Administrative Services, effective January 21, 2022.

On motion duly made by Mrs. Zimmermann, seconded by Mr. Betancourt and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Resolution for adoption.

SAFETY REPORT

Dr. McMenamin stated that in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:3B-71 requiring reporting of campus crimes and fire incidents for the period from November 19, 2021 through January 5, 2022, Public Safety advised that there were no incidents to report.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Bashe reviewed the Investment Report and reported that all investments are found to be in order and are within acceptable norms.

Financial Report:

Mr. Bashe reviewed the Financial Report and stated revenue is down approximately 2.0% due to enrollment decrease. He reported that the College has experienced an increase in State funding of \$1.4 million due to appropriations returning to normal funding levels, and the net increase in other income is directly related to parking fees and the return to campus. Mr. Bashe stated that the net decrease in total expenses year over year is a result of reduction in personnel offset by an increase in other expenses related to the return to campus.

Current Estimate Report:

Mr. Bashe reviewed the Current Estimate Report and stated that at this time, a transfer to Unrestricted Net Position of \$4.6 million is anticipated for fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

Mr. Bashe presented the following Resolutions for approval:

Resolution F022-025 – Cooperative Purchasing System Participation

WHEREAS, the College desires to participate in cooperative purchasing system to reduce costs and improve efficiency, and

WHEREAS, the County College Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-25.10 provides authority for joint purchasing by county colleges, municipalities or counties ...or with other units of government pursuant to the “Local Public Contracts Law,” P.L. 1971, c.198 (C.40AL:11-1 et seq.), and

WHEREAS, the College desires participation with the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) at no cost, having no requirements for minimum or maximum purchase limitations, and with no expiration date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Union County College approve membership and participation in the listed cooperative purchasing systems.

On motion duly made by Mr. Bashe, seconded by Mr. Betancourt and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Resolution for adoption.

Contracts Exempt from Competitive Bidding

Resolution F022-026 - 2022 Ford Explorer Limited Hybrid AWD

WHEREAS, a vehicle is needed by the President of the College to travel and support the mission of the College, and

WHEREAS, the County College Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-25.9.a. provides for an exception to the requirement of advertising for purchases through a state agency, and

WHEREAS, Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc, Milford, DE submitted a proposal under New Jersey State Contract 209-Fleet-01387(T2007) for a 2022 Ford Explorer Limited Hybrid AWD for a cost not to exceed \$46,951, and

WHEREAS, the trade-in value of the President's 2015 Toyota Highlander is \$14,000 but with a delivery date for the new vehicle tentatively scheduled for June 2022, the trade-in value might be lowered but will be applied to the initial proposal cost of \$46,951, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. et seq. provides that when the values of all contracts to a single vendor exceeds \$17,500 in the aggregate, that vendor is subject to the Pay-to-Play Law, and

WHEREAS, the Vice President of Finance and Operations has determined that the total contract award will exceed \$17,500, and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey utilized competitive bidding for the awards of their contracts to Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc, Milford, DE and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. et seq., provides that contracts arrived at through an open and fair process are exempt from the Pay-to-Play law, thereby releasing Union County College from the requirement to obtain such documentation, and

WHEREAS, a Certification of Funds availability has been filed by the Vice President of Finance and Operations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Union County College award a contract to Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc, Milford, DE for a 2022 Ford Explorer Limited Hybrid AWD in an amount not to exceed in total \$46,951, also a trade-in value for the 2015 Toyota Highlander will be deducted upon receiving a confirm delivery date for the new vehicle.

Resolution F022-027 - Fire Sprinkler Systems Inspection, Maintenance, and Remediation

WHEREAS, the College requires inspection, maintenance and remediation of College-wide fire sprinkler systems to provide for campus safety, in support of the mission of the College, and

WHEREAS, the County College Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-25.9.a. provides an exception to the requirement of advertising for bids when there is a State Contract for the product or service, and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2021, the Board of Trustees awarded a contract to Tyco Fire & Security (US) Management, Inc., DBA Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, Boca Raton, FL to provide fire systems maintenance and repairs for a total cost not to exceed \$67,156 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and

