



Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
Executive Office Board Room

WORKSHOP MINUTES

Start: 4:40 p.m.

End: 4:55 p.m.

Present: Mr. Yardley-Chair, Dr. Silverthorne-Vice Chair, Mrs. Frank-Treasurer, Mrs. Pepe-Secretary, Mr. Cable, Dr. Carrick, Mr. Giardullo (via Zoom/phone), Ms. Quinn, Mr. Santonastaso, Mr. Schick, Dr. Homer-President and Ex-Officio Member, Mr. Prior-Alumni Member, and Mrs. Fullem-Chief of Staff and Recording Secretary.

Also present: Dr. Okay, Senior Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, Mrs. Pappan, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services, Dr. Gallo, Associate Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Mr. Fruge, Dean of Technical Occupations, Mr. Kula, Executive Director of the Foundation, Ms. Caputo, Executive Director of Human Resources, Mr. Tsemberlis, Director, Capital Projects, and Mrs. Fina, College Counsel.

Mr. Tsemberlis provided a detailed update on major capital projects:

- Optics Center: Roof installation underway; completion expected late 2025/early 2026.
- Learning Commons: HVAC and interior partitions installed; projected completion early 2026.
- Chapel Renovation: Temporarily housing library books; future plan to house the County Film Commission. The Adult Transition Center is to be relocated to Building E for accessibility and inclusion.
- Art Gallery: Renovations completed; new flooring to follow during academic recess.
- Nursing Simulation Labs: Open and fully operational.
- Medical Arts Center: Approved by Newton Planning Board; design phase underway; bidding expected in November.
- PSTA Basement: Sewer line installation in progress; completion projected for November.
- Outdoor Shooting Range (Hampton Twp.): Approved; out to bid with Sept. 30 deadline. Strong support from local police chiefs.
- Soccer Field Irrigation System: Well drilling initiated; flow testing to determine system design.
- Future Athletic & Community Facilities: Indoor turf facility, gym expansion, tennis courts, Horton Pond accessible trail, Horton Mansion grant project.

Board members commended the breadth of projects and their community engagement potential.

Approved:

Katherine Pepe, Secretary-Board of Trustees