

**Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees**  
**Board Meeting**  
**February 10, 2026**  
**8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Whitney 210**  
**Presiding: Trustee John Sindoni, Chair**

**Trustees:** Haji Adan; Jaime Alicea (virtual); Vicki Brackens (virtual); Kathryn Crockett; Dr. Donna DeSiato; William Gilberti, Paul Mello; Alicia Oberlender; John Sindoni; Mark Tryniski

**Staff:** Stephanie Aldrich; Dr. Agatha Awuah; David Furney; Sarah Gaffney; Julie Hart; Dr. Warren Hilton; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Louis Noce; Michael O'Connor; Justin Pritchard; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Olin Stratton; Dr. Larry Weiskirch

**Guests:** Gregg Evans and Shelby Reeves, The Bonadio Group

**Call to Order**

At 8:29 a.m., Trustee Sindoni called the board meeting to order.

**Consent Agenda**

**On motion by Trustee Dr. DeSiato, and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.**

**Committee Reports**

**Student Government Update**

Trustee Sindoni introduced Trustee Oberlender who offered an update on Student Government. She explained that preparations are underway for the Welcome Back Winter Carnival. The current SGA officers are focused now on advertising for new student leaders for the next academic year.

**OCC Foundation**

Trustee Sindoni introduced Dr. Warren Hilton, President, to provide an update on the OCC Foundation. Dr. Hilton explained that the campaign is \$7 million over 5 years, and for the first 19 months in, we are at 67% of our goal at \$4.6 million. This amount is comprised of 826 total donors, and most major gifts are \$10K or above for a total of 51 major gifts. The categories of the donors include individuals at 57%, corporations at 30%, and foundations at 13%. 84% of individuals are in the *friends* category (not alums or employees); 12% came from alumni; and 3% from faculty and staff. Parents and students are less than 1%. In response to a question from Trustee Sindoni, Dr. Hilton provided an overview as to where the campaign donations would be utilized, and these include scholarships, student emergency funding, and select faculty projects.

**President's Report**

**SUNY Update**

Trustee Sindoni introduced Dr. Warren Hilton, President, for his report. The new SUNY Academic Momentum Initiative is now in place and OCC's action plan was approved. Dr. Hilton offered his thanks to members of our Student Success Council led by Co-chairs Justin Pritchard, Dean of Instructional Services, and Professor Kristen Costello. The Council worked diligently

over the last few months putting the plan together and soliciting feedback from across campus. They developed a strong action plan to guide us over the next few years as we strive to meet our goals. As a reminder, the targets are as follows: Fall-to-Fall retention; 30+ credits earned in the 1<sup>st</sup> year; Gateway English and Math; FAFSA Completion; 100 graduation rate; 150% graduation rate. Within our plan we discussed barriers within each area, which students need the most support, and strategies we will implement. A copy of the completed document will be shared with Trustees and we will continue to provide regular updates on this initiative each year.

At the end of each semester, we distribute letters to students who have reached a certain level with their GPA's. These include both the President's List (3.7 – 4.0) and the Provost's List (3.5 – 3.69). For the fall 2025 semester, we had 821 students on the President's List and 526 on the Provost's list.

The College's work continues in 4DX. For our graduation rate goal, we are digging into the data and looking for students that are close to the credits they need to complete. IPAR is keeping us on track with how many students are needed to get across that threshold, and then our school navigators are providing outreach to the students to be sure they are registered in the right classes and on track to complete their degrees. Currently, we need 49 students to complete for spring to meet our goal. We are very close in our goal for fall to spring persistence - we will know by census on 2/11 if we meet that goal. Drops continue to provide us with a challenge, and we will continue to work with the Scholastic Standards Committee to review the grading policy. More information on this will be available at upcoming meetings.

