

SUNY Adirondack

Board of Trustees

764th Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2026

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Bishop Community Conference Center

640 Bay Road

Queensbury, NY 12804

101869 Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the SUNY Adirondack Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. Chair Amie Gonzales called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Gonzales welcomed attendees and recognized College faculty and staff in attendance.

101870 Roll Call

Trustees Present:

Amie Gonzales, Chair

E. Fitzgerald

D. Palmer

R. Judge

C. McDonald

T. Collins

Trustees Absent:

J. Nolan

J. Camarena (*Student Trustee*)

M. Davidson

College Administration and Staff Present:

Anastasia Urtz, President

Keith Kaplan, Vice President

Diane Wildey, Associate Vice President

Mary Hand, Chief Information Officer

Laura Lincoln, Chief Advancement Officer and Executive Director, SUNY Adirondack Foundation

Eric Conduzio, Budget Analyst

R. Triller, Director of Marketing and Communications
Larry Paltrowitz, College Attorney
Jennifer Chase, Recording Secretary

Remote Staff:

Marc Guise, Faculty Representative

101871 [Public Comment](#)

No public comment was received.

101872 [2026-2027 SUN Y Adirondack Operating Budget – Keith Kaplan, VP for Administrative Services and Treasurer](#)

Keith Kaplan presented the proposed 2026–2027 SUNY Adirondack Operating Budget. Mr. Kaplan highlighted that the budget is balanced without the use of fund balance and reflects significant work undertaken throughout the year to address structural budget challenges while maintaining institutional priorities. Trustees acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the efforts of Mr. Kaplan, the President, and the campus leadership team in developing a balanced budget for the coming fiscal year.

A complete copy of the presentation is available in the office file.

101873 [Chair’s Report](#)

Chair Amie Gonzales reported on the successful 2026 Commencement Ceremony and expressed appreciation to all faculty, staff, and volunteers whose efforts contributed to the event's success. She also recognized Student Trustee Joyce Camarena for her enthusiasm and participation during the Commencement Ceremony. Chair Gonzales reminded trustees of the upcoming State University Trustees Conference in Albany on June 3 and the Warren and Washington County Joint Meeting scheduled for June 5 on the SUNY Adirondack campus.

101874 [Consent Agenda](#)

6.1 Adoption of Minutes

6.1.1 Adoption of April 30, 2026 763rd Regular Meeting Minutes

6.2 Personnel Committee

6.2.1 May 2026 Committee Report

6.3 Audit & Finance Committee

6.3.1 May 2026 Committee Report

6.4 Academic and Student Affairs Committee

6.4.1 May 2026 Committee report

6.4.2 Program Modification Recommendations **(Action Items -7 Total)**

6.5 By-Laws, Policy and ERM Committee

6.5.1 April 2026 Committee Reports

6.5.2 Sections 6 and 9 Board of Trustees Policy Manual **(Action)**

6.6 SUNY Adirondack Foundation Liaison Report (no report)

6.7 Trusteeship Committee (no report)

Action:

Upon motion by Trustee E. Fitzgerald and seconded by Trustee R. Judge, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

101875 Governance and Faculty Update

Faculty Representative Marc Guise provided the Governance and Faculty Update. He reported on the recent Middle States Self-Study Retreat, where participants reviewed feedback, discussed expectations, and shared ideas related to the accreditation process.

Mr. Guise also provided an update on governance discussions regarding implementation of the student digital accessibility syllabus statement and noted ongoing collaboration between faculty and administration to address implementation concerns.

Mr. Guise highlighted several recent faculty and staff accomplishments, including the success of the Native Plant Symposium, faculty and staff recognitions, student engagement initiatives, contributions to SUNY-wide DEISJ efforts, and upcoming professional presentations at regional and national conferences.

101876 President's Report

President Urtz provided an update on the New York State budget, noting the enactment of the State budget earlier that day. Highlights included an additional \$12 million in operating support for community colleges, pending allocation details; the expansion of SUNY Reconnect; continued support for nursing and mental health initiatives; implementation of the ASAP program; and increased funding for Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP).

President Urtz also provided updates on workforce and economic development initiatives and opportunities impacting the College.

As part of the Campus Spotlight presentation, Jenny Postlethwaite, Director of College Access and Student Success, provided an update on the College's enrollment strategies. Rhonda Triller, Director of Marketing and Communications, presented an overview of the Fall 2026 marketing and communications plan.

A complete copy of the presentations is maintained in the official meeting file.

101877 Old Business

Strategic Plan 2026–2031

Upon motion by Trustee T. Collins and seconded by Trustee C. McDonald, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved The Strategic Plan 2026–2031.

101878 New Business

2025–2026 Award Recipients

The Board acknowledged and congratulated the SUNY Adirondack 2025–2026 award recipients for their outstanding contributions and achievements.

2026–2027 Proposed Operating Budget

Upon motion by Trustee E. Fitzgerald and seconded by Trustee R. Judge, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the proposed 2026–2027 SUNY Adirondack Operating Budget.

101879 Executive Session

Upon motion by Trustee C. McDonald and seconded by Trustee T. Collins, the Board of Trustees entered Executive Session at 4:44 p.m. to discuss contracts and personnel matters as permitted under New York State Public Officers Law, Article 7, Section 5.

101880 Return to Regular Session

Upon motion by Trustee C. McDonald, and seconded by Trustee E. Fitzgerald, the Board of Trustees returned to Regular Session at 5:34 p.m.

101881 Adjournment

There being no further business, upon motion by Trustee C. McDonald and seconded by Trustee R. Judge, the Board of Trustees adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Chase
Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees