## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – OPEN SESSION VIA ZOOM August 26, 2024

Present

**BOT Members** | Nelida Valentin (*Chair*), Jose Lozano (*Vice Chair*) (left the meeting at 3:27 p.m.), Michelle Keates (Secretary), Ray Ciccone, Reverend Collins Days, Sr., Madeleine Deininger (joined the meeting at 3:36 p.m.), Sonia Gonsalves, Stephanie Lutz-Koch,

Dr. Mukesh Roy, Fotios Tjournakaris (joined the meeting at 3:11 p.m.), and

President Joe Bertolino (President, Ex-Officio)

Absent Kristi Hanselmann, Amy Kennedy, Mary Maples, and Tim Lowry

Additional Guests

Terricita Sass and Brian Kowalski

Item I. Call to Order

Chair Valentin called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Item II. **Resolution to Meet in Closed Session** 

Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Gonsalves and seconded by Trustee Lozano,

the Board voted to meet in closed session at 3:08 p.m.

Item III **Reconvene Open Session** 

Chair Valentin reconvened the open session at 3:32 p.m.

Motion to assign the reclassification appeals for an initial decision to an Item IV

**Independent Hearing Officer** 

Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Days and seconded by Trustee Tjoumakaris, the Board approved the motion by a vote of 5-3. Trustee Keates, Trustee Ciccone and Trustee Roy voted against the motion to use an independent hearing officer,

and in favor of the use of an administrative law judge.

Adjournment Item V.

Upon a motion duly made by Trustee Days and seconded by Trustee Ciccone, the

Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, MICHELLE KEATES