WHEREAS, Tyco Fire & Security (US) Management, Inc., DBA Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, Boca Raton, FL, a State Contract vendor, has submitted a proposal utilizing contract #83717 to provide the required five (5) year cycle fire sprinkler inspection, maintenance, and remediation, for all campuses in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. et seq. provides that when the values of all contracts to a single vendor exceed \$17,500 in the aggregate, that vendor is subject to the Pay-to-Play Law, and

WHEREAS, the Vice President of Finance and Operations has determined that the total contract award will exceed \$17,500, and

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Contract vendors are subject to the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4 and are required to maintain Business Entity Disclosure and Political Contribution Disclosure Certifications with the State of New Jersey, thereby releasing Union County College from the requirement to obtain such documentation, and

WHEREAS, a Certification of Funds availability has been filed by the Vice President of Finance and Operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Union County College award a contract to Tyco Fire & Security (US) Management, Inc., DBA Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP, Boca Raton, FL for a five (5) year cycle fire sprinkler inspection, maintenance and remediation at a cost not to exceed \$35,000 for a total award not to exceed \$102,156 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Resolution F022-028 - Replacement and Installation of Heat Exchanger and Boiler Repairs – Nomahegan Building, Cranford Campus

WHEREAS, there is an emergent need to replace the heat exchanger and repair the boiler to ensure heat in the Nomahegan Building at the Cranford Campus, in support of the mission of the College, and

WHEREAS, County College Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-25.6. provides that any purchase, contract, or agreement may be made, negotiated, or awarded without public advertising when an emergency affecting the health, safety, or welfare of occupants of college property requires the immediate performance of work, and

WHEREAS, Industrial Combustion Associates, Inc, Garfield, NJ previously provided preventative maintenance services at a cost of \$ 4,175 for boilers in the Nomahegan Building at the Cranford Campus which was under the threshold of \$17,500 and did not require Board of Trustees approval, and

WHEREAS, Industrial Combustion Associates, Inc, Garfield, NJ has provided proposals for emergent replacement and installation of the heat exchanger, and boiler repairs at a cost of \$18,000 and \$2,000 respectively, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. et seq. provides that when the values of all contracts to a single vendor exceeds \$17,500 in the aggregate, that vendor is subject to the Pay-to-Play Law, and

WHEREAS, the Vice President of Finance and Operations has determined that the total contract award will exceed \$17,500, and

WHEREAS, Industrial Combustion Associates, Inc, Garfield, NJ has completed and submitted Business Entity Disclosure and Political Contribution Disclosure Certifications, certifying that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the one year before their contract award, and that they will be prohibited from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, a Certification of Funds availability has been filed by the Vice President of Finance and Operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Union County College award a contract to Industrial Combustion Associates, Inc, Garfield, NJ for emergent replacement and installation of the heat exchanger and boiler repairs in the Nomahegan Building at the Cranford Campus for a cost not to exceed \$20,000 for a total award not to exceed \$24,175 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Resolution F022-029 - Professional Government Relations Services

WHEREAS, the College requires professional government relations services for general intergovernmental support, strategic advice on capital projects, public outreach, promoting the College and its interests, building coalitions, and to attend any event necessary to promote the interests of the College to achieve its mission, and

WHEREAS, the College solicited Request for Proposals (“RFPs”) on the college vendor opportunities web page on December 23, 2021, as well as, advertised in the Newark Star-Ledger in a fair and open solicitation and distributed the RFP to ten (10) firms and one (1) firm provided a response, and

WHEREAS, Keyword Strategy, LLC, Berkeley Heights, NJ was the only qualified respondent that submitted a responsive and responsible proposal to provide professional government relations services for two (2) years at a monthly fee of \$3,250 from February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, a Certification of Funds availability has been filed by the Vice President of Finance and Operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Union County College award a contract to Keyword Strategy, LLC, Berkeley Heights, NJ for government relations services for a total contract award not to exceed \$78,000 for the period February 1, 2021 - January 31, 2023.

