

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
THOMAS EDISON STATE UNIVERSITY
VIA TELECONFERENCE
March 26, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kemi Alli, Chair; Gualberto (Gil) Medina, Vice Chair; Merodie A. Hancock, President; Richard Arndt; Frank Clyburn; Eric R. Lear; Brian Maloney; Monique Lewis Hawkins, (Student); Sanket Shah, (Student)

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Stanley Justice; Marilyn Pearson

OTHERS PRESENT: Cynthia Baum, Vice President and Provost; John Thurber, Vice President for Public Affairs; Dennis Devery, Vice President for Enrollment Management; Chris Stringer, Vice President and CFO; Robin Walton, Vice President for Community and Government Affairs; Barbara Kleva, General Counsel; Michael Mancini, Chief of Staff/COO and Secretary to the Board; and Jamie Adams, Executive Assistant to the President.

Dr. Alli officially called the public meeting to order at 9:00 a.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 opened meeting with news about the state funding freeze due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She reported that the freeze is close to \$700k; \$100k in performance based funding and National Guard waiver refund. She also talked about NJ Library funding freezes.

Dr. Hancock talked about remedial measures she is putting in place to offset the losses.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Alli introduced Mr. Lear to present the Administration, Audit and Finance Committee Report. Mr. Lear introduced Mr. Stringer to brief the Board on the committee meeting held on March 21, 2020.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED TUITION ADJUSTMENT FOR NON-MATRICULATED STUDENTS

Dr. Alli presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Board has previously set tuition rates, in compliance with the “Higher Education Restructuring Act of 1994,” Chapter 48 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, which requires that the governing boards of public institutions conduct public hearings prior to the date of the adoption of a tuition or fee schedule, most recently at its June 7, 2019 meeting; and

WHEREAS: The Administration, Audit and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees met on March 21, 2020 and reviewed the President’s recommendation to apply the current matriculated per credit tuition rates to non-matriculated students; and

WHEREAS: The Administration, Audit and Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees has recommended the approval of the proposed tuition adjustment for non-matriculated students, as of March 30, 2020; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison State University does hereby approve the application of the matriculated tuition rates to non-matriculated students, effective March 30, 2020.

Mr. Clyburn made, and Mr. Lear seconded, a motion to adopt the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Submitted by,



Merodie A. Hancock, PhD
Secretary of the Board

Approved by,



Dr. Kemi Alli
Chair