

**MEETING OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
OF TRUSTEES POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 13, 2026**

TUSTEES PRESENT: A. Kane, Committee Chair, S. Jaffe

ALSO PRESENT: President Potash, Vice President Welsh, Director of HR Ocheretina

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Committee Charge

The committee discussed the importance of the work, particularly as accreditation calls for a structure and timeline for the review of all policies. The committee will need to separate policy from procedure. A draft charge will be created for review in advance of the full board's review

b. Review of Policies

The committee will review policies and ensure that during the review accreditation information is included as applicable.

The committee will need a process map of how reviews will take place, as well as guarantees of appropriate shared governance. Prioritization of review areas is another issue.

c. Federal Compliance

VP Welsh provided a review of the effect of the dismantling of the Department of Education over the next year. The college is monitoring this closely. Due to the recent changes SUNY has requested bi-weekly reporting of federal aid. Currently the college is not seeing any impacts in access and completion. There are changes to Pell. Starting in July Workforce Pell will be available. Also, starting July 1st the college will not be able to offer Pell to programs that are low earning programs Excluding workforce programs). There will be an appeals process available but it has not been finalized yet.

The Administration's executive order to dismantle all federal DEI programs, practices and policies. The College joined under SUNY's legal umbrella related to this should there be any further court cases on DEI we will work with SUNY's legal team to navigate.

The Title 9 guidance under the Administration has been reverted back to the 2020 guidance. Our Title IX coordinators are up-to-date on this as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:02am.

Submitted by A. Kane, Committee Chair

Recorded by K. Gibson