

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Montclair, New Jersey

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Public Session
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Montclair State University

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Public Notice:

Please take notice that on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 10:30 am, the Montclair State University Board of Trustees shall hold a public meeting at which time formal actions may be taken on the agenda, which may include: contract awards, personnel matters and such other matters as may be necessary. The meeting will be conducted both in person at Montclair State University in Montclair, NJ and virtually via Zoom.

For the Public Session packet as well as the link to join the meeting, you may go to www.montclair.edu/board-of-trustees/agenda-and-schedule/

MONTCLAIR

STATE UNIVERSITY

Montclair, New Jersey

September 9, 2026

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Mr. Anthony Abrantes
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Ms. Arlene Quiñones-Perez
Ms. Sheila Rostiac
Mr. Kent Sluyter, Chair
Mr. Jameson Klinsky, Student Representative

Non-voting Members

Dr. Jonathan GS Koppell, President
Ms. Miriam Awwad, Student Representative

Faculty Representative to the Board

Professor Jason Williams

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Minutes

July 13, 2026

Present: Ms. Miriam Awwad, Mr. Anthony Abrantes, Mr. Eric Brophy, Mr. Modia Butler, Mr. Leonard Carr, Ms. Tara Colton, Ms. Mary Comito, Ms. Michelle DeAngelo Bucceri, Ms. Marie-Marthele Guervil, Mr. Jameson Klinsky, President Jonathan Koppell, Ms. Arlene Quinones- Perez, Ms. Shelia Rostiac, Mr. Kent Sluyter, and Prof. Jason Williams.

Absent: Dr. Francis Cuss and Ms. Tracy Higgins

By Invitation: Ms. Althea Broomfield-Michel, Mr. Joseph Brennan, Ms. Margaree Coleman-Carter, Mr. Shawn Connolly, Mr. Benjamin Durant, Ms. Meredith Gatzke, Dr. Tara Morlando-Zurlo, Mr. Suresh Murugan, Mr. Adam Rathbun, Mr. James Solodar, Mr. Keith Barrack and Ms. Katie Comanto

Mr. Sluyter called the meeting to order at 11:46 a.m.

STATEMENT REGARDING MANNER OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

Mr. Sluyter read the following statement regarding the public notice of the meeting: “As of March 1, 2026, Montclair State University will now publish all official public notices on its website at least 48 hours in advance of each public meeting in accordance with the requirements of the amended New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL - As reported above.

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2026

Trustees approved the minutes from the June 2, 2026 meeting, as distributed.

No. 3593

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF JUNE 29, 2026

Trustees approved the minutes from the June 29, 2026 meeting, as distributed.

No. 3594

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CHAIR

Mr. Sluyter reported that in Closed Session, the Trustees reviewed the minutes from the July committee meetings, reviewed Committee reports, and reviewed the legal matters report.

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE - AY 2026-2027

Mr. Sluyter moved that the Board of Trustees approve the public meeting schedule for the academic year 2026-2027.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3595

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT

President Koppell commented on the recent acquisition of PBS and thanked Dean Keith Strudler and his team for working on the proposal. President Koppell welcomed new executive hires; Dr. Yosmeriz Roman, Vice Provost and Chief Enrollment Officer and Dr. Takeo Suzuki, Vice Provost for International Academic Initiatives and Chief Global Engagement Officer. The President thanked Dr. Tara Morlando Zurlo for serving as Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management.

The President highlighted the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony for the Interdisciplinary Science Building on July 21. President Koppell also highlighted the University's participation at the Montclair 4th of July parade and continued to encourage citizen participation. The President highlighted the university's progress toward becoming a year-round institution, pointing to renewed summer Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) funding and strong fall enrollment. He closed by thanking summer faculty and staff for their hard work.

