The meeting was called to order by Chairperson William C. Thompson, Jr. at 5:18 p.m.

The following people were present:

**Committee Members:**
- Hon. William C. Thompson, Jr., Chair
- Hon. Barry F. Schwartz, Vice Chair
- Hon. Fernando Ferrer
- Hon. Kevin D. Kim
- Hon. Sandra Wilkin

**Observer:**
- Prof. Ned Benton

**Trustee Staff:**
- Senior Advisor to the Chancellor and Secretary of the Board Gayle M. Horwitz
- Ms. Fenella Ramsami

**University Staff:**
- Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Matthew Sapienza
- Deputy Chief Financial Officer Christina Chiappa
- University Executive Treasurer Thomas Zhou
- Interim Chief Procurement Officer Caron Christian

**Faculty Members:**
- Prof. John Verzani, faculty representative

**Student Member:**
- Ms. Daisy Flores, student representative

**COP Liaison:**
- President José Luis Cruz

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

**I. ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2018.** Moved by Chairperson Thompson, Jr. and seconded by Vice Chairperson Barry Schwartz, the minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

**B. POLICY CALENDAR**

1. **Approval of Fiscal Year 2020 Spending Rate.** Chairperson Thompson, Jr. requested that in accordance with the University’s Investment Policy, the Subcommittee approve the annual expenditure rate for the funds in the Investment Portfolio for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019.

   Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Matthew Sapienza stated that the goal is for the Subcommittee on Investment (SCI) to consider the spending rate for the participants in the pool, noting the Office of Budget and Finance (OBF) is recommending a change to the spending rate of 4.25%, down from 4.5%.

   University Executive Treasurer Thomas Zhou gave a presentation on the CUNY Investment Pool FY2020 Spending Deliberations, pointing out that CUNY has only been spending 2.45% opposed to the 4.5% that the Board previously approved.

   A discussion about the spending deliberations followed, including CUNY’s historical spending rate and campus separate foundations.

   Chairperson Thompson, Jr. reiterated that the University has been spending 2.45%, and this year to date 2.37%.
Vice Chairperson Barry Schwartz asked, “what is the reason OBF is recommending the drop to 4.25%?” University Executive Treasurer Thomas Zhou responded that it would be more prudent to reduce the rate. Currently, CUNY is on the interim asset allocation and not the long term asset allocation, so the returns are expected to be less. If SCI does not reduce the rate, the real return potentially, if the college goes up to 4.5%, will be a reduction in terms of the capital preservation.

Moved by Chairperson Thompson, Jr. and seconded by Trustee Fernando Ferrer, this item was unanimously approved for submission to the Board.

Chairperson Thompson, Jr. moved to go into Executive Session at 5:37 p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ferrer.

CONVENCING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Chairperson Thompson, Jr. called for an Executive Session pursuant to Section 105, Article 7, of the Public Officers Law, for the purpose of discussing confidential financial investment matters of the University. The Subcommittee met in Executive Session from 5:38 p.m. to 5:49 p.m.

The Subcommittee reconvened in Public Session. Chairperson Thompson, Jr. moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Schwartz and the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.