

RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2019

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at Raritan Valley Community College, Route 28 and Lamington Road, Branchburg Township, North Branch, New Jersey.

Chairman Robert P. Wise called the meeting to order at 5:15 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.”

Philip Stern, Esq. then swore in new Board of Trustees member Roger Jinks. Roger Jinks, a resident of Phillipsburg, is the Interim Executive County Superintendent of Schools for Somerset County. Mr. Jinks indicated that he looks forward to serving on the Board. Chairman Wise welcomed Roger on behalf of the President and Board of Trustees and indicated that he looks forward to working with him in his new capacity.

II. Roll Call of Members

The roll call was taken as follows:

Attendees:	Paul J. Hirsch	Absent:	Caren Bateman
	Roger Jinks		W. Timothy Howes
	Roger Locandro		Andrew McNally
	Felecia Nace		
	Eric Neira		
	Donald Rica		
	Donna Simon		
	Juan Torres		
	Margaret Windrem		
	Robert P. Wise		
	Tracy DiFrancesco Zaikov		

Also in attendance: Michael J. McDonough, President; Philip Stern, Esq., College Counsel; and members of the faculty, administration, and staff.

A quorum was present.

III. Agenda Items

Trustee Margaret Windrem presented Resolutions #55-2019 through #58-2019. On motion by Trustee Windrem, seconded by Trustee Hirsch, the above stated resolutions were approved by voice vote. Trustee Jinks respectfully abstained.

RESOLUTION #55-2019 Operating Budget FY 2020

WHEREAS, the President and Executive staff of the College have reviewed the various budgetary requests in the preparation of the FY 2019/2020 Operating Budget for Raritan Valley Community College and presented same to the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has thoroughly examined and reviewed the proposed operating budget for the College for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends adoption of the proposed budget to the Board of Trustees and deems the amounts requested as necessary to continue operating the College during 2019/2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College does hereby adopt a total operating expense budget for the fiscal year 2019/2020 of \$54,534,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Trustees is hereby instructed and authorized to prepare and deliver to each member of the Board of School Estimate of Raritan Valley Community College a copy of this Resolution duly certified by the Chairman and said Vice President of Finance & Facilities.

/s/ Robert P. Wise, Chairman

/s/ John Trojan, VP of Finance & Facilities

RESOLUTION #56-2019 Major Capital Budget 2019/20

WHEREAS, the President and Executive staff of the College have prepared a major Capital Budget request for 2019/2020 and presented same to the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has examined and reviewed the proposed Capital Budget of \$3,500,000 for the College for 2019/2020;

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has determined that components of this request relate primarily to building and infrastructure projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College does hereby adopt a Capital Budget for the 2019/2020 year of \$3,500,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Trustees is hereby instructed and authorized to prepare and deliver to each member of the Board of School Estimate of Raritan Valley Community College a copy of this Resolution duly certified by the Chairman and said Vice President of Finance & Facilities.

/s/ Robert P. Wise, Chairman

/s/ John Trojan, VP of Finance & Facilities

RESOLUTION #57-2019 Minor Capital Budget FY 2020

WHEREAS, the President and Executive staff of the College have prepared a Minor Capital Budget request for 2019/2020 which is designated primarily for technology, other instructional and building related equipment and presented same to the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has examined and reviewed the proposed Minor Capital Budget of \$750,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College does hereby adopt a Minor Capital Budget for the 2019/2020 year of \$750,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Trustees is hereby instructed and authorized to prepare and deliver to each member of the Board of School Estimate of Raritan Valley Community College a copy of this Resolution duly certified by the Chairman and said Vice President of Finance & Facilities.

/s/ Robert P. Wise, Chairman

/s/ John Trojan, VP of Finance & Facilities

RESOLUTION #58-2019 Chapter 12 FY 2020

WHEREAS, the College requires the completion of several projects to support academic programming and major infrastructure repairs; and

WHEREAS, up to \$3,500,000 has been allocated by the State and the NJ Council of Community Colleges through the Chapter 12 Capital Program in the upcoming fiscal year, 2019/2020, to be used by Raritan Valley Community College for these projects; and

WHEREAS, the President and the administrative staff of the College have prepared a Chapter 12 budget request for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and presented it to the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College (see attached project list);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College authorizes the President to submit an application for Chapter 12 funds in an amount up to \$3,500,000 for the aforementioned capital projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is authorized to take the necessary actions as required to secure this funding for the College; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Trustees is hereby instructed to prepare and deliver to each member of the Board of School Estimate of said Raritan Valley Community College a copy of this Resolution duly certified by the Chairman and said Secretary of said Board as and for a statement of the estimated cost of said purpose herein above described and of the amount of money estimated by the Board to be needed for said purpose.

/s/ Robert P. Wise, Chairman

/s/ John Trojan, VP of Finance & Facilities

IV. Public Questions/Comments.

Chairman Wise read the following statement into record:

“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.”

Several students shared their comments and concerns about Multicultural Affairs student activities on campus.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Lang Pontarollo  
Manager, Executive Office and  
Secretary to the RVCC Board of Trustees