The meeting was called to order by Chairperson William C. Thompson, Jr. at 4:35 p.m.

Chairperson Thompson, Jr. moved to go into Executive Session at 4:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fernando Ferrer.

**CONVENING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
Chairperson Thompson, Jr. called for an Executive Session pursuant to Section 105, Article 7, of the Public Officers Law, to discuss matters pertaining to personnel, investigations and litigation. The Board met in Executive Session from 4:36 p.m. to 6:43 p.m.

Moved by Chairperson Thompson, Jr. and seconded by Trustee Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez, the public session was reconvened at 6:49 p.m.

**NO. 1. CHANCELLOR’S UNIVERSITY REPORT – October 29, 2018 - including Addendum and Errata sections.** Moved by Vice Chairperson Barry Schwartz and seconded by Trustee Henry Berger. The resolution was unanimously approved.

**NO. 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
The minutes of the Special Board meeting and Executive Session of June 4, 2018, and the regular Board meeting and Executive Session of June 25, 2018. Moved by Vice Chairperson Schwartz and seconded by Trustee Berger. University Student Senate (USS) Chair and Trustee Haris Khan abstained. The resolution was approved.

**NO. 3. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - REFORM OF GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PRACTICES TO ENHANCE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY:** Moved by Vice Chairperson Schwartz and seconded by Trustee Berger. The resolution was unanimously approved.

**NO. 4. COMMITTEE ON FISCAL AFFAIRS:**
A. **THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - REDUCTION IN GRADUATE APPLICATION FEE:** Moved by Trustee Ferrer and seconded by Vice Chairperson Schwartz. The resolution was unanimously approved.

B. **CITY COLLEGE/CUNY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CUNY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE MISSION DRIVEN SCHOLARSHIPS:** Moved by Trustee Ferrer and seconded by Vice Chairperson Schwartz. The resolution was unanimously approved.

C. **THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - CENTRAL OFFICE - CHEMICAL INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACT WITH RESEARCH APPLICATIONS AND FINANCIAL TRACKING (RAFT), INC.:** Moved by Trustee Ferrer and seconded by Vice Chairperson Schwartz. The resolution was unanimously approved.
D. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - CENTRAL OFFICE - HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE SERVICES: Moved by Trustee Ferrer and seconded by Vice Chairperson Schwartz. The resolution was unanimously approved.

E. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND OPERATING SUPPLIES AUTHORIZATION OF CONTRACT WITH W.W. GRAINGER, INC.: Moved by Trustee Ferrer and seconded by Vice Chairperson Schwartz. The resolution was unanimously approved.

F. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - INTERIM ASSET ALLOCATION: Moved by Vice Chairperson Schwartz and seconded by Trustee Ferrer. The resolution was unanimously approved.

NO. 5 COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY, PROGRAMS, AND RESEARCH:
A. CUNY GRADUATE SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY CENTER - MA IN BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIR:
B. BARUCH COLLEGE - MS IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS:
C. NEW YORK CITY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY - B ARCH IN ARCHITECTURE:
D. MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE - ESTABLISHING NEW START-UP NEW YORK INITIATIVE:
   Moved by Trustee Jill O'Donnell-Tormey and seconded by Vice Chairperson Schwartz. Trustee Una Clarke and USS Chair and Trustee Khan abstained. Resolutions 5.A. through 5.D. were approved.

NO. 6 COMMITTEE ON FACULTY, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION:
A. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - APPOINTMENT OF DR. VIVIAN LOUIE AS PROFESSOR OF URBAN POLICY AND PLANNING AT HUNTER COLLEGE, WITH TENURE PURSUANT TO §6.2(B) OF THE BYLAWS: Moved by Trustee Berger and seconded by Vice Chairperson Schwartz. The resolution was unanimously approved.
B. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - APPOINTMENT OF LUISA BORRELL AS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AT THE CUNY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH POLICY:
C. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL SHUB AS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AT CITY COLLEGE:
D. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - APPOINTMENT OF ERIC LOTT AS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AT THE GRADUATE CENTER:
E. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - APPOINTMENT OF NARI WARD AS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AT HUNTER COLLEGE:
F. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN GREENBAUM AS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AT HUNTER COLLEGE:
   Moved by Trustee Michael Arvanites and seconded by Vice Chairperson Schwartz. Resolutions 6.B. through 6.F. were unanimously approved.
G. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - APPOINTMENT OF DR. NARESH DEVINENI WITH EARLY TENURE PURSUANT TO §6.2(D) OF THE BYLAWS AT CITY COLLEGE: Moved by Trustee Arvanites and seconded by Vice Chairperson Schwartz. The resolution was unanimously approved.
NO. 7. COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT:
A. BARUCH COLLEGE, COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND, AND QUEENS COLLEGE - UNIVERSITY-WIDE PROGRAM TO UPGRADE FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS:
B. QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE - ACQUISITION OF BUILDING:
Moved by Trustee Brian Obergfell and seconded by Vice Chairperson Schwartz. Resolutions 7.A. and 7.B. were unanimously approved.

