

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE FIRM OF BONADIO & CO. AS THE COLLEGE'S INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

**WHEREAS**, New York State Law, 8 NYCRR Part 602.1 (c) requires that community college records and accounts must be audited annually by an independent certified public accounting firm, and such requirement is reflected in Onondaga Community College Policy G1 "Appointment of Independent Auditors and Conduct of Independent Auditors;" and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the Board of Trustees' directive, Onondaga Community College staff initiated a competitive bidding process and issued a request for proposals for audit services for a three-year period for the fiscal years ending August 31, 2026, 2027 and 2028 with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement by both parties; and

**WHEREAS**, proposals received were evaluated according to set criteria including, but not limited to a description of the audit process, evidence of good organizational and management practices, demonstrated experience and past performance, and pricing structure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed and evaluated each proposal submitted in response to the RFP; and

**WHEREAS**, the Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee of the Board of Trustees recommends that the firm of Bonadio & Co. be appointed by the Board of Trustees to conduct an independent audit as required;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees appoints the firm of Bonadio & Co. as the College's independent auditor for the fiscal years ending August 31, 2026, 2027, and 2028 with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement by both parties.

Approved by the Board of Trustees at the meeting on March 31, 2026

March 31, 2026  
Date

  
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Paul Mello, Secretary of the Board

**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A NEW PROGRAM:  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT A.A.S.**

**WHEREAS**, new programs at Onondaga Community College originate from transfer requirements, industry needs, student and community input, faculty recommendations, and/or program review; and

**WHEREAS**, the Provost has discussed the new program proposal with faculty leaders and hereby requests endorsement by the Board of Trustees to conduct a cost and feasibility analysis to be reviewed by an independent consultant consistent with the requirements outlined in the College's Curriculum Handbook, subject to the College President making a final determination concerning whether to proceed with any new program; and

**WHEREAS**, the College originally established the Emergency Management A.A.S. degree on July 10, 2003, following its participation in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Higher Education Project and with the support of a U.S. Department of Justice grant dedicated to developing and implementing the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Management program underwent two official name revisions—first on April 2, 2007, when it was retitled the Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness A.A.S. degree, and again on May 7, 2013, when it returned to the Emergency Management A.A.S. designation to better align coursework with police, fire, and emergency medical service disciplines; and

**WHEREAS**, after a formal program review, the College initiated the deactivation of the Emergency Management A.A.S. degree on November 1, 2017, due to declining enrollment and reduced local employment opportunities, and the Board of Trustees officially approved the program's discontinuance effective at the end of the Spring 2019 semester; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central New York region has seen an increase in complex hazards and a growing need for professional emergency management personnel, underscoring the importance of evaluating the creation of an Emergency Management degree program; and

**WHEREAS**, a review of regional workforce potential identified numerous emergency management professionals, including roles at Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management, Upstate Medical University, Crouse Hospital, Syracuse University, AMR Ambulance, National Grid, and the New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services; and

**WHEREAS**, salary ranges for these regional positions commonly fall between approximately \$60,000 and \$95,000, indicating strong career prospects for graduates, and such programs would create valuable academic links with existing campus programs such as Fire Protection Technology, Criminal Justice, Cybersecurity, and Paramedic, providing pathways for students and fostering interdisciplinary learning opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees recognizes that any new programs resulting from the feasibility analysis will be appropriately designed to fulfill the requirements of a credential the College is authorized to grant;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Onondaga Community College hereby endorses a feasibility study for an Emergency Management degree program consistent with the College's existing authority to develop direct to career programs.