UNION REPORTS

AFT President Laura Field highlighted concerns regarding a drop in tenure-track faculty appointments—totaling 11 so far this year compared to over 20 in previous years. President Field welcomed new managerial appointments, including Xiaojun Qi as Director of the School of Computing and Amy Thompson as Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, along with Professor Zachary Aidala as Interim Dean of Bloomfield College. President Field recognized 18 tenured faculty promotions and 11 teaching faculty promotions, celebrating the first cohort elevated to the rank of Teaching Professor under a locally negotiated agreement. President Field commented on the proposed 5.8% in-state tuition increase and called for greater budget transparency, continued state funding advocacy, and a balanced commitment to institutional vision alongside fair labor standards and collective bargaining. She closed by wishing everyone a restful remaining summer.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Mr. Butler reported that the Committee met on July 7, 2026. The Committee approved the minutes from the June 1, 2026 meeting and reviewed presentations from the division of Student Development and Campus Life and Academic Affairs.

HUMAN CAPITAL COMMITTEE

Ms. Rostiac reported that the Committee met on July 9, 2026. The Committee approved the minutes from the May 28, 2026 meeting and reviewed personnel actions and anticipated hires between Board meetings. Meredith Gatzke, Chief Human Resources Officer, provided a divisional update.

Personnel Actions

Ms. Rostiac moved that the Board of Trustees approve the following personnel actions:

- 2 - Faculty Tenure Appointments
- 4 - Assistant/Associate Teaching Professor Appointments
- 6 - Managerial Appointments
- 9 - Professional Staff Appointments
- 18 - Faculty Promotions
- 11 - Teaching Faculty Promotions

Faculty Appointment: Tenure, Tenure Track (AY26)

*Contingent upon competition of doctoral degree by August 1, 2026, ^10 month *12 month

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Ryan Kasprzak [^]	Theater & Dance	Assistant Professor	8/28/26	BFA MFA	Marymount Manhattan College Wilson College

Victoria Osbourne [^]	Social Work and Child Advocacy	Professor	8/28/26	BA MSW DPhil	Washington University Washington University Washington University
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Assistant/Associate Teaching Professor (AY2026)

***10 month, ^12 month**

² two-year, non-tenure-track appointment

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Diyunugalage Jayarathne ^{*2}	College of Science and Mathematics	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/28/26	BS MS MS PhD	University of Colombo, Sri Lanka University of Colombo, Sri Lanka Texas Tech University Texas Tech University
Nina Mauceri ^{*2}	College for Education and Engaged Learning	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/28/26	BA MS MPhil PhD	New York University Bank Street College of Education New York University New York University
Jesse Parron ^{*2}	School of Computing	Lecturer	8/28/26	BS MS	Montclair State University Montclair State University
Tejaswi Pukkalla ^{*2}	Feliciano School of Business	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/28/26	BS MBA MA MA PhD	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological Institute Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode University of Texas at Austin Rutgers University Rutgers University

Managerial Staff Appointment (AY 2026)

#Grant funded, *Tenure on appointment, contingent upon approval by the department

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Mawusi Dogbey [#]	Center for Research and Evaluation on Education and Human Services (CREEHS)	Senior Research Manager	6/8/26	BA MPH	Cornell University Drexel University
Lisa Kontos	Ben Samuels Children's Center	Associate Director, The Ben Samuels Children's Center	7/6/26	BA MEd	William Paterson University William Paterson University

Xiaojun Qi*	College of Science and Mathematics	Director, School of Computing	8/12/26	BS MS MS PhD	Donghua University Shenyang Institute of Automation, the Chinese Academy of Sciences Louisiana State University Louisiana State University
Yosmeriz Roman	Academic Affairs	Chief Enrollment Management Officer and Vice Provost	7/13/26	BA BS MBA MS PhD	State University of New York at Oswego State University of New York at Oswego State University of New York at Oswego Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Takeo Suzuki	Academic Affairs	Vice Provost for International Academic Initiatives and Chief Global Engagement Officer	7/1/26	BA MS EdD	Kobe University of Commerce, Kobe, Japan Texas A&M University Northeastern University
Amy Thompson*	Academic Affairs	Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences	7/8/26	BA MA PhD	Texas Christian University Michigan State University Michigan State University

Professional Staff Appointment (AY 2026)
#Grant-Funded, *Workday Student Project

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Danielle Berezny	Office of Graduate Admissions/Marketing	Assistant Director of Graduate Marketing & Communications	7/13/26	BA MBA	SUNY - Cortland St. John's University
AnnMarie Caliguire-Sartori	University Development	Associate Director of Development	7/21/26	BA	Montclair State University
Fanny Duran	Communications and Marketing	Web Producer	6/1/26	BFA	Montclair State University
Catherine Griffin	University Galleries	Engagement & Outreach Manager	7/27/26	BA	American University
Maryam Jamal [#]	College for Education and Engaged Learning	Research Assistant	7/13/26	BS	Rutgers University - New Brunswick

				MPH	University of Pennsylvania
Jonathan Maeng	University Foundation	Foundation Staff Assistant	6/22/26	BS	Boston College
Alexandra Romano	Communications and Marketing	Social Media Coordinator	6/1/26	AA BA	Sussex County Community College Kean University
Janine Talis	College for Education and Engaged Learning	Survey Manager	6/8/26	BS MPA	University of Pittsburgh University of Pittsburgh
Giancarlo Jeronimo Valcarcel*	Registrar	Workday Registrar Lead, Workday Student Project	6/8/26	BA MS	SUNY Buffalo State SUNY Buffalo State

Faculty Promotion (effective September 2026)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Highest Degree</i>	<i>Department/Program Area</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Bloomfield College			
Abraham Gomez-Delgado	MFA	Creative Arts and Technology	Professor
Harry Franqui-Rivera	PhD	Humanities	Professor
College for Community Health			
Ilse Wambacq*	PhD	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Professor
Michael Hannon	PhD	Counseling	Professor
Pearl Stewart	PhD	Family Science and Human Development	Professor
Wendy Zeitlin	PhD	Social Work and Child Advocacy	Professor
College for Education and Engaged Learning			
Talida State	PhD	Teaching and Learning	Professor
Mayida Zaal	PhD	Teaching and Learning	Professor
College of Communication and Media			
Lauren Carr	MFA	Animation, Film, and Television	Professor
Tara George	MA	Journalism and Sports Media	Professor
Yi Luo	PhD	Strategic Communication	Professor
College of Humanities and Social Sciences			
Antoinette Pole	PhD	Political Science and Law	Professor
Arnaud Kurze	PhD	Psychology	Professor
Kate Temoney	PhD	Religion	Professor
College of Science and Mathematics			
Weitian Wang	PhD	School of Computing	Professor
College of the Arts			
Heather Benton	MFA	Theatre and Dance	Professor

Feliciano School of Business

Yawei Wang	PhD	Hospitality and Tourism	Professor
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University Libraries

Jacob Bilek*	MSIS	Research and Instruction	Librarian II
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* promotion effective July 1, 2026

Teaching Faculty Promotion (effective September 2026)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Highest Degree</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Rank</i>
College for Community Health			
Nancy Coba	PsyD	Social Work and Child Advocacy	Teaching Professor
Nydia Monagas	PsyD	Social Work and Child Advocacy	Teaching Professor
Lucy Takagi	PsyD	Social Work and Child Advocacy	Teaching Professor
College of Humanities and Social Sciences			
Mazooz Sehwal	MA	World Languages and Cultures	Teaching Professor
Laura Field	PhD	Writing Studies	Teaching Professor
Sarah Ghoshal	MFA	Writing Studies	Teaching Professor
Maria Montaperto	PhD	Writing Studies	Teaching Professor
Tatum Petrich	PhD	Writing Studies	Teaching Professor
Richard Reid	PhD	Writing Studies	Teaching Professor
Shiladitya Sen	PhD	Writing Studies	Teaching Professor
Christa Verem	MA/MFA	Writing Studies	Teaching Professor

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3596

INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Abrantes reported that the Infrastructure and Operations Committee met on July 8, 2026 and approved the minutes from the May 29, 2026 meeting, discussed the delegated contract approvals, received a capital project report and reviewed contract awards.

Contract Awards

Mr. Abrantes moved that the following contract awards be approved:

- Interdisciplinary Science Building Expansion Architecture and Engineering Services (HOK Architects, Inc.) - increase of \$1,780,150, total of \$8,132,650
- Kitchen Renovations: Village Residence Complex (K & D Contractors, LLC) - \$3,481,500
- Cisco C9350 Access Layer Switch Replacement (Aspire Technology Partners LLC) - \$1,977,507
- Student Center Quad Stair Repair Emergency Procurement Ratification (Hutton Construction, LLC) - \$213,760

The motion was seconded and approved.

