

**MINUTES**  
**THOMAS EDISON STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES RETREAT**  
**December 17, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kemi Alli, Chair; Merodie A. Hancock; J. Stanley Justice; Eric R. Lear; Brian Maloney; Lydia Stockman; Michael Toscani; Johnnie Whittington; Jennifer Hutchinson (student trustee) and Jerome Ingram, Jr. (student trustee)

**ALSO PRESENT:** **Cynthia Baum**, Vice President and Provost; **Deb D’Arcangelo**, Chief Advancement Officer & Vice President for Public Affairs; **Dennis Devery**, Vice President for Enrollment Management; **Chris Stringer**, Senior Vice President and CFO; **Jasmeial Jackson**, Chief Student Success, Equity and Inclusion Officer; **Marcela Maziarz**, Vice President for Community and Government Affairs; Jennifer Hoff, General Counsel; **Michael Mancini**, Chief of Staff/COO and Secretary to the Board; **Jamie Adams**, Executive Assistant to the President and **Dr. James Lyons**, AGB Consultant

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gualberto Medina, Vice Chair

**Opening Remarks by Board Chair**

Dr. Kemi Alli officially called the public meeting to order at 10:00 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, which states, *“In compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act and with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice has been given of this meeting by way of announcements in the Star Ledger and the Trenton Times. I hereby call this meeting of the Thomas Edison State University Board of Trustees to order.*

**Review of Board Retreat**

Dr. Hancock introduced Deb D’Arcangelo who is the Chief Advancement Officer & Vice President for Public Affairs and Marcela Maziarz, Vice President for Community and Government Affairs. Dr. Hancock provided an overview of the retreat held in October.

**Review of Relevant Data and Readings**

Mr. Mancini, Dr. Baum and Mr. Stringer reviewed the relevant data in the presentation that demonstrated the trends in student demographics.

**Discussion on Strategic Priorities**

The board of trustees, President Hancock and staff discussed strategic priorities focusing on the messaging of the University.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**Submitted by,**



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**Merodie A. Hancock, PhD**  
**Secretary of the Board**

**Date**

**Approved by,**



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**Dr. Kemi Alli**  
**Chair**

**Date**