Resolution F022-030 - Exterior LED Signage Repair - Lessner Building, Elizabeth Campus

WHEREAS, there is a need to repair the exterior LED signage on the Lessner Building at the Elizabeth Campus, in support of the mission of the College, and

WHEREAS, County College Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-25.5.a.(9) provides that any equipment repair service, if in an extraordinary unspecifiable service and necessary parts furnish in connection with such services may be made, negotiated, or awarded without public advertising, and

WHEREAS, B4Inc Inc., DBA Yesco Sign and Lighting Services, Burlington, NJ performed the initial site survey for the signage at a cost of \$750 which was under the threshold of \$17,500 and did not require Board of Trustee approval, and

WHEREAS, B4Inc Inc., DBA Yesco Sign and Lighting Services, Burlington, NJ has provided a proposal for exterior LED signage repair for the Lessner Building at the Elizabeth Campus at \$19,650, and

WHEREAS, three (3) additional vendors were contacted to see if they would be able to perform the repair services and all three companies could not offer a quote as they could not perform the complete repair services needed, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. et seq. provides that when the values of all contracts to a single vendor exceeds \$17,500 in the aggregate, that vendor is subject to the Pay-to-Play Law, and

WHEREAS, the Vice President of Finance and Operations has determined that the total contract award will exceed \$17,500, and

WHEREAS, B4Inc Inc., DBA Yesco Sign and Lighting Services, Burlington, NJ has completed and submitted Business Entity Disclosure and Political Contribution Disclosure Certifications, certifying that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the one year prior to their contract award, and that they will be prohibited from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, a Certification of Funds availability has been filed by the Vice President of Finance and Operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Union County College award a contract to B4Inc Inc., DBA Yesco Sign and Lighting Services, Burlington, NJ for exterior LED signage repair at a cost not to exceed \$19,650 for a total award not to exceed \$20,400, for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Resolution F022-031 - Temporary On-Call Custodial Staffing Services - Cranford Campus

WHEREAS, the College has a need for temporary on-call custodial staffing due to the number of staff vacancies for custodial shifts and effectuation of enhanced cleaning efforts, especially considering protocols for COVID-19, in support of the mission of the College, and

WHEREAS, the County College Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-25.5.a.(20) provides for an exception to the requirement of advertising for bids for personnel recruitment and advertising, and

WHEREAS, Prep Boyz LLC, Elizabeth, NJ provided temporary custodial staffing services at a cost of \$12,800 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, which was under the threshold of \$17,500 and did not require Board of Trustee approval, and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2021, the Board of Trustees awarded a contract to Prep Boyz LLC, Elizabeth, NJ to provide seven (7) temporary on-call custodial personnel at a rate of \$25.00 an hour, for a total cost not to exceed \$50,400 for services through January 28, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Prep Boyz LLC, Elizabeth, NJ submitted an additional proposal to provide four (4) temporary custodial personnel, Monday through Thursday, at rate of \$25.00 per hour, for a total cost not to exceed \$80,000 for services through June 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. et seq. provides that when the values of all contracts to a single vendor exceeds \$17,500 in the aggregate, that vendor is subject to the Pay-to-Play Law, and

WHEREAS, the Vice President of Finance and Operations has determined that the total contract award will exceed \$17,500, and

WHEREAS, Prep Boyz LLC, Elizabeth, NJ has completed and submitted Business Entity Disclosure and Political Contribution Disclosure Certifications, certifying that they have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the one year prior to their contract award, and they will be prohibited from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, a Certification of Funds availability has been filed by the Vice President of Finance and Operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Union County College award a contract to Prep Boyz LLC, Elizabeth, NJ to provide temporary on-call custodial staffing at a cost not to exceed \$80,000 to cover vacancies in custodial staffing and for enhanced cleaning efforts for a total award not to exceed \$143,200 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Resolution F022-032 - Cloud Managed Smart Security Cameras and UPS Battery Back-up

WHEREAS, there exists a need for cloud managed smart security cameras to enable the College to access security footage from a remote environment via automatic cloud proxy and for uninterruptable power supply (UPS) battery back-up to support network infrastructure upgrades on all campuses, in support of the mission of the College, and

WHEREAS, the County College Contracts Law, N.J.S.A.18A:64A-25.5.a.(19) provides for an exception to the requirement of advertising for bids in the provision of goods or services for the use, support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware, software peripherals and system development for the hardware, and

