

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MIDDLESEX COLLEGE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2025

The scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Middlesex College was held at 8:30 a.m. in the Dorothy K. Power Boardroom located on the Edison campus and on Zoom. Board members present were: Mmes. Buteas, Chittala, Delgado, and Roman, and Messrs. Anderson, Oras, Paluri, Raja, and Sica. Mr. Finkelstein, Ms. Madhukar and Mr. Taffet were absent. Also present were President McCormick, General Counsel Mr. Hoffman, Vice Presidents Ms. Coffaro, and Dr. Miller, Human Resources Executive Director Mr. Morgan, Chief Financial Officer Mr. Maltino, Facilities Management Executive Director Mr. Deak, Information Technology Executive Director Mr. Mattaliano and Assistant Secretary Ms. Roa.

In compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided as follows:

- (a) On October 8, 2024, advance written notice of this meeting was posted in the lobby of Chambers Hall and the College Center.
- (b) On October 8, 2024, advance written notice of this meeting was emailed to the Home News Tribune and The Star Ledger.
- (c) On October 8, 2024, a copy of this advance notice of the meeting was filed with the Clerk of the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners.
- (d) On October 8, 2024, a copy of this advance notice was filed with the President of Middlesex College.
- (e) Any individual who has requested notice of this meeting has been forwarded a copy of the notice of such meeting.

MINUTES

Mr. Paluri moved, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to adopt the minutes of the February 19, 2025 regular meeting.

After discussion, the motion was approved.

PRESENTATION

Amanda Lyons, Community Resource Coordinator, shared information about the College’s Community Resource Hub and Food Pantry. She reported that they are dedicated to building a culture of caring that recognizes student’s needs, provides thoughtful support, and empowers wellness and success in the classroom and beyond. She also shared that the Food Pantry provides free nutritional support for students, along with personal and household items at no cost to students. The Food Pantry was created in 2018, and in 2020 they expanded services

for students to offer a broader range of supports for our students' basic needs including related to housing, healthcare, transportation, childcare, technology, and WIFI access. The Community Resource Hub is dedicated to connecting students with community resources that will improve their health, wellness, and security.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD ON THE PRESENTATION

Trustee Roman thanked Ms. Lyons for her presentation about the Community Resource Hub and Pantry. She asked Ms. Lyons what challenges is she seeing among the current student population? Ms. Lyon commented that the biggest challenge student's face is housing. She added that housing is expensive and the cost of rent is high compared to what student workers bring home. Ms. Spears reported that transportation is also an issue as students find it difficult to access reliable transportation, as well as child care which is another issue for their adult learners. They need reliable childcare to be able to attend class.

Trustee Roman asked if the hub is connecting these students with resources needed to assist them? Ms. Lyons commented that she works closely with county agencies and nonprofits to help assist students.

Trustee Paluri thanked Ms. Lyons on an excellent presentation. He commented that college students should be able to focus on their studies and not being able to put food on the table. He thanked the staff for what they do and more importantly getting the word out.

Trustee Oras thanked the staff for their work and cannot imagine what students would do if such a hub did not exist.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Miller reported that this month includes four resolutions. She identified the need for and relevance of the following four resolutions.

Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Ms. Delgado, for adoption of Resolutions 1 through 4.

1. WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Middlesex College (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") and the New Jersey Cybersecurity & Communication Integration Cell, (hereinafter referred to as "NJCCIC") have entered into a contract for the operation of a project entitled ADVANCED ENDPOINT PROTECTION LICENSES SUPPORTED BY STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM for the period commencing March 1, 2025 and concluding March 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, a proposal entitled ADVANCED ENDPOINT PROTECTION LICENSES SUPPORTED BY STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT

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PROGRAM has been submitted by the College administration and agreed to by NJCCIC in the amount of \$465,604.50; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 18A:64A-12J grants the Board the power to enter into contracts which it deems necessary and advisable with the State of New Jersey or any of its political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the operation of a project entitled ADVANCED ENDPOINT PROTECTION LICENSES SUPPORTED BY STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM is consistent with the philosophy and purpose of the College,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- a. The Board approves the proposal for the project entitled ADVANCED ENDPOINT PROTECTION LICENSES SUPPORTED BY STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM as submitted by the administration of Middlesex College to NJCCIC for the period commencing March 1, 2025 and concluding March 31, 2029 in the total amount of \$465,604.50.
- b. The Board herein ratifies the contract executed by the College President and/or his designee to implement the project.

2. WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Middlesex College (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") and the Middlesex County of Human Services, (hereinafter referred to as the "County") have entered into a contract for the operation of a project MIDDLESEX COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY & IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL (MOSAIC) CONTRACT RENEWAL for the period commencing January 1, 2025 and concluding December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a proposal entitled MIDDLESEX COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY & IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL (MOSAIC) CONTRACT RENEWAL has been submitted by the College administration and agreed to by the County in the amount of \$150,000.00; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 18A:64A-12J grants the Board the power to enter into contracts which it deems necessary and advisable with the State of New Jersey or any of its political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the operation of a project entitled MIDDLESEX COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY & IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL (MOSAIC) CONTRACT RENEWAL is consistent with the philosophy and purpose of the College,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- a. The Board approves the proposal for the project entitled MIDDLESEX COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY & IMPLEMENTATION COUNCIL (MOSAIC) CONTRACT RENEWAL as submitted by the administration of Middlesex College to the County for the period commencing January 1, 2025 and concluding December 31, 2025 in the total amount of \$150,000.00.
- b. The Board herein ratifies the contract executed by the College President and/or his designee to implement the project.

3. WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Middlesex College (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") and the Middlesex County Magnet Schools, (hereinafter referred to as the "County") have entered into a contract for the operation of a project MIDDLESEX COUNTY MAGNET SCHOOL INNOVATION DUAL ENROLLMENT PILOT GRANT (SUBAWARD) for the period commencing December 1, 2024 and concluding December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a proposal entitled MIDDLESEX COUNTY MAGNET SCHOOL INNOVATION DUAL ENROLLMENT PILOT GRANT (SUBAWARD) has been

submitted by the College administration and agreed to by the County in the amount of \$39,450.00; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 18A:64A-12J grants the Board the power to enter into contracts which it deems necessary and advisable with the State of New Jersey or any of its political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the operation of a project entitled MIDDLESEX COUNTY MAGNET SCHOOL INNOVATION DUAL ENROLLMENT PILOT GRANT (SUBAWARD) is consistent with the philosophy and purpose of the College,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- a. The Board approves the proposal for the project entitled MIDDLESEX COUNTY MAGNET SCHOOL INNOVATION DUAL ENROLLMENT PILOT GRANT (SUBAWARD) as submitted by the administration of Middlesex College to the County for the period commencing December 1, 2024 and concluding December 31, 2025 in the total amount of \$39,450.00.
- b. The Board herein ratifies the contract executed by the College President and/or his designee to implement the project.

4. WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Middlesex College (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") and the Arts Institute of Middlesex County, (hereinafter referred to as the "County") have entered into a contract for the operation of a project MIDDLESEX COUNTY 2025 ARTS GRANT for the period commencing January 1, 2025 and concluding December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a proposal entitled MIDDLESEX COUNTY 2025 ARTS GRANT has been submitted by the College administration and agreed to by the County in the amount of \$18,000.00; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 18A:64A-12J grants the Board the power to enter into contracts which it deems necessary and advisable with the State of New Jersey or any of its political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the operation of a project entitled MIDDLESEX COUNTY 2025 ARTS GRANT is consistent with the philosophy and purpose of the College,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- a. The Board approves the proposal for the project entitled MIDDLESEX COUNTY 2025 ARTS GRANT as submitted by the administration of Middlesex College to the County for the period January 1, 2025 and concluding December 31, 2025 in the total amount of \$18,000.00.
- b. The Board herein ratifies the contract executed by the College President and/or his designee to implement the project.

After discussion, the motion was approved.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Maltino reported that the Finance Committee met on March 12, 2025 to discuss various matters consisting of resolutions for contracts, vendor payments, and other financial matters at the College and recommends approval of the following six resolutions.

Mr. Oras moved, seconded by Ms. Roman for adoption of Resolutions 1 through 6.

1. WHEREAS, The College is authorized to obtain goods or services and participate in cooperative pricing systems available pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-25.9 and 11a of the County College Contracts Law, and N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2b(3) applicable to the College;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the following contract(s) be authorized under the provisions of cooperatives currently in effect for purchases exceeding the quote threshold of \$8,320.00:

<u>COOPERATIVE</u>	<u>CONTRACT NUMBER</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
NJ Edge	269EMCPS-21-001-EM-SHI	SHI International	Professional services for EMS cloud migration	\$13,154.40
NJ Edge	269EMCPS-21-001-EM-SHI	SHI International	Hardware support for 8 Super Micro devices	\$8,705.20
NJSC	17-FLEET-00761 17-FLEET-00768 17-FLEET-00719 17-FLEET-00748	Winner Ford	Whelan, ProGard, Havis, and Setina equipment for Police Cruiser (\$6,001.25 off-contract for installation)	\$23,687.74
OMNIA	23-6692-03-61002391	Insight Public Sector	VMware / Veeam professional engineering consulting services	\$12,701.70

- (1) NJ Edge – New Jersey Edge Consortium
- (2) NJSC – New Jersey State Contract
- (3) OMNIA – OMNIA Partners Cooperative

2. BE IT RESOLVED, That based on the recommendation of the Director of Purchasing and Inventory and the Chief Financial Officer, awards be authorized to the following vendors pursuant to a fair and open process, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, unless otherwise specified:

- a. Bid #24-8 for the second-year renewal of the award for promotional items:

Ad Café, Edison, NJ for the not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000.00, for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

- b. Bid #25-9 for exercise science equipment, including delivery, installation, and training, funded by the Carl D. Perkins grant:

Cosmed USA, Inc., Concord, CA for the not-to-exceed amount of \$107,326.00.

- c. Quote #10927 for printing and delivery of Open House Postcards / All County Mailing:

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Hummel Integrated Marketing Solutions, Union, NJ for the not-to-exceed amount of \$15,150.00.

- d. RFP #10855 for the campus facilities condition audit annual update for 2025:

Entech Engineering, Reading, PA for the not-to-exceed amount of \$9,630.00.

3. WHEREAS, The College has a need to obtain goods and services as Business Entity Disclosure contracts pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-25.5.a.; and

WHEREAS, The Director Purchasing and Inventory has determined and certified in writing that the value of each acquisition exceeds \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, If applicable, the vendors will complete and submit Business Entity and Political Contribution Disclosures certifying that the vendors have not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the State of New Jersey / County of Middlesex in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the vendors from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That based on the recommendation of the Director of Purchasing and Inventory and the Chief Financial Officer, contracts be authorized to the following vendors, contingent upon receipt of the completed disclosures:

- a. Entrinsik, Inc., Raleigh, NC for consulting services to develop reports necessary to support College operations as part of the ERP project for the not-to-exceed amount of \$56,000.00.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, That based on the recommendation of the Director of Purchasing and Inventory and the Chief Financial Officer, the following contract amendments be made:

- a. F.W. Webb Company, Bedford, MA for a correction to the quantity of item #14 on Bid 25-15 for pump replacements (supply only):

Previous Contract Amount	\$64,426.60
Amendment #2	<u>725.00</u>
New Contract Amount	<u>\$65,151.60</u>

5. BE IT RESOLVED, That based on the recommendation of the Executive Director

of Facilities Management and the Chief Financial Officer, payment be authorized to the following firms:

- a. Design Resource Group Architects, Somerset, NJ for Phase 1 feasibility architectural services in conjunction with the Performing Arts Center Renovation project in the amount of \$14,900.00.

Contract Amount	\$14,900.00
Payment #1 (FINAL)	<u>14,900.00</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

- b. Design Resource Group Architects, Somerset, NJ for Phase 1 design & construction document architectural services in conjunction with the Bookstore to College Center project in the amount of \$49,960.00.

Contract Amount	\$49,960.00
Payment #1 (FINAL)	<u>49,960.00</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

- c. DMR Architects, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ for construction administration architectural services in conjunction with the Chambers Hall Renovation project in the amount of \$2,905.00.

