

**The Fiscal Committee
meeting of the Board of Trustees was held
on January 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
in the Robert Michael Sdao Memorial Board Room
at Niagara County Community College
and via ZOOM**

Fiscal Committee Board Members in Person

Mr. Kevin Clark, Chairperson

Fiscal Committee Board Members via ZOOM

Ms. Gina Virtuoso, Vice Chairperson

Mr. David Haylett, Jr.

Administration Present

Mr. John Eichner, Director of Business Services (via zoom)

Ms. Patrice Elnicki, Director of Financial Reporting and Accounting (via zoom)

Mr. Wayne Lynch, Vice President of Administration

FISCAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chairperson Clark called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and stated the meeting was being recorded. A roll call acknowledged the following were present: Chairperson Kevin Clark, Wayne Lynch, John Eichner and Patrice Elnicki. Those on zoom were Vice Chairperson Gina Virtuoso, Trustee David Haylett, Jr., John Eichner and Patrice Elnicki.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Virtuoso and seconded by Trustee Haylett, Jr. to approve the Fiscal Committee Meeting minutes of November 8, 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Clark read the following resolution:

BOARD RESOLUTION

SUPPORT OF SUNY BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION – Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

Purpose/Background:

On December 13th, 2022, the SUNY Board of Trustees ratified a resolution that establishes the benefit of resident tuition rates for the Spring 2022 term and the 2022/23 academic year for any undergraduate and graduate students at the State University of New York State-operated campuses who (a) currently hold a non-immigrant visa and who are nationals of countries that have been granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and (b) are currently ineligible for resident rates of tuition.

Whereas Niagara County Community College welcomes refugee populations; and

Whereas Niagara County Community College supports SUNY's history of responding to populations in need by designating the citizens/residents of locations devastated by natural or manmade disasters as New York residents for tuition purposes; and

Whereas the United States Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security is authorized to designate a foreign state (or any part thereof) for Temporary Protected Status upon finding that extraordinary and temporary conditions in the foreign state prevent its nationals from returning safely, unless permitting the foreign state's nationals to remain temporarily in the United States is contrary to the national interest of the United States; and

Whereas Niagara County Community College supports the SUNY Board of Trustees' extension of the benefit of resident tuition to students who are nationals of countries that have been designated as Temporary Protected Status as a humanitarian response which acknowledges these students' inability to return to their home; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that Niagara County Community College supports the actions of the Chancellor, or designee, and hereby who is, authorized to amend the State University of New York Guidelines on Residency for Tuition Purposes to, within the confines of New York State Education Law, make graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in the State-operated institutions of the State University of New York, who are attending these institutions on non-immigrant visas and are nationals of a country that has been granted Temporary Protected Status, to be considered eligible for resident tuition for the Spring 2023 term and the 2022/23 academic year; and, be it further

Resolved that the Niagara County Community College Board of Trustees, operating under the program of the State University of New York, will take action to support students from Temporary Protected Status nations consistent with the spirit of this policy.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2023

Jason J. Cafarella
Chairperson, Board of Trustees
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Vice President Lynch provided information/discussion pertaining to the SUNY Resolution to support Temporary Protected Status. It was moved by Chairperson Clark and seconded by Vice Chairperson Virtuoso to move the resolution to the full board as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairperson Virtuoso questioned the impact this resolution would have on enrollment. Vice President Lynch stated there would be a minimal impact, due to the low volume of out of the country enrollment.

There were no other questions from the committee.

It was moved by Trustee Haylett, Jr. and seconded by Vice Chairperson Virtuoso to adjourn at 1:21 p.m.

Kevin Clark
Chairperson, Fiscal Committee