

## **MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Minutes of the  
739<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
August 5, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristin Appelget at 8:37am at the offices of the New Jersey Council of Community Colleges. In addition to the Chair, the following members were in attendance: Eashwayne Haughton, Brianna Hill, Jacquelyn León, Shannon Mason, Daryl Minus-Vincent, Scarlett Rajski, Shanique Taliaferro, Aamir Rehman, and Deborah Preston (MCCC President).

### **OPENING OF MEETING**

A) **FLAG SALUTE**

Chair Appelget led those attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

B) **STATEMENT OF NOTIFICATION**

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting its interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Board of Trustees of Mercer County Community College has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Administration Building, on the West Windsor Campus, at the James Kerney Campus, on the College's website homepage, and emailed to The Times of Trenton and NJ.com.

C) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Trustee León moved to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Trustee Mason and adopted with Trustees Appelget, Haughton, Hill, León, Mason, Minus-Vincent, Rajski, Rehman, and Taliaferro and voting aye.

D) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

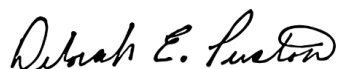
No one from the attending public addressed the board at this time.

### **BOARD RETREAT**

Dr. Aaron Fichtner, President of the New Jersey Council of Community Colleges, provided an update on statewide higher education initiatives and matters impacting New Jersey's community colleges. The Trustees engaged in a discussion regarding FY27 goals and priorities, as well as the Board and President evaluation processes. Mark Banyacski, Vice President for Finance, Facilities, and Auxiliary Services, joined the retreat for the budget and college finance discussion.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Hill moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Trustee Rajski and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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President  
Mercer County Community College