

**JOINT
EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
AND WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019
2:15 P.M.**

PRESENT: Paul Ruszkiewicz, Chairman (Education and Economic Development)
Barry J. Cheney, Joseph J. Minuta, Rob Sassi, Kathy A. Stegenga

Leigh J. Benton, Chairman (Ways and Means)
Mike Anagnostakis, Katie Bonelli, Kevin W. Hines, James M. Kulisek,
Joseph J. Minuta, Michael D. Paduch, Janet Sutherland

ALSO

PRESENT: L. Stephen Brescia, Chairman
Michael Amo, Independent Party Leader
Thomas Faggione, Legislator
Kevindaryan Lujan, Legislator
Antoinette Reed, Legislative Counsel
Karin Hablow, Commissioner, Finance
Kerry Gallagher, Deputy Commissioner, Finance
Deborah Slesinski, Budget Analyst
Deanna Crawford, Budget Analyst
Dr. Kristine Young, President, Orange County Community College
Linda Dauer, Vice President of Admin., Orange County Community College
Agnes Wagner, SUNY Orange Comptroller
William Vacca, Board of Trustees Member, OCCC

Chairmen Benton and Ruszkiewicz opened the committee meeting at 2:16 p.m. by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. All Education and Economic Development committee members were present with the exception of Legislators O'Donnell, Sierra and Tautel who were absent. All Ways and Means committee members were present

Mr. Hines (Ways and Means) moved the request to adopt a budget for the Orange County Community College for fiscal year 2019-2020 and Providing for raising of taxes required by such budget seconded by Ms. Sutherland.

Mr. Sassi (Education & Economic Dev.) moved the request to adopt a budget for the Orange County Community College for fiscal year 2019-2020 and Providing for raising of taxes required by such budget seconded by Mr. Minuta.

Mr. Benton stated that earlier this week leadership and Chairmen of the oversight committees met with Dr. Young, the trustees and staff, ending in a compromise solution. Ms. Reed drafted the resolution to reflect the mutually agreed figures.

Dr. Young thanked everyone for reconvening and offering another opportunity to have another discussion. The numbers presented on the resolution will work for them. The Board of Trustees will reconvene the week of August 12th to adopt a budget that reflects these numbers which will allow them to get it up to SUNY in time for their August 18th deadline.

Mr. Benton commented that the figure reflects what was discussed at the previous committee meeting, the 1% reduction in county taxation, 3%.

Mr. Ruskiewicz pointed out that it was a good compromise and 4% was a big ask of the county and 2% was not workable for the college given the situation they are in. The college works hard on their budget and have done well considering the circumstances they are experiencing with the declining enrollment.

All in favor. Motion carried. (Ways and Means)

All in favor. Motion carried. (Education and Economic Development)

On the motion of Mr. Cheney, seconded by Ms. Stegenga, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.