Contract Amount	\$41,500.00
Previous Payments	31,125.00
Payment #9	<u>2,905.00</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 7,470.00</u>

- d. Environmental Connection, Trenton, NJ for Phase 1 technical plans and specifications environmental services in conjunction with the Physical Education Center gymnasium floor replacement project in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Contract Amount	\$4,000.00
Payment #1	<u>3,000.00</u>
Balance	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

- e. Epic Management, Inc., Piscataway, NJ for construction management services in conjunction with the following four (4) projects; Physical Education Center Renovations, Billy Johnson Hall Pump & Pipe Reconfiguration, Billy Johnson Hall RTU Replacement and Chambers Hall Renovations in the amount of \$20,265.00.

Contract Amount	\$243,180.00
Previous Payments	20,265.00
Payment #31 for multiple prior projects	<u>20,265.00</u>

Balance	<u>\$202,650.00</u>
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- f. Estock Piping Company LLC, Chesterfield, NJ for construction services in conjunction with the Billy Johnson Hall boiler replacement project in the amount of \$161,527.68.

Contract Amount	\$285,260.00
Payment #1	<u>161,527.68</u>
Balance	<u>\$123,732.32</u>

- g. Safeway Contracting Inc., Union, NJ for construction services in conjunction with the Roof Replacements for the Bookstore, Library Instructional Resource Center and Gateway projects in the amount of \$243,941.22.

Contract Amount	\$1,140,614.00
Previous Payments	529,489.80
Payment #4	<u>243,941.22</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 367,182.98</u>

- h. Spiezle Architects, Hamilton, NJ for Phase 2 construction administration architectural services in conjunction with the Library, Instructional Resource Center & Gateway Roof Replacement project in the amount of \$4,250.00.

Contract Amount	\$21,250.00
Previous Payments	6,375.00
Payment #4	2,125.00
Payment #5	<u>2,125.00</u>
Balance	<u>\$10,625.00</u>

- i. Spiezle Architects, Hamilton, NJ for Phase 2 construction observation services in conjunction with the Multiple Restroom Renovations project in the amount of \$672.50.

Contract Amount	\$13,450.00
Payment #1	<u>672.50</u>
Balance	<u>\$12,777.50</u>

6. BE IT RESOLVED, That based on the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer, payment be authorized to the following firm:

- a. Lerner David, LLP, Cranford, NJ for specialty legal services in conjunction with the College's Intellectual Property and trademark registration in the amount of \$612.50.

- b. O'Toole Scrivo, LLC, Cedar Grove, NJ for legal services rendered regarding special land use counsel for the month of January 2025 in the amount of \$72.00.
- c. Weiner Law Group, LLP, Parsippany, NJ for legal services rendered regarding labor matters for the month of January 2025 in the amount of \$753.19.

After discussion, the motion was approved.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Mr. Morgan reported that this month includes 32 recommended items in total. A summary of the action items are listed below.

Mr. Oras moved, seconded by Mr. Paluri, for adoption of all resolutions in the categories of Hires, Change of Status, Separations, and Miscellaneous.

A.	<u>Hires</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
	Administrative	1
	Support Staff	2
	Grants	3
B.	<u>Change of Status</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
	Administrative	3
	Faculty	10
C.	<u>Separations</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
	Support Staff	4
D.	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
	Administrative	1
	Faculty	1
	Support Staff	7
A.	HIRES	

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Name: Kobe Penn
 Department: Educational Opportunity Fund
 Position: EOF Advisor
 Salary: \$63,109
 Effective: 2/24/2025
 *Salary correction

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SUPPORT STAFF

1. Name: Carlos Perez Leyva
 Department: Custodial Services
 Position: Boiler Custodian
 Salary: \$39,750 + \$3,132 (shift differential) = \$42,882
 Effective: 3/17/2025

2. Name: Francine Ventura
 Department: History and Social Sciences
 Position: Department Assistant
 Salary: \$46,465
 Effective: 4/1/2025

GRANTS

1. Name: Antwan Lowery
 Department: Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning
 Position: Youth Services Career Consultant
 Salary: \$58,656
 Effective: 4/16/2025 – 6/30/2025

