



Board Of Trustees Regular Public Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 4:00 PM
Raritan Valley Community College
118 Lamington Road, Branchburg, Event Center Grand Conference Rooms A& B

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I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in-person and via Zoom Webinar. Board of Trustees Chair Zenon Christodoulou called the Regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and made the following statement in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey:

“ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE “OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT” OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.”

Attendance

Present:

Members: Caren Bateman, Terence Byrd, Dr. Zenon Christodoulou, Michael D. Goldberg, Roger A. Jinks, Roger Locandro, Adam Shain, Margaret Sullivan, Dr. Helena A. Swanicke, James A. Von Schilling

Absent:

Members: Victor Komosinski, Nidhi Makhija, Howard Opdyke, Juan Torres

Also in attendance: Michael J. McDonough, President; Nicholas Pellitta, Esq., College Counsel; and members of the College community.

A quorum was present.

II. Executive Session (Approximately 30 minutes)

An announcement was then made to enter into Executive Session. Chair Christodoulou read into record the following statement:

“In accordance with the provision of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, I hereby entertain a motion to close the public meeting to discuss the President’s Annual Evaluation. There will be no action taken during Executive Session, and the Board will reopen back into Public Session in approximately 30 minutes.”

Chair Christodoulou further announced that the public session of the Regular Meeting would reopen in approximately thirty minutes. A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Trustee Adam Shain, seconded by Trustee Caren Bateman, and approved by voice vote. The Board entered into Executive Session at 4:04 p.m.

The Public Session of the Regular meeting reopened at 4:30 p.m.

III. Agenda Items

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. April 21, 2026 Special Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

 April 21 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Adam Shain and seconded by James A. Von Schilling. The April 21, 2026 Special Board Meeting minutes were approved by voice vote. Trustee Margaret Sullivan respectfully abstained from the vote.

B. April 21, 2026 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

 April 21 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Adam Shain and seconded by James A. Von Schilling. The April 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes were approved by voice vote. Trustee Margaret Sullivan respectfully abstained from the vote.

2. Reports from the President and Chair

Board Chair Zenon Christodoulou expressed gratitude to President McDonough, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, for his unwavering leadership. Chair Christodoulou highlighted that the Board is immensely appreciative of the President's skill and compassion in guiding the college.

3. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

1. Resolution #163-FY26 Treasurer's Report

 163 - Treasurers Report 4.30.26_TM.pdf

 163 - Treasurers Report Cover - April 2026.pdf

Motion:


Motion moved by Dr. Zenon Christodoulou and seconded by Adam Shain. The Treasurer's Report was approved by voice vote.

2. Regular Meeting Action Items

The Trustee Michael Goldberg then presented Consent Agenda Resolutions #164-FY26 through #186-FY26.

3. Administrative Resolutions

Resolution #164-FY26 Various Vouchers

 164 - Resolution Backup - Vouchers May 26 2026.pdf

4. Campus Infrastructure

 165 - Resolution for C Lombardi (May 2026).pdf

- 📄 165 - 2026 Certification of Determination of Value - C Lombardi (May 2026).pdf
- 📄 166 - Resolution for Physical Education Cooling Coil Upgrade (DeSesa).pdf
- 📄 166 - Bid Results for Physical Education Cooling Coil Upgrade.pdf
- 📄 167 - Resolution for FAST (May 2026).pdf
- 📄 167 - 2026 Certification of Determination of Value - FAST (May 2026).pdf
- 📄 168 - Resolution for Interface (May 2026 - REVISED).pdf
- 📄 169 - Resolution for Johnson Controls (Emergency Replacement of the Workforce Chiller Compressor).pdf
- 📄 169 - 2026 Certification of Determination of Value - Johnson Controls (May 2026).pdf
- 📄 170 - Resolution for Netta Architects (New Modular Building Architect - REVISED).pdf
- 📄 171 - Resolution for Site Work for New Modular Building (Pave-Rite).pdf
- 📄 171 - Bid Results for Site Work for New Modular Building.pdf
- 📄 172 - Resolution for Veolia Environmental (May 2026).pdf
- 📄 172 - 2026 Certification of Determination of Value - Veolia Environmental (May 2026).pdf
- 📄 173 - Resolution to Reject All Concrete Balcony Repairs and Restoration Bids.pdf
- 📄 173 - Bid Results for Concrete Balcony Repairs & Restoration.pdf

5. Education

- 📄 174 - Resolution for Fisher Scientific (Equipment for Aseptic Biomanufacturing).pdf
- 📄 174 - 2026 Certification of Determination of Value - Fisher Scientific.pdf
- 📄 174 - Summary of the Autoclave Proposals.pdf
- 📄 174 - Summary of the Floor Centrifuge Proposals.pdf
- 📄 174 - Summary of the MAS-100 Proposals.pdf
- 📄 175 - Resolution for Fisher Scientific 2026-2027 (May 2026).pdf
- 📄 175 - 2026 Certification of Determination of Value - Fisher Scientific (May 2026).pdf
- 📄 176 - Resolution for Milestone C (May 2026).pdf
- 📄 176 - Memo for Milestone C (May 2026).pdf