No. 3597

AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Carr reported that the Audit and Risk Management Committee met on July 9, 2026 and approved the minutes from the May 29, 2026 meeting, and discussed the FY 2027 budget for both the State and University. The Committee also discussed the meal plan and room rates for Academic year 2026-2027.

FY 2027 Tuition and Fees

Mr. Carr moved that the Board of Trustees approve the tuition and fees rates for Fall 2026 through Summer 2027. The motion was seconded and approved, with Mr. Klinsky voting in opposition.

No. 3598

FY 2027 Meal Plan and Room Rates

Mr. Carr moved that the Board of Trustees approve the meal plan and room rates for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. The motion was seconded and approved, with Mr. Klinsky voting in opposition.

No. 3599

FY 2027 Operating Budget

Mr. Carr moved that the Board of Trustees approve the FY 2027 operating budget for Montclair State University. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3600

REPORTS

Jameson Klinsky, Student Trustee, highlighted the University's participation and representation in the recent Montclair 4th of July parade. Mr. Klinsky Jameson expressed concern regarding the financial strain that the tuition and room and meal plan increases will place on students—specifically noting the potential impact on families deciding whether higher education remains accessible, first-generation college students, and the growing number of students who must work their way through school. While voting against the increases, Mr. Klinsky acknowledged that the Board had undertaken very careful review and thoughtful discussion on the matter and did not render its decision lightly. He commended his fellow Trustees for their due diligence in making the difficult decision to increase costs. Mr. Klinsky noted that he was committed to advocating for students and directly addressing their concerns.

Professor Jason Williams, Faculty Representative, highlighted key research and community engagement initiatives. These included pursuing and receiving federal funding, collaborating both within and beyond the University, participating in external research initiatives, and strengthening partnerships with local schools and the community through service and applied internships.

Ben Coulson, Student Government Association (SGA) President, outlined the rationale behind the SGA fee increase. Mr. Coulson shared a vision to inspire the student body while focusing heavily on support initiatives, including an emergency housing fund, student scholarships, and efforts to address food insecurity.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Sluyter moved that Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-13* that the Montclair State University Board of Trustees shall enter into Closed Session prior to the next Public Session to discuss the following pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b*: 1) pending litigation filed against the University; 2) personnel matters; and 3) other matters which may arise consistent with *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b*. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3601

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KDB', written over a horizontal line.

Keith D. Barrack

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Montclair, New Jersey

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Personnel Actions

September 9, 2026

Resolved: The Board of Trustees approves the following personnel actions:

- 2 - Faculty Tenure Track Appointments
- 20 - Faculty Non Tenure Track Appointments
- 5 - Assistant/Associate Teaching Professor Appointments
- 1 - Librarian Appointment
- 12 - Managerial Appointments
- 15 - Professional Staff Appointments
- 1 - Leave of Absence without Pay

Faculty Appointment: Tenure, Tenure Track (AY27)
+Contingent upon competition of doctoral degree by August 1, 2026, ^10 month,
***12 month position, #Tenure on appointment**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Hatim Benhsain^	Bloomfield College - Creative Arts and Technology	Assistant Professor	8/28/26	BA MFA	New York University, Abu Dhabi Tisch New York University
Victoria Osborne*#	Social Work and Child Advocacy	Professor	8/28/26	BA MSW PhD	Washington University Washington University Washington University

Faculty Appointment:
Non-Tenure Track (AY27)