WHEREAS, the County College Contracts Law, N.J.S.A.18A:64A-25.11a.(b) provides for awarding contracts without public competitive bids when there is a nationally recognized and accepted cooperative agreement that has been publicly bid for the product or service, and

WHEREAS, the College has received Federal and State grant awards to cover costs associated with the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus and this purchase has been identified as a cost that is reimbursable under such funding, and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2021 the Board of Trustees awarded a contract to Aspire Technology Partners, LLC, Eatontown, NJ to provide voice and data, software maintenance renewal and support for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for a total cost not to exceed \$323,815, and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2021, the Board of Trustees awarded a contract to Aspire Technology Partners, LLC, Eatontown, NJ to provide specialized hardware, installation, licensing, and support for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for sixty (60) video enabled classrooms and public spaces, including but not limited to the Roy Smith Theater and the Richel Commons, and to provide fifty (50) licenses over a five-year (5) period for software that will automate call history from the VoIP system, for a total cost not to exceed \$2,604,134, and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2021, the Board of Trustees awarded a contract to Aspire Technology Partners, LLC, Eatontown, NJ to provide core network infrastructure upgrades and an additional sixty (60) video enabled classrooms and support for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for a total cost not to exceed \$5,821,244, and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2021, the Board of Trustees awarded a contract to Aspire Technology Partners, LLC, Eatontown, NJ to provide wi-fi access points installation on all campuses and support for a total cost not to exceed \$147,700, and

WHEREAS, Aspire Technology Partners, LLC, Eatontown, NJ has submitted a proposal under National Joint Purchasing Alliance (NJPA) (Sourcewell) contract #AR3227, subsection 21-TELE-01506 to provide cloud managed smart security cameras on all campuses for \$2,000,000, and

WHEREAS, Aspire Technology Partners, LLC, Eatontown, NJ has also submitted a proposal under National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) contract #01-97 to provide UPS battery back-up to support network infrastructure upgrades for \$383,660, for a total cost not to exceed \$2,383,660, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. et seq. provides that when the values of all contracts to a single vendor exceeds \$17,500 in the aggregate, that vendor is subject to the Pay-to-Play Law, and

WHEREAS, the Vice President of Finance and Operations has determined that the total contract award will exceed \$17,500, and

WHEREAS, NJPA and NCPA utilized competitive bidding for the award of the contracts to Aspire Technology Partners, LLC, Eatontown, NJ and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4. et seq., provides that contracts arrived at through an open and fair process are exempt from the Play-to-Play law, thereby releasing Union County College from the requirement to obtain such documentation, and

WHEREAS, a Certification of Funds availability has been filed by the Vice President of Finance and Operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Union County College award contracts to Aspire Technology Partners, LLC, Eatontown, NJ for cloud managed smart security cameras and UPS battery back-up on all campuses to support network infrastructure upgrades at a cost not to exceed \$2,383,660 for a total award not to exceed \$11,280,493 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

On motion duly made by Mr. Bashe, seconded by Mr. Castro and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Resolutions F022-026 through F022-032 for adoption.

Surplus

Resolution F022-033 - Surplus Disposal

WHEREAS, the County College Contracts Law, N.J.S.A.18A:64A-25.27 provides for the disposal of surplus personal property no longer needed for College purposes, and

WHEREAS, the College has determined that the attached list of items should be declared surplus, obsolete and unusable property (Exhibit I), and

WHEREAS, the total fair value of the property (Exhibit I) is approximately \$186.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Union County College declares surplus, obsolete, unusable, and not needed for College purposes the property listed in Exhibit I, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that College officials be authorized to dispose of the surplus, obsolete, unusable property listed in Exhibit I in accordance with the County College Contracts Law and the Union County College Purchasing Policies

On motion duly made by Mr. Bashe, seconded by Mr. Castro and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Resolution for adoption.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Mr. Katz reported that there were no changes to the Project Prioritization List.

Kellogg Recovery Status:

Mr. Katz reported to the Board an update of the recovery of the Kellogg Building as a result of Hurricane Ida. He stated that temporary power has been restored to the building, the furnaces are being evaluated, and the removal of the concrete slab is pending.