Approved by the Board of Trustees at the meeting on March 31, 2026

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**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
MARK MANNING**

**WHEREAS**, Mark Manning began his career at Onondaga Community College in 2012 as Chief Financial Officer, a role he held until September of 2016 when he was named Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer. He received his bachelor's degree and MBA from Bentley University, and prior to coming to Onondaga, held various accounting and CFO positions in New York and Massachusetts; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure at OCC, Mark provided consistent leadership and oversight for the College's financial and physical assets and ensured that procedures and internal controls were in place to maintain the financial integrity and stability of the College; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark gave freely of his time to OCC and our students and could often be seen volunteering and participating in many activities on campus. From Open House, to move-in day, and Unity Day, Mark was always available to assist whenever needed, always with a smile; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark was a very active member of the SUNY NYS CCBOA (Community College Business Officers Association), where he was serving as President upon his retirement. He was Treasurer of the Onondaga Community College Housing Development Corporation, Treasurer of the Onondaga Community College Association, and Ex-officio of the Onondaga Community College Foundation. Mark was a past board member of the United Way of Central New York; past Treasurer of Onondaga Enterprises; past advisory board member of the Southwest YMCA; past member of the Executive Committee for UNYCC (Upstate New York College Collaboration); past board member of the George & Rebecca Barnes Foundation; and past board member of the Baldwinsville Central School District; and

**WHEREAS**, an incredible supporter of Onondaga Community College, Mark worked diligently over the years, particularly through COVID, to ensure the College maintained a strong financial position. He was incredibly tuned into the financial landscape of higher education and was conservative with his approach to Onondaga – that approach bodes well now as he leaves the College in a strong financial position for the future. Greatly admired by everyone on campus, Mark will be missed as a strong advocate and supporter of Onondaga Community College; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, through these contributions to Onondaga Community College and the community, Mark Manning has demonstrated an enduring commitment of commendable service that has benefited students, faculty, and staff;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Onondaga Community College expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mark Manning for his exemplary service to Onondaga Community College and wishes him well on his retirement.

Approved by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting on March 31, 2026

March 31, 2026  
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Paul Mello, Secretary of the Board

**ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MEN'S NJCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPION IN CROSS COUNTRY  
PAUL CLARK**

**WHEREAS**, Onondaga Community College student Paul Clark demonstrated remarkable sportsmanship, teamwork, athletic talent and determination throughout the 2024-2025 Cross Country and 2025-2026 Track and Field seasons; and

**WHEREAS**, for Cross Country, Paul had incredible seasons in both 2024 and 2025. He was named All-Conference runner of the year and All-American first team both years. He was also named the NJCAA Division III Athlete of the Week in October 2024. As the front runner for 2025, Paul placed first at the Mid-State Athletic Conference Championship as well as the Region 3 Championship making him the first 2x champion in 17 years in all of Region 3. In fall of 2025, on a very snowy day in Iowa, Paul took first place in the NJCAA Division III 8k race with a time of 26.50 to become a national champion in Cross Country; and

**WHEREAS**, for Track and Field, Paul was, and is, just as successful. In 2025, he was named All American second team in the 1500m and 5000m and was All Region Track Athlete of the Year. He was titled Region 3 Champion in the Men's 800m and 1500m runs. Paul led the Lazars to the National Tournament his freshman year in 2025 and finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall with a time of 26:35 in the 8k and contributed to his team's 4<sup>th</sup> place overall finish. With the Track and Field season just getting underway, Paul is poised to win the 1500m and 5k runs this season; and

**WHEREAS**, Paul's accolades are many and include USTFCCCA Athlete of the Week; Onondaga's Most Outstanding Male Athlete for 2025; SUNY Student Athlete of the Year representing Cross Country for both 2024 and 2025; and the recipient of Onondaga's Pinnacle Award for 2025 representing the Athletic Department. Paul is also one of only two athletes from Onondaga to ever compete in the Indoor Track National Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, Paul, a Business major at OCC with a 3.5 GPA, demonstrated teamwork, skill, and a commitment to excellence, enabling him to achieve at the highest levels within his sport, and his dedication and accomplishments have served as an inspiration to members of the OCC family as well as members of the surrounding community who supported him throughout the seasons;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees expresses its heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to Athletic Director Michael Borsz, Cross Country Coach Greg Kielar, Track and Field Head Coach Taylor Bouchard, and student Paul Clark who will be remembered for the pride they have brought to the Onondaga Community College campus and to our community as a result of their outstanding achievements.

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