

**New Jersey City University
Board of Trustees
March 5, 2025**

ATTENDEES:

Mr. Luke Visconti
Mr. Raphael Salermo
Ms. Natalie Brathwaite
Mr. Carlos Lejnieks
Ms. Jenny Davis Toth (*via ZOOM*)
Dr. Irene Trowell-Harris (*via ZOOM*)
Dr. Edward Whittaker
Mr. Andrés Acebo, Interim President
Dr. Venessa Garcia, Faculty Representative, Ex Officio
Mr. Peter Hernandez, Foundation Representative, Ex Officio
Mr. Dominic Yarson, Student Trustee, voting
Ms. Branda Logan, Student Trustee, non-voting
Mr. Henry Amoroso, State Monitor
Mr. Joe Baumann, Special Counsel
Ms. Monica de los Rios, University Counsel & Chief Ethics Officer

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order in Hepburn Hall, Gothic Lounge, Room 202.

President Andrés Acebo called for a 10-minute closed Executive session to begin the meeting. After the Executive session concluded, the room was convened for public comment. Special Counsel, Joe Baumann, advised the general public the nature of the closed session deliberations.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the community including Marc Brown, Dr. William Calathes and Dr. Joe Moskowitz shared sentiments about a projected merger between NJCU and another NJ Public Education Institution.

Marc Brown noted the long-standing history and tradition held at NJCU that leaves an impact on his family and community that he wishes to not lose in a potential merger.

Dr. Calathes voiced concern about job security and loss of institutional culture during the process and outcome of a merger.

Dr. Moskowitz highlighted the importance of patience and hope during these times, and suggested three action items to be incorporated in the action plan for a potential merger:

1. Job security for faculty and staff for 3 years
2. Continuance of local/community agreements
3. Continuance of Union locals

Public comment concluded.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chairman, Luke Visconti read the proposed resolution in response to the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education setting a March 31, 2025 benchmark for NJCU to identify a partnership with another NJ public institution back in April of 2024. Through outside consulting, data analysis and emphasis on target areas for the institution: long-term financial operational sustainability, preservation of the institutional mission, and extensive academic and career opportunities for students; NJCU has selected KEAN University as a potential partner.

Luke called for the motion to pass the proposed resolution that names KEAN University as the strategic partner in this transition plan. The board agreed to the motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was presented, with agreement the meeting ended.