

BOARD MINUTES

At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 4:00pm in Room 614 on the College campus, 4400 Rte. 23 Hudson, New York, the following matters were submitted for consideration and action:

Attendance:

Trustees in person: Ed Bloomer, Mackenzie Campbell, Doreen Davis, Joe Giovannelli, Kelly Konsul, Charles Millar

Trustees by video: Ned Schneier

Excused Absent: Peter O'Hara, Susan Timan

Others: Daryl Blanks, Mel Bruschetti, Racheal Chubb, Terrie King, Dr. Bryant Morgan, Wendy Oberdick, Joel Phelps, Caitlin Twomey, Dr. Victoria Walsh

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:14pm

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Introduction of Guests

5. Chair's Report – Trustee Davis

Trustee Davis and Dr. Walsh will be attending the ACCT Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. organized by SUNY and the NYCCT Lobby Day in Albany, NY. Drew Ledoux, Dr. Walsh, and Trustee Davis attended the Governor's State of the State. The Personnel Committee convened in December 2025 with Trustees Timan, Giovannelli, Davis, Bloomer, and Millar comprising the committee. Trustee Timan will provide an update at the February meeting, but it is important to know that we are going to contract with the SUNY System for the next 6 months. An HR professional will be on campus two days weekly to allow the College time to make progress on the improvement plan.

6. President's Report – Dr. Victoria Walsh

Welcome Dr. Bryant Morgan as Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance. Dr. Morgan began working at the College on January 15. He is working with Bill Reuter and Josh Sager to oversee and direct the College's financial processes. The state budget was reviewed in the State of the State and the SUNY President's meeting with Chancellor King. The budget is tight, but there is continued support for higher education. We continue to advocate for additional support to community colleges, not just raising funding flow, but increasing support to the prison education program and restoring high needs funding related to nursing and mental health support. On January 8, the College hosted Chancellor John King and Senator Hinchey for a very successful meeting. This was the Chancellor's first Reconnect tour of spring. Dr. Nikki Childrose has been invited by SUNY to be one of the first academic momentum fellows. In the address to the College faculty and staff at the start of the spring semester, Dr. Walsh reiterated the importance of fiscal sustainability, managing expenses, and building a solid revenue portfolio into the future. We know we must strengthen the Finance and HR functions, but we must build revenue at the same time.

7. Trustees' Reports

Student Success and Academic Affairs – Trustee Giovannelli

The committee held a workshop on January 12, the second workshop of the academic year. Final fall enrollment numbers are included in the packet. A preliminary conversation was held about spring. Registration was ongoing at the time of the workshop. The Hudson Correction Facility is a new location for the College. We have enrolled 17 students in the program. The addition of that site will require a vote. Dr. Madry-Taylor updated the committee about the conversation she had with Automotive Technology. It was discussed as a case study of the kind of program reviews we will do within that committee. It is the first program that will be placed on a development plan with a goal toward improving student retention and satisfaction numbers, which have been consistently low.

Finance Committee update on VPAF Search – Trustee Konsul, Rachel Chubb, Drew Ledoux

The committee has been established for this search. One meeting was held with the search firm. The dates and timeline have been established, and the position is



posted. Applications are being accepted with the deadline for application extended to February 16. Listening sessions have been held with the search firm. Finalist onsite interviews should take place between March 30 and April 6. Questions about the timeline were asked and answered.

Student Report – Trustee Campbell

With the spring semester having just begun, there is little activity to report. Student leaders are gathering thoughts and setting goals for the semester. The first student senate meeting was held today. The coaches vs. Cancer game went well. Many people came by and raised money for the College.

8. Vice Presidents' Report

Vice President of Administration and Finance / CFO – Dr. Morgan

A review has begun of the financial position of the College, where it stands, and how it ended the past fiscal year. High on the to-do list is to hold a meeting with the auditors to complete the 2025 audit as expeditiously as possible. Work is being done to become acquainted with the tools and resources available and necessary for the work that goes on, the technology and applications used for accounting purposes. Will engage temporary personnel to help address backlogs that have developed.

Vice President of Student Success – Joel Phelps

A comprehensive presentation on Academic Momentum was given. The deadline to finalize with SUNY is February 5. Questions were invited and answered. The College has 18 months to meet the SUNY targets, but all strategies must be active for the fall semester of 2026 in order to accomplish this.

9. Request for Approval of Agenda

Motion: Trustee Millar

Seconded: Trustee Bloomer

In Favor: 6

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The motion is accepted

10. Request for Approval of the Items in the Consent Agenda

Motion: Trustee Konsul

Seconded: Trustee Giovannelli

In Favor: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
The motion is accepted

Resolution No. 0126-2326 – To Establish Hudson Correctional Facility as an Additional Location under Columbia-Greene's scope of accreditation and to Launch a Prison Education Program.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College must approve all locations and programs to be offered at this institution, and

WHEREAS, the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees has examined and approved the proposed prison education program for Hudson Correctional Facility;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Columbia-Greene Community College approves the establishment of Hudson Correctional Facility as an additional location under Columbia-Greene Community College's scope of accreditation and the launch of a prison education program for submission to SUNY and the New York State Education Department.

Motion: Trustee Konsul **Seconded:** Trustee Giovannelli
In Favor: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
The motion is accepted

11. Announcement of the Monthly February 2026 Meeting

Monday, February 23, 2026, at 3:30 pm

12. Public Comment

13. Executive Session

To discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion to enter executive session at 5:08 pm

Motion: Trustee Konsul **Seconded:** Trustee Bloomer
In Favor: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0



The motion is accepted

Motion to exit executive session

Motion: Trustee O’Hara

Seconded: Trustee Bloomer

In Favor: 6

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The motion is accepted

14. Adjournment

Motion: Trustee Bloomer

Seconded: Trustee O’Hara

In Favor: 6

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The motion is accepted



CONSENT AGENDA

January 26, 2026

Approval of the December 15, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Resolution:

- a. Resolution No. 0126-2327 - Approve to Amend Unclassified Professional Title from Bursar to Student Accounts Manager
- b. Resolution No. 0126-2328 – Approve to Change the Authorized Signatories for the Columbia-Greene Community College, The Bank of Greene County

Doreen Davis

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Board Chair

Wendy Oberdick

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Executive Secretary to the Board