NO. 8. CENTRAL OFFICE - APPOINTMENT OF PAMELA SILVERBLATT AS INTERIM SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS AND GENERAL COUNSEL AND SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR FOR LABOR RELATIONS: Moved by Vice Chairperson Schwartz and seconded by Trustee Berger. The resolution was unanimously approved.

NO. 9. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK – APPOINTMENT OF CLAUDIA V. SCHRADER AS PRESIDENT OF KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Moved by Vice Chairperson Schwartz and seconded by Trustee Berger. The resolution was unanimously approved.

NO. 10. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK – APPOINTMENT OF KARRIN E. WILKS AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

NO. 11. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK – APPOINTMENT OF TIMOTHY LYNCH AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE:
Moved by Vice Chairperson Schwartz and seconded by Trustee Berger. Resolutions 10 and 11 were unanimously approved.

SAC and Secretary of the Board Gayle M. Horwitz noted that items Nos. 12 and 13 were considered in Executive Session and presented it for the Board’s approval:

NO. 12. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENDITURES FOR COUNSEL FOR VICE CHANCELLORS:

WHEREAS, On February 21, 2017, the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York authorized reimbursement to the campus presidents and deans of each college as applicable (“presidents”) for reasonable expenses incurred to retain personal counsel of their choice to represent them at required interviews with the Office of the Inspector General of the State of New York (“IG”); and

WHEREAS, Since that time, the IG has required and continues to require certain current vice chancellors to submit to a recorded interview under oath; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York hereby authorizes reimbursement to University vice chancellors for reasonable expenses incurred to retain personal counsel for required interviews with the IG. The vice chancellors are valued key employees, whom CUNY expends great effort to recruit and retain.

EXPLANATION: Pursuant to an ongoing investigation, the IG has required and is requiring certain vice chancellors to submit to a recorded interview under oath, and has advised that the vice chancellors may bring personal counsel if they wish. This interview is pursuant to the IG’s statutory authority to “require any officer or employee in a covered agency to answer questions concerning any matter related to the performance of his or her official duties.” Refusal to answer
questions in an IG interview under oath subjects an employee to removal from employment.

In the ordinary course of business, when CUNY employees are sued for conduct occurring in the course of their employment, the State (for senior colleges) or City (for community colleges) will represent and indemnify, including representing them at deposition or trial when they are required to testify under oath. CUNY is aware of no evidence of wrongdoing on the part of any current vice chancellors.

Pursuant to its broad authority to “govern and administer all educational units of the city university,” NYS Education Law §6204.1, the Board has the power to authorize reimbursement to the vice chancellors for their reasonable expenses incurred to retain personal counsel of their choice for these interviews and any follow-up by the IG. The Board hereby approves reimbursement of up to $25,000 each for such expenses, and if expenses exceed $25,000, the individual may return to the Board for further consideration. Requests must be submitted to the General Counsel and include appropriate documentation that the services were performed.

If a court finds that a vice chancellor has engaged in wrongdoing with respect to the actions that are the subject of the IG’s examination, the University will seek the return of the reimbursement.

NO. 13. THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - APPOINTMENT OF DR. JOY CONNOLLY AS INTERIM PRESIDENT OF THE CUNY GRADUATE CENTER:

WHEREAS, Dr. Joy Connolly’s superb service as Provost of the Graduate Center of the City University of New York since 2016 and before that as Dean for the Humanities at New York University from 2012-2016 has given her administrative and leadership experience; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Connolly’s recent promotion to University Distinguished Professor of Classics, her three books, and more than thirty articles in the field of Roman literature, philosophy, and political thought are evidence of the scholarly achievements and standing we expect of the leader of the Graduate Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Connolly is a well-known advocate for doctoral education and for the important role of the humanities in society and has secured over two million dollars for the Graduate Center from the Mellon Foundation to support her work in transforming doctoral education and linking it to the public good; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Connolly has led the development of the website, Sum, which features the discoveries and creative work of faculty and students at CUNY, has overseen the transfer of the ASRC from City College to the Graduate Center, and has presided over the expansion of the number of master’s degrees offered by the Graduate Center; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York approve the appointment of Joy Connolly as the Interim President of the CUNY Graduate Center, effective December 10, 2018.

EXPLANATION: Interim Chancellor Rabinowitz is recommending Distinguished Professor Joy Connolly as Interim President of the CUNY Graduate Center. Dr. Connolly earned her AB in Classics from Princeton University and her PhD in Classical Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. She held tenure track positions at the University of Washington, Stanford
University, and New York University before joining the Graduate Center. She is currently serving as Provost of the Graduate Center.

Moved by Vice Chairperson Schwartz and seconded by Trustee Berger. Resolutions 12 and 13 were unanimously approved.

Moved by Vice Chairperson Schwartz and seconded by Trustee O'Donnell-Tormey, the reconvened public session was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.