

**SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Minutes of the Monday, November 16, 2020  
Virtual WEBEX PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Public Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bergen Community College was held on Monday, **November 16, 2020**, as a Virtual WebEx Teleconference Meeting. Chairwoman Dorothy Blakeslee called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. and the following announcement was made:

The Bergen Community College Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for today Monday, November 16, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. will take place remotely. No physical meeting will take place. Rather, as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will take place electronically through WebEx.

Instructions for the public to participate have been posted on the homepage of the Bergen Community College website, an email was distributed to all BCC personnel. Additionally, information was uploaded to the electronic sign as you enter the Paramus Campus.

All members of the public, whether accessing via the web or telephone, will have the opportunity to offer comments during the public comment portion of the meeting.

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Thank you.

Bergen Community College  
Notice of Special Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the Board of Trustees of Bergen Community College will hold a special meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020 commencing at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held remotely via WebEx.

The purpose of the meeting is to interview the final four (4) candidates to determine the appointment of a new President. The interviews will be held in closed session pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.(8), Personnel. Upon opening the meeting at 8:30 a.m., the Board will immediately enter closed session. It is anticipated that the Board will return to open session at 6:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter. Upon return to open session, formal action may be taken.

Members of the public will be able to access the public portion of the meeting, via video and audio or telephonically, and provide public comment. Instructions for accessing the meeting will be posted on the Bergen Community College website at [www.bergen.edu](http://www.bergen.edu) prior to the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Present

Mr. Joseph Barreto

Mrs. Dorothy Blakeslee

Mr. Gerard L. Carroll

Mr. Louis DeLisio

Mr. Patrick J. Fletcher

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Mrs. Krista Flinn  
Mr. Mark Longo  
Mrs. Ritzy Moralez-Diaz  
Mr. Stephen F. Pellino, Esq.  
Dr. Sheetal Ranjan  
Mr. Adam Silverstein

Regrets

Mr. Robert Krasowski

Also Present

Dr. Anthony Ross, Interim President  
Mrs. Judy Verrone, Esq., DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole and Giblin, L.L.P.  
Mrs. Arlene Q. Perez, Esq., DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole and Giblin, L.L.P.  
Mr. Joseph DeCotiis, Esq., DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole and Giblin, L.L.P.  
Mr. Joseph DeCotiis, III Esq., DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole and Giblin, L.L.P.  
Mr. Tyler Beebe, Managing Director of Systems Integration/Information Technology Services  
Mr. Timothy Burger, Technical Director, Information Technology Services

Executive Session

At 8:40 a.m., Chairwoman Blakeslee requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel Presidential Search finalists.

On behalf of Chairwoman Blakeslee, "Pursuant to section 12b of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the following matters will be discussed by the Board in closed session regarding personnel interviews of the Presidential Search finalists. The discussion will become public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists."

A motion was made by Treasurer Barreto and seconded by Trustee Moralez-Diaz.

All trustees were in favor. Motion passed.

Upon conclusion of the executive session the board will reconvene and anticipate returning to the public session approximately 6:00 p.m. Formal action may be taken at that time.

At 6:05 p.m. Chairwoman Blakeslee requested a motion to return to open session. A motion was made by Treasurer Barreto and seconded by Trustee Moralez-Diaz.

Mrs. Judy Verrone, Esq., DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole and Giblin, L.L.P. read resolution Institutional 1.

**Resolution Institutional 1**

**Approval Date – November 16, 2020**

Authorize appointment of the New President of Bergen Community College subject to approval and Execution of an Employment Contract.

**Action Requested**

Authorize the Appointment of Dr. Eric Friedman as College President commencing on or about January 1, 2021, subject to finalization of negotiations of an employment agreement to be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval at its next regular meeting.

**Justification**

Appointment of the President of Bergen Community College in accordance with the culmination of the presidential search process.

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A motion was made by Treasurer Barreto for approval of Institutional 1 and seconded by Trustee Ranjan.

**Roll Call Vote for approval of resolution Institutional 1 dated November 16, 2020.**

Mr. Joseph A. Barreto - Yes  
Ms. Dorothy Blakeslee - Yes  
Mr. Gerard L. Carroll – Yes  
Mr. Louis DeLisio – Yes  
Mr. Patrick J. Fletcher - Yes  
Mrs. Krista J. Flinn – Yes  
Mr. Mark Longo – Yes  
Mrs. Ritzy Morales-Diaz – Yes  
Mr. Stephen F. Pellino, Esq. - Yes  
Dr. Sheetal Ranjan – Yes  
Mr. Adam Silverstein – Yes  
Mr. Robert Krasowski - Absent

Votes – 11 – Yes and 1 Absent.

Motion passed for approval of resolution Institutional 1.

**UNFINISHED/BOARD MEMBERS**

No member of the board raised any unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS/BOARD MEMBERS**

No member of the board raised any new business.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

No comments from the public.

Chairwoman Blakeslee asked for a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Morales Diaz and seconded by Treasurer Barreto.

As no further business was brought before the Board of Trustees, Chairwoman Blakeslee asked for a motion to adjourn the board meeting.

Treasurer Barreto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Longo.

All trustees were in favor.

The board meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Thank you,

Trustee Gerard L. Carroll, Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Bergen Community College