2. Name: Yvette Molina
 Department: Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning
 Position: One-Stop Operator
 Salary: \$63,109
 Effective: 3/17/2025 – 6/30/2025

3. Name: Laura Serrano Marin
 Department: Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning
 Position: Lead Youth Services Career Consultant
 Salary: \$63,109
 Effective: 3/17/2025 – 6/30/2025

B. CHANGE OF STATUS

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Name: Leonard Coto
 Department: Information Technology
 Action: Title Change
 Position: Associate Director, Network and Telecommunications Services
 Effective: 4/1/2025

2. Name: Joaquin Nieves
 Department: Information Technology
 Position: Senior Desktop Administrator
 Salary: \$73,466

Effective: 3/1/2025

3. Name: Mary Jo Tivenan-Mackintosh
Department: Early Learning Center
Action: \$500/Month Stipend – Additional Responsibilities
Effective: 3/16/2025 – 6/30/2025

FACULTY

1. Name: Rita Burton
Department: Counseling and Student Wellness
Action: Approval of Sabbatical Leave
Effective: Spring 2026
2. Name: Brenda Cavanaugh
Department: ESL, Languages and Cultures
Action: Approval of Sabbatical Leave
Effective: Spring 2026
3. Name: Ronald Foley
Department: Mathematics
Action: Approval of Sabbatical Leave
Effective: Fall 2025 and Spring 2026
4. Name: Katalin Gyurian Toth
Department: ESL, Languages and Cultures
Action: Approval of Sabbatical Leave
Effective: Spring 2026
5. Name: Nadine Heller
Department: Visual, Performing and Media Arts
Action: Approval of Sabbatical Leave
Effective: Spring 2026
6. Name: Virender Kanwal
Department: Natural Sciences
Action: Approval of Sabbatical Leave
Effective: Spring 2026
7. Name: Lakshmi Nagarajan-Iyer
Department: Business and Computer Science
Action: Approval of Sabbatical Leave
Effective: Spring 2026
8. Name: Iris Ramer
Department: ESL, Languages, and Cultures
Action: Approval of Sabbatical Leave
Effective: Spring 2026

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9. Name: Elizabeth Shaheen
 Department: ESL, Languages, and Cultures Department
 Action: Approval of Sabbatical Leave
 Effective: Fall 2025

10. Name: Moe Tabanli
 Department: Natural Sciences
 Action: Approval of Sabbatical Leave
 Effective: Spring 2026

C. SEPARATIONS

SUPPORT STAFF

1. Name: Keyla Hernandez
 Department: Enrollment Services
 Action: Resignation
 Effective: 3/28/2025

2. Name: Kathleen McKeon
 Department: History and Social Sciences
 Action: Termination
 Effective: 3/5/2025

3. Name: Erika Montalvo
 Department: Custodial Services
 Action: Termination
 Effective: 03/06/2025

4. Name: Vito Pezolla
 Department: Information Technology
 Action: Retirement
 Effective: 3/31/2025

D. MISCELLANEOUS

ADMINISTRATIVE – ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION

1. Name: Jennifer Applebee
 Department: Division of Business, STEM, and Health Professions
 Reason: College Readiness Now
 Payment: \$500

FACULTY COMPENSATION – IX-M

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>PAYMENT</u>
Christopher Drew	History and Social	IX-M#750 CELT Mentoring Team	\$1,725

	Sciences	(Spring 2025)	
Shannon Pullaro	Business and Computer Science	IX-M#750 CELT Mentoring Team (Spring 2025)	\$1,725
Sheri-Rose Rubin	Business and Computer Science	IX-M#750 CELT Mentoring Team (Spring 2025)	\$1,725