Cell Tower Update:

Mr. Katz stated that there was no update to report.

Mr. Katz submitted the following Resolution for approval:

Resolution B022-001 - Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act Funding Acceptance

WHEREAS, Union County College is committed to the aggressive pursuit of grant funding from public and private sources to enhance College-wide programs and services, and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2018, the voters in the State of New Jersey approved the issuance of a \$500 million general obligation bond to implement the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act which authorizes funding for county vocational school district career and technical education (CTE) grants and school security project grants to schools, school district water infrastructure improvement grants and community college career and technical education (CTE) grants, and

WHEREAS, funds from the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act will provide New Jersey county colleges with financial resources to increase their capacity to offer career and technical education (CTE) programs. These funds will provide county colleges with matching grants to construct and/or expand classrooms, laboratories, libraries, computer facilities, and other academic structures to increase career and technical (CTE) program capacity, which will provide direct benefits to students. Through this provision of the Bond Act, the proposed rules will advance important State goals, including the promotion of industry clusters, increasing growth in employment opportunities, and expanding access to opportunities for all New Jersey residents, and

WHEREAS, Union County College requested authorization from the Board of Trustees of Union County College to apply for funds from the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act through the State of New Jersey, Office of the Secretary of Higher Education to undertake a comprehensive renovation of approximately 6,800 square feet of classrooms and ancillary spaces to support expansion and enhancement of the College's engineering, technology and architecture programs and related career and technical education (CTE) programs on the Elizabeth Campus where approximately 1,000 students annually will benefit from taking courses in this newly proposed "Engineering Hub", and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2021, the Board of Trustees of Union County College authorized the College to apply for funds through the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act for the Elizabeth Campus, Lessner Building, Engineering Hub ("Project") and authorized the undertaking, implementation and financing of the Project for the aggregate costs of the Project paid and or financed through all sources in an amount not to exceed \$5,333,333 (\$4,000,000 grant plus \$1,333,333 match (25% of total project), and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2021, the State of New Jersey, Office of the Secretary of Higher Education notified Union County College of its award through the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act in the amount of \$2,650,500 with a match of not less than 25% with respect to the Elizabeth Campus, Lessner Building, Engineering Hub;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Union County College accepts \$2,650,500 in funding for the Elizabeth Campus, Lessner Building, Engineering Hub from the State of New Jersey, Office of the Secretary of Higher Education through the Building Our Children's Future Bond Act.

On motion duly made by Mr. Betancourt, seconded by Dr. Tasharofi and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Resolution for adoption.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

No one addressed the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On motion duly made by Dr. Tasharofi, seconded by Mrs. Zimmermann and unanimously carried, the Board ratified all actions taken at the Joint Board of Governors and Trustees that immediately preceded this Trustees Meeting, and that the Minutes of the Joint Meeting shall be appended to and made part of these Trustees Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Completed

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Betancourt read the following Resolution:

Resolution PT022-001 - Resolution Authorizing a Closed Session of the Board of Trustees of Union County College

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Union County College are subject to New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act generally requires that all meetings of public bodies be open to the public but that the public may be excluded from a portion of a meeting at which items requiring confidentiality are to be discussed as enumerated in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Union County College, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act that:

1. The Board of Trustees of Union County College shall hold a closed meeting on January 25, 2022 from which the public shall be excluded.
2. The Executive Session will convene at approximately 8:00 p.m. and is expected to last until approximately 8:20 p.m.
3. The Board of Governors is invited to attend this meeting.
4. The general nature of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting involve matters concerning contract negotiation and personnel matter the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.
5. The Minutes of said closed meeting shall be made available for disclosure to the public consistent with N.J.S.A.10:4-14, when the item which is the subject of the closed session is resolved and a reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

On motion duly made by Mr. Betancourt, seconded by Dr. Tasharofi and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Resolution for adoption at 7:55 p.m. The meeting went into Executive Session and the meeting resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business on the agenda, a motion for adjournment was made by Mrs. Zimmermann and seconded by Dr. Tasharofi at 8:13 p.m.