- 176 - 2026 Certification of Determination of Value - Milestone C (May 2026).pdf
- 177 - Resolution for Panopto (Motion Capture Software 2026-2029).pdf
- 6. General
 - 178 - Resolution for WB Mason 2026-2028 (May 2026).pdf
- 7. Marketing
 - 179 - Resolution for 4imprint (May 2026).pdf
 - 179 - 2026 Certification of Determination of Value - 4imprint (May 2026).pdf
- 8. Technology
 - 180 - Resolution for David DiGiovanni (May 2026).pdf
 - 180 - 2026 Certification of Determination of Value - David DiGiovanni (May 2026).pdf
 - 181 - Resolution for Dell (Computers & Monitors for Computer Labs & CATT Rooms).pdf
 - 181 - Summary of the Replacement Computers & Monitors.pdf
 - 182 - Resolution for Ellucian (Banner Annual Maintenance for 2026-2029).pdf
 - 183 - Resolution for Key Code Media (Classroom Renovations - May 2026).pdf
 - 183 - Technology Equipment for Summer 2026 Classrom Renovations.pdf
 - 184 - Resolution for Nelnet (Hosting and Maintenance Services 2026-2027).pdf
 - 184 - 2026 Certification of Determination of Value - Nelnet (May 2026).pdf
 - 185 - Resolution for TransACT (OneCampus Platform 2026-2027).pdf
 - 185 - 2026 Certification of Determination of Value - TransACT (May 2026).pdf
 - 186 - Resolution for Hirezon (May 2026).pdf
 - 186 - 2026 Certification of Determination of Value - Hirezon.pdf


Motion:

The motion was moved by Caren Bateman and seconded by Terence Byrd. The resolutions were approved by voice vote.

B. Educational Programs and Services Committee

Trustee Von Schilling reported that earlier in the day, President McDonough discussed the college's procedures regarding United States Immigration and

Customs Enforcement on campus. The President also gave a brief enrollment update.

1. Resolution #187-FY26 Human Resources Action Report for May 26, 2026
 187 - HR Action Report May 2026.pdf



Motion:

Trustee James Von Schilling presented Resolution #187-FY26. The motion was moved by Margaret (Marge) Sullivan and seconded by Terence Byrd. Resolution #187-FY26 was approved by voice vote.

C. Governance, Policy & Presidential Evaluation Committee

1. Campus Safety Update

Committee Chair Caren Bateman reported that the Campus Safety Report for the period from April 9 through May 12, 2026, was discussed by the Committee and subsequently provided to the full Board of Trustees via the OnBoard portal.

2. Resolution #188-FY26 Resolution to Reschedule June 23 2026 Meeting
 188 - Resolution to Reschedule June 23 2026 Meeting.pdf
 2026 Approved Board of Trustees Meeting Dates.pdf

Motion:

Motion moved by Caren Bateman and seconded by Michael D. Goldberg. Resolution #188-FY26 was approved by voice vote.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

VI. Public Comment

“The Board will take any comments from the public at this time. The Board will not respond to comments made, and speakers are limited to two minutes. Public Comment will not exceed 40 minutes in total.”

Professor Emeritus Daniel Aronson shared his insights on how convenient transportation options could lower automobile costs, reduce necessary work hours, and decrease housing prices. Additionally, Professor of Engineering Antonella Pompo discussed the 16th Annual Engineering Alumni Reunion, held on May 14, 2026. This reunion serves as a mentorship outreach and networking opportunity, fostering a strong sense of community among attendees.

John Sichel, Professor of Music, spoke about the accomplishments of the program’s graduating students. These students, who have won four prestigious awards, will be continuing their studies at Rutgers University, Montclair State University, Berklee College of Music, and New York University’s Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development.

Dr. Loretta Fois spoke about the closing of the Dance program at RVCC. Professor of Anatomy and Physiology Marianne Baricevic shared her valuable insights from attending the Human

Anatomy and Physiology Conference. She emphasized the crucial role that research grants play in advancing scientific study and innovation.

Jamie Parmese, Associate Professor of English, thanked the college for the Adjunct Excellence in Teaching Award and shared her excitement to walk with her colleagues at Commencement on May 16, 2026. Evan Walter proudly hosted the 3rd Annual RVCC 90 Second Film Fest on Friday, May 1, 2026. The event showcased a diverse array of imaginative short films, each lasting just 90 seconds, bringing together students and filmmakers to celebrate creativity and storytelling in a compact format.

Professor Karen Gaffney, the Faculty Chair, former Federation President Patti Kletz, and Interim Federation President Megan Dempsey all discussed shared governance and ongoing contract negotiations.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette LaCanna,
Manager, Executive Office and Secretary to the RVCC Board of Trustees