

**Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 25, 2022**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Via Microsoft Teams and in-person in Whitney 210**  
**Presiding: Trustee John Sindoni, Chair**

**Trustees:** Jaime Alicea; Dr. Donna DeSiato; Paul Mello; Tara Owens; John Sindoni; Neil Strodel; Mark Tryniski

**Staff:** Stephanie Aldrich; Robert Burgess; Kathy D’Aprix; Anne DeLand; Karen Fabrizio; Sarah Gaffney; Linda Kelley; Amy Kremenek; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Bridget Scholl; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Timothy Stedman; Nina Tamrowski; Dr. Christopher Thuot; Anastasia Urtz; Dr. Larry Weiskirch

**Guests:** Jonathan Miller; Shelby Reeves

**Call to Order**

At 8:57 a.m., Trustee Sindoni called the board meeting to order.

**Consent Agenda**

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

**President’s Report**

**SUNY Updates**

Dr. Crabill began her report with a SUNY update. She was pleased to report that Deborah Stanley has been appointed as Interim Chancellor. She has been a tremendous partner to OCC for many years and has a great understanding of community colleges and the value of our transfer students. The SUNY board has begun an international search for the new SUNY Chancellor with hopes to have someone in place by end of July. Chancellor Stanley hopes to join us on campus February 1 for the dedication of the Center for Social Justice and Community Impact which will be housed in Coulter Library. This Center was established by a million-dollar gift from Eric Allyn to honor Meg O’Connell’s work and her life’s commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Central New York. Dr. Crabill continued with an update on the Governor’s budget. She commented that it looks promising and we hope to have additional conversation with our elected officials to assist with the establishment of the funding floor. There have also been additional conversations surrounding part-time TAP, particularly in workforce programs. The one house bills are expected within the next month and we hope to not have to worry about the funding floor again. Dr. Crabill mentioned she will be speaking at the SUNY board meeting immediately following today’s board meeting about OCC’s English faculty and their elimination of remedial English. This is considered a groundbreaking accomplishment and is very worthy of a report to the SUNY Board of Trustees.

### Spring Semester COVID Precautions

Dr. Crabill provided an overview of COVID precautions for spring. She stated that SUNY Upstate provides a risk assessment daily and that is how we track the activity as it relates to OCC's operations. Rates have been decreasing as has the risk, and transmission rates are now at .8. The mask mandate will remain in place and testing has been relocated to Allyn Hall. There are a small number of vaccination exemptions, both religious and medical, and these people are required to test weekly. Testing is also mandated monthly for everyone who is fully vaccinated, but they can test more frequently. The Governor recently called for all SUNY students to have booster shots. The College has begun collecting that data. In the fall semester, there was a drop-dead date for immunizations, but boosters are less clear. Students become eligible for boosters at different times so there is no drop-dead date for boosters. There will be clinics on campus through Wegmans and Dr. Crabill offered her thanks to the employees in Student Central who are tracking this data. Quadrant Biosciences has established a COVID testing site in Mulroy Hall to alleviate some of the testing pressures in the community.

### Committee Reports

#### Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee

No report at this time.

#### Education Committee

No report at this time.

#### OCC Foundation

Trustee Sindoni introduced Trustee Strodel to provide an update on the OCC Foundation. The OCC Foundation would like to extend its appreciation to all who have contributed to the year-end campaign. Nearly \$40,000 has been raised through this appeal, which exceeded our goal. The campaign will close on January 31<sup>st</sup>. As you know, all funds raised go to support Onondaga Community College and student success. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> for a special event to honor OCC's scholarship winners and the donors who generously have made gifts to support their studies at OCC and their future goals. This event will happen on campus at OCC and an exciting program is being planned. As the date gets closer, invitations will be sent with more details. Finally, the OCC Foundation Board Nominating Committee, chaired by Dr. Juhanna Rogers, met on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> to review the current board terms and begin the work of assembling the slate of Foundation Board members for the 2022-23 class. This year, the Board can fill up to six (6) seats. Priorities identified by the board include individuals with strengths in resource development and fundraising, strategic planning, and communications, as well as individuals who are OCC alumni, individuals of native descent, and individuals who live in the city and/or graduated from a Syracuse City School District. If you have any suggestions for individuals to be considered for the board, please forward to Trustee Strodel or to Amy Kremenek.

#### Student Government Update

There was no update available as Trustee Hadden was unable to attend. Dr. Crabill did mention she met with the Student Government Association yesterday and they are looking forward to developing a strong spring semester of events.

### **Chair's Report**

#### **\*Resolution to approve the appointment of Michael Borsz, Nancy Carr, John Geer, Mark Godleski, Patrick Piscitelli, and Nina Tamrowski as Directors of the Onondaga Community College Housing Development Corporation**

On motion by Trustee Alicea and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the resolution to approve the appointment of Michael Borsz, Nancy Carr, John Geer, Mark Godleski, Patrick Piscitelli, and Nina Tamrowski as Directors of the Onondaga Community College Housing Development Corporation was unanimously approved.

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

Trustee Sindoni reminded Trustees that it is time for nominations for the Honorary Degree, Founder's and Trustee Awards. Any suggestions should be sent to Julie Hart by February 25, 2022.

#### **Retreat – April 22, 2022**

Trustee Sindoni commented that the date for the Board of Trustees spring retreat is scheduled for **April 22, 2022**. He anticipates a ½ day program to allow for an in-depth look at the budget.

#### **Presidential Search Committee Update**

Trustee Sindoni introduced Trustee Mello to provide an update on the Presidential Search Committee. Trustee Mello explained that they have held several meetings. Initially, every member of the search committee reviewed 28 potential candidates of the 54 that applied. Eighteen were moved forward through a scoring system and at the meeting last week, 10 semi-finalists were chosen to be interviewed. From that list of 10, the Committee will develop a list of 3-5 finalists who will be presented for on-campus interviews with the campus and Board of Trustees.

#### **Audit Presentation by The Bonadio Group**

Trustee Sindoni introduced Mark Manning, Chief Financial Officer, who, in turn, introduced Jonathan Miller and Shelby Reeves from The Bonadio Group. Mr. Miller presented the 2021 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 9:56 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 financial matters. **On motion by Trustee Alicea and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to enter into Executive Session.**

At 10:15 a.m., **on motion by Trustee Alicea and seconded by Trustee Strodel, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to move out of Executive Session and return to the board meeting.**

\*Receipt of the 2021 Onondaga Community College Audit

**On motion by Trustee Alicea and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, receipt of the 2021 Onondaga Community College Audit was unanimously approved.**

\*Deferred Compensation for Dr. Casey Crabill, President

**On motion by Trustee Tryniski and seconded by Trustee Strodel, the deferred compensation and revised contract for Dr. Casey Crabill, President, was unanimously approved.**

There being no further business, Trustee Sindoni adjourned the board meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Prepared by:

Julie Hart  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:

John Sindoni  
Chair, Board of Trustees