SUPPORT STAFF – ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION

1. Name: Gabrielle Ambrozia
 Department: Enrollment Services
 Reason: Some College, No Degree
 Payment: \$200.95

2. Name: Nicole Bartek
 Department: Enrollment Services
 Reason: Some College, No Degree
 Payment: \$200.95

3. Name: Chelsea Ramsthaller
 Department: Enrollment Services
 Reason: Some College, No Degree
 Payment: \$199.80

4. Name: Ethling Vega
 Department: Enrollment Services
 Reason: Some College, No Degree
 Payment: \$200.95

5. Name: Melissa Vogel
 Department: Enrollment Services
 Reason: Some College, No Degree
 Payment: \$226.90

SUPPORT STAFF – AFSCME SALARY CHANGES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union Local #2269 salary listing be approved effective with the February 28, 2025 pay period, through June 30, 2025 beginning with the name **Jennifer Schafer** and ending with the name **Jennifer Schafer**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SALARY</u> <u>2024/2025</u>	<u>SHIFT</u> <u>DIFFERENTIAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>SALARY</u>
Jennifer Schafer*	\$51,629		\$51,629

*Associate's Degree

**Bachelor's Degree

***Master's Degree

SUPPORT STAFF MISCELLANEOUS – RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, **Vito Pezzolla**, has faithfully served Middlesex College from November 16, 2016 to March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, he has performed his duties and responsibilities capably and loyally;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accepts the voluntary retirement of **Vito Pezzolla** as of March 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board recognizes the significant contributions of **Vito Pezzolla** during his years of service to Middlesex College and extends its best wishes to him on his retirement.

After discussion, the motion was approved.

GENERAL

Mr. Oras moved, seconded by Ms. Delgado, for adoption of Resolution 1.

1. WHEREAS, Middlesex College and Middlesex County are collaborating on the Community, Innovation and Opportunity Strategic Investment Plan (“CIO Plan”) to realize a number of construction projects on and near the Middlesex College Edison Campus; and

WHEREAS, One of the projects to be completed under the CIO Plan is a new Middlesex County Magnet School, to be called Middlesex County Innovation Magnet School; and

WHEREAS, The road leading by the front of the new Middlesex County Innovation Magnet School, between College Center and the current site of the College Bookstore, is currently an unnamed bus route; and

WHEREAS, A groundbreaking for the new Middlesex County Innovation Magnet School took place on March 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The College Board of Trustees wishes to rename the unnamed bus route Innovation Way in honor of the partnership between Middlesex County, Middlesex College and the Middlesex County Magnet Schools and to celebrate the new Middlesex County Innovation Magnet School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the members of the Board of Trustees of Middlesex County College do hereby name the previously unnamed bus route running between College Center and the College Bookstore Innovation Way.

After discussion, the motion was approved.

REPORT OF COUNSEL

No report.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY

Sandy Castor, Department Head of Economic Development at Middlesex County thanked Ms. Lyons for her work at the Community Resource Hub and Food Pantry. She commented that their work does not go unseen and is happy to learn about all the partnerships that are occurring with Middlesex County like REPLENISH, Keep Middlesex Moving and the Middlesex County Board of Social Services MCBOS. She wanted to highlight that MCBOS has a partnership with the Office of Workforce and Career Development and that any student who is taking advantage of any of those social services and is looking to take a certificate-level program at Middlesex College can apply for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Innovation Project funding which provides additional support for transportation and childcare. The County has secured \$890,000.00 and added that students can contact the Office of Workforce Development for more information.

Ms. Castor also commented on the resolution that the Board approved related to the CIO project. The County is grateful for the opportunity, and as the Department Head of Economic Development she looks forward to the continued partnership, as well as finding additional opportunities to leverage grant opportunities and any infrastructure amenities and additions that can be made to the campus.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. McCormick reported on a series of events that occurred at the College during Spring Break including the Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival. He reported that the Middlesex County Arts Institute provides a small grant to Middlesex College to run and coordinate this incredible experience for students. Nearly 1300 middle and high school students participated in the Festival this year. He also reported on the ribbon-cutting event for the new Nursing Simulation Center, which is a state-of-the-art lab that mirrors a professional clinical setting to provide critical feedback and prepare students for real-world practice in health care. He also shared interesting facts from the College's history from the 1990's in celebration of the College's 60th anniversary.

FINAL REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. McCormick reported that Casino Night will be held on Friday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m. and the theme will be Diamonds and Dice in celebration of the College's Diamond Anniversary. He also reported that Commencement will take place on Tuesday, May 13 and will begin at 9:30 a.m.

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The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Dorothy K. Power Boardroom and on Zoom with the link to be posted on the College website.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

ROBERT P. SICA
SECRETARY

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