

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**THOMAS EDISON STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**April 22, 2019**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**(VIA TELECONFERENCE):** Kemi Alli, Vice Chair; Eric R. Lear; Richard Arndt; Brian Maloney; J. Stanley Justice; Apryl Roach, (Student) Monique Lewis-Hawkins (Student).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Frank Clyburn, Chair; Gil Medina; Marilyn Pearson; Apryl Roach, (Student)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Michael Mancini, Chief of Staff; Melissa A. Maszczak, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board; Filomela (Phyllis) Marshall, Interim Provost for Academic Affairs; Christopher Stringer, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

Dr. Alli officially called the public meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., followed by a statement of public notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 to 10:4-21.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Dr. Hancock explained that as an adult serving institution, it is especially important for us to provide flexibility for our students and she appreciates the Board's willingness to conduct a special meeting for the purpose of conferring a degree to Ms. Alexis Corralizza. Ms. Corralizza completed all of the requirements for her degree and applied for June graduation on January 6<sup>th</sup> mistakenly thinking that she was applying for March graduation. Due to a slip in our system, she was not sent a graduation application confirmation; therefore, she did not realize that she would not be graduating in March, thus preventing her from accepting a new job opportunity. By holding this special meeting, Ms. Corralizza will be able to accept her new opportunity.

Additionally, Dr. Hancock announced that Mr. Frank Clyburn, chair of the board, has been appointed to the future board of directors of Dupont. The Board members present joined Dr. Hancock in congratulating Mr. Clyburn.

**CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE FOR DEGREE**

Dr. Alli presented the candidate, Ms. Alexis Corralizza, for degree and presented the following resolution:

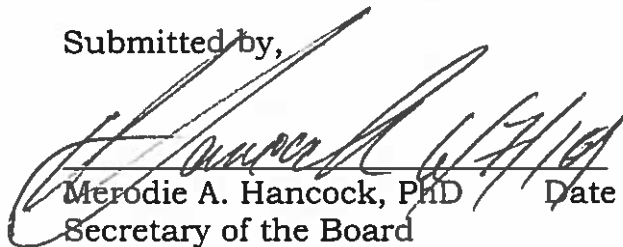
**The Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison State University does hereby approve the awarding of the appropriate degree to Ms. Alexis Corralizza, cited on the document provided and incorporated herein by reference.**

**The action herein taken is pursuant to a certification by the President that the aforementioned candidate has satisfied all relevant degree requirements for the Associate in Science with an area of study: Occupational Therapy Assistant, as recommended by the Academic Council and as established by the Board of Trustees.**

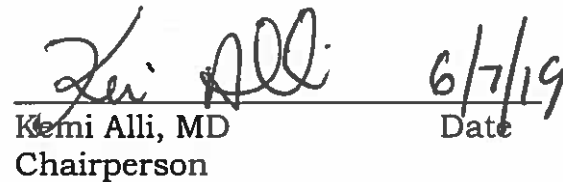
Rev. Justice made, and Mr. Arndt seconded, a motion to adopt the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Dr. Alli presented a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lear made, and Mr. Maloney seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Submitted by,

  
Merodie A. Hancock, PhD      Date  
Secretary of the Board

Approved by,

  
Kemi Alli, MD      Date  
Chairperson