The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Brian D. Obergfell at 5:02 p.m.

There were present:

**Committee Members:**
- Hon. Brian D. Obergfell, Chair
- Hon. Sandra Wilkin, Vice Chair (joined @ 5:07 p.m.)
- Hon. Michael Arvanites
- Hon. Charles A. Shorter
- Prof. Philip Pecorino, faculty member
- Mr. Donavan Borington, student alternate (joined @ 6:03 p.m.)

**Ex-Officio:**
- Hon. Barry Schwartz (left @ 5:51 p.m.)

**University Staff:**
- Vice Chancellor Judy Bergtraum
- Mr. Gustavo Ordóñez
- Ms. Gwen Perlman
- Ms. Rachel Stephenson

**Trustee Staff:**
- Senior Advisor to the Chancellor and Secretary of the Board Gayle M. Horwitz (left @ 6:03 p.m.)
- Assistant Secretary Towanda Lewis
- Ms. Adalina Quinones

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The agenda items were considered and acted upon in the following order:

**I. ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2017.** Moved by Committee Chair Obergfell and seconded by Trustee Charles Shorter, the minutes were approved as submitted. Prof. Philip Pecorino and Trustee Michael Arvanites abstained.

**B. POLICY CALENDAR**

1. **The City University of New York – Five Year Capital Budget Request, FY 2018-19 through FY 2022-23.** Committee Chair Obergfell asked for the Committee’s approval of the five-year Capital Budget Request for FY 2019-19 through FY 2022-23 of approximately $6.7 billion for projects authorized by the City University Construction Fund.

   Vice Chancellor Bergtraum added that every year the University is required to compile a five year Capital Request as part of the annual budget process.

   Ms. Rachel Stephenson then made a few comments about the CUNY Strategic Framework Initiative, Connected CUNY, noting the importance of CUNY’s mission which recognizes the new challenges the University is facing in the 21st century. She highlighted the compelling study published by Stanford University that talked about CUNY’s power as an engine of economic and social mobility, supporting the effectiveness of CUNY. She also discussed how Connected CUNY underscores the importance of connectivity within instruction to pursue important goals. She concluded by discussing the substantive pillars of the framework.
See attached presentation on the Five-Year Capital Budget Request, FY2018-19 through FY 2022-23 presented by Vice Chancellor Bergtraum.

A discussion regarding the budget followed. Various topics were addressed including the $2.4 billion backlog in deferred maintenance from 2012, the allocation funds, and upgrades for equipment and the deferred maintenance line on the request.

Senior Advisor to the Chancellor and Secretary of the Board Gayle Horwitz highlighted that capital dollars are for construction of a building and the expense dollars maintain the building. She added that only deferred maintenance ends up with a capital project.

There was further discussion about the framework of deferred maintenance, questions about the timeline of the College of Staten Island (CSI) project, private-public partnerships for solar energy generation, and praise for the Five-Year Capital Plan priorities are a positive thing for the University.

Vice Chancellor Bergtraum then stated that the Office of Facilities Planning, Construction and Management will provide the Committee at its next meeting with an outline regarding plans for the $121 million in critical maintenance money.

Moved by Committee Chair Obergfell and seconded by Trustee Shorter, and following discussion, the item was unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

2. The City University of New York – Execution of Lease for Retail Space at 55 West 125th Street, New York, N.Y. Committee Chair Obergfell asked for the Committee’s approval to authorize the General Counsel and Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs to execute a 15-year lease for 2,937 rentable square feet of space on the ground floor at 55 West 125th Street, to host a Career Path Center for CUNY and the Healthy Harlem Community Space for the CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy.

Vice Chancellor Bergtraum gave a brief overview about the details of the lease, noting the CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy initially started out with 25,000 square feet of space two years ago.

Dean Ayman El-Mohandes then made a few comments about the drive of the CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy utilizing the distribution of space for both research purposes and workforce development, noting CUNY is now represented on the 125th Street Corridor of Harlem, one of the most historic and important cultural corridors in the city that have been associated with the evolution of the civil rights movement in New York and around the country. He further noted that the CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy is a school of applied science, and as such, is interested in three aspects of the community: health literacy; collaborative research; and health oriented initiatives in the area of social entrepreneurship.

Trustee Michael Arvanites inquired about Single Stop College initiative participation at the space.

Moved by Committee Chair Obergfell and seconded by Trustee Shorter, and following discussion, the item was approved for submission to the Board. Mr. Donavan Borington abstained.
3. Guttman Community College – Execution of Lease Extension for 50 West 40th Street, New York, N.Y. Committee Chair Obergfell asked for the Committee’s approval to authorize the General Counsel and Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs to execute a lease extension, along with any associated agreements, for approximately 91,000 rentable square feet of space at 50 West 40th Street, New York, NY, on behalf of Guttman Community College.

Vice Chancellor Bergtraum gave a brief overview about the details of the lease extension, noting that Guttman Community College has the highest graduation rate for community colleges in the United States.

Trustee Shorter inquired about the management of the lease extension.

Trustee Shorter suggested that the RESOLVED section of the resolution, the first paragraph to read as follows:

“RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York authorizes the General Counsel and Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs to execute a lease extension for 3 years until 2023, along with any associated agreements, for approximately 91,000 rentable square feet of space, at 50 West 40th Street, New York, New York, on behalf of Guttman Community College. The lease extension shall be subject to approval as to form by the University Office of General Counsel.”

Moved by Committee Chair Obergfell and seconded by Prof. Pecorino, and following discussion, the item was unanimously approved for submission to the Board as amended.

II. INFORMATION ITEMS:

Committee Chair Obergfell moved to go into Executive Session at 6:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Prof. Pecorino.

CONVENCING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Committee Chair Obergfell called for an Executive Session pursuant to Section 105, Article 7, of the Public Officers Law, for the purpose of discussing real estate items currently under negotiation – new and updates. The Committee met in Executive Session from 6:15 p.m. to 6:44 p.m.

The Committee reconvened in Public Session. Moved by Committee Chair Obergfell and seconded by Trustee Shorter, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.