Dr. Hilton continued his report with an update on athletics. He stated that on January 21st, we hosted an Education Day in conjunction with our home basketball games against Broome Community College. The women's basketball game tipped off at 10:00 a.m., followed by the men's game at 12:00 p.m. We welcomed over 400 students to campus, including Onondaga Central School's Wheeler Elementary School and Onondaga Central School's modified, JV, and varsity girls' and boys' basketball teams. Students arrived at approximately 9:15 a.m. and departed around halftime of the men's game. The OCC Arena was utilized as a multipurpose space where students participated in yard games, ate lunch, and had the opportunity to shoot baskets. Following activities in the arena, students moved to the Allyn Gym to cheer on the women's basketball team, creating an energetic and engaging game-day atmosphere. In addition to enriching the experience for visiting students, the event also supported OCC's Federal Work-Study Program by providing participating student workers with an opportunity to fulfill their community service requirement. Overall, the event successfully combined education, campus exposure, and athletics, providing visiting students with a fun and memorable experience at OCC. Thank you to the Executive Council for supplying cookies for the students. We look forward to beginning planning for an Education Day game next season. Dr. Hilton continued his report with updates on our athletic programs. He began with Paul Clark who won the Fall 2025 SUNY Scholar Athlete Award for NJCAA men's cross country. Women's Basketball is currently 16-3 and ranked #7 in the NJCAA/country. They are playing strong and well positioned for a chance at a Region 3 championship. Men's Basketball is currently 15-7 and having a resurgent year under first year Head Coach, Mike Sugamosto. They are in a position to return to the Region 3 tournament. Men's Wrestling is currently ranked #16 in the NJCAA/country. The team has had a strong season and looks to capture a Region 3 title later this month at Jamestown Community College. We should have several wrestlers qualify for the NJCAA national championship, including women's wrestler Deanna Williams, who recently won the Utica Pioneers meet defeating all the 4-year-school opponents she faced. For Indoor Track & Field, in

addition to Paul Clark, we have set many program records this indoor season and hoping to send at least 2 students to the NJCAA indoor track and field championships. They will transition into the outdoor segment of their season in March. Cheerleading - Had their first competition last weekend the team is looking strong. On February 18, OCC is hosting their New York State rivals Jefferson Community College. Both women's teams have been very strong the last few years, including both making it to the national championships last year. We are having an employee night on 2/18 in hopes we can help the men's and women's teams rally to wins. A free dinner buffet will be served from 4:30 – 5:30 PM in the Otis Suite with the games to follow in the Allyn Hall gym.

#### Board of Trustees Assessment

Dr. Hilton mentioned twice a year we will report on how we are meeting the goals developed from the recent board assessment. Included in our materials was a spreadsheet showing how we are meeting those goals. Another report will be provided at the annual meeting in June. Julie Hart provided a brief explanation of the spreadsheet and attached information.

#### \*Resolution to approve Onondaga Community College's Emergency Succession Resolution for 2026

**On motion by Dr. DeSiato, and seconded by Trustee Gilberti, the resolution to approve Onondaga Community College's Emergency Succession Resolution for 2026 was unanimously approved.**

#### \*Resolution to approve the appointment and reappointment of Directors of the Housing Development Corporation

**On motion by Trustee Tryniski, and seconded by Trustee Mello, the resolution to approve the reappointment of Directors of the Housing Development Corporation was unanimously approved.**

#### **Chair's Report**

##### Honorary Degree, Founder's and Trustee Award Nominations

Trustee Sindoni stated that information on the Trustee Awards is included in the material for this meeting. Any suggestions for nominations should be shared with Julie Hart by the end of February.

##### Housing Development Corporation, Onondaga Community College Association, and OCC Foundation Financial Audits and Annual Reports

Trustee Sindoni noted that these items from the college affiliate organizations are provided annually to the trustees to encourage transparency.

##### Audit Presentation by Representatives from the Bonadio Group

Trustee Sindoni introduced Mark Manning, Chief Financial Officer, who, in turn, introduced Shelby Reeves and Gregg Evans from The Bonadio Group. Mr. Evans presented the 2025 OCC annual financial audit and explained the responsibilities of the audit firm and the findings of the same. Various tests and assessments were performed, and it was noted that the firm found no material weaknesses or deficiencies, and that business systems are operating effectively and that the financial information the Board of Trustees regularly receives is appropriate.

**Executive Session**

At 9:07 a.m., Trustee Sindoni called for a motion to enter into Executive Session under the provisions of Section 105, Article 7f of the Public Officers Law to discuss personnel matters. **On motion by Dr. DeSiato and seconded by Trustee Gilberti, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to enter into Executive Session.**

At 10:11 a.m., **on motion by Trustee Tryniski and seconded by Trustee Gilberti, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to move out of Executive Session and return to the board meeting.**

**\*Receipt of the OCC Audit**

**On motion by Trustee Mello and seconded by Trustee Adan, the motion to approve receipt of the OCC audit was unanimously approved.**

There being no further business, Trustee Sindoni adjourned the board meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Prepared by:  
Julie Hart  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:  
John Sindoni  
Chair, Board of Trustees