***one-year, +two-year, ¹half-time, [^]10-month [#]12-month, temporary, non-tenure track appointment**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Kenneth Brewer* [^]	Writing Studies	Professor	8/28/26	BA MA PhD PhD	University of North Carolina at Charlotte Purdue University Stanford University Stanford University
Adam Broder* [^]	Accounting and Finance	Assistant Professor	8/28/26	BS MBA	Cornell University Columbia Business School
Diane Dleikan* ⁺ [^]	Anatomy & Physiology	Instructor	8/28/26	BS BS MSc	Red Deer College University of Alberta University of Calgary
Michael Gaertner* [^]	Cali School of Music	Assistant Professor	8/28/26	BA MM	Ithaca College University of Michigan
Laura Guillaume* [^]	Bloomfield College Nursing	Instructor	8/28/26	BS MSN	Bloomfield College Chamberlain University
William Hobbs* ¹ [^]	Vocal and Diction	Assistant Professor	8/28/26	BM MM MS	University of Colorado Eastman School of Music Montclair State University
Melissa John* [#]	University Libraries	Research and Instruction Librarian	7/1/26	BA MA MLIS	Rutgers University Fairleigh Dickinson University Rutgers University
Gabriel Kahane* [^]	Cali School of Music	Artist in Residence	8/28/26	BA	Brown University

Peter Koeniges*^	Kinesiology	Assistant Professor	8/28/26	BS MEd PhD	Springfield College Springfield College Moravian University
William Lacey*^	Cali School of Music	Assistant Professor	8/28/26	BA MFA	Berklee College of Music University of Chichester
Mina Mahmoudi*^	Economics	Assistant Professor	8/28/26	BS MS PhD	University of Shiraz, Iran University of Tehran, Iran University of Nevada, Reno
Marla Meissner* ¹ ^	Cali School of Music	Assistant Professor	8/28/26	BM MA PhD	Ithaca College Montclair State University New York University
Karen Melissas*^	Bloomfield College Nursing	Instructor	8/28/26	BS MS DNP	Bloomfield College William Paterson University Wilkes University
David Mudrick*^	Management	Assistant Professor	8/28/26	BS MBA	Montclair State University Duke University
Michael O'Neill^	Accounting & Finance	Assistant Professor	8/28/26	BS MBA	Fairleigh Dickinson University Fairleigh Dickinson University
Pooja Pathak*^	Physics and Astronomy	Instructor	8/28/26	MS MSc	University of Akron Punjabi University, India
Hans Raj Nahata^	Information Management & Business Analytics	Assistant Professor	8/28/26	BS MS MS MS MBA	BITS Pilani, India BITS Pilani, India Rutgers University Columbia University New York University
Richard Reinschmidt*^	Sociology, Criminology & Justice Studies	Instructor	8/28/26	BA MA	Centenary University of New Jersey Kean University

Joud Sharaf*^	Biology	Instructor	8/28/26	BA MS	Montclair State University Rutgers University
Mauro Tiso*^	Chemistry & Biochemistry	Assistant Professor	8/28/26	BS MS PhD	University of Padova University of Padova Cleveland State University

Assistant/Associate Teaching Professor (AY27)
***10 month, ^12 month**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Paris Hall*	College of Communications and Media	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/28/26	BA	Nazareth University
Robert Hutchinson*	Accounting and Finance	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/28/26	BS	New Jersey Institute of Technology
				MS	New Jersey Institute of Technology
				MS	New Jersey Institute of Technology
				MBA	City University of New York Baruch College
Kirk Johnson*	Sociology, Criminology, and Justice Studies	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/28/26	BA	Seton Hall University
				MA	Drew University
				DMH	Drew University
Kathryn Lancioni*	College of Communication and Media	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/28/26	BS	Cornell University
				MS	Columbia University
Tejaswi Pukkalla*	School of Business	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/28/26	BS	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological Institute, India
				MBA	Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, India
				MA	University of Texas of Austin
				MA	Rutgers University
				PhD	Rutgers University

Librarians:
Tenure Track 12-month position*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Theresa Corbin*	University Libraries	Student Success Librarian	7/1/26	BA	University of South Alabama
				MLIS	Louisiana State University

Managerial Staff Appointment (AY 2027)
#Grant Funded, *Concurrent Faculty Appointment

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Silvio Balzano	Information Technology	Deputy Chief Information Officer	7/27/26	BS MBA EdD	Fordham University Fordham University Fordham University
Samantha Bennet	NJ PBS	Audience and Marketing Director	8/3/26	BA	University of Maryland
Mary DiGiulio*	School of Nursing	Director of Post-Licensure Nursing	9/1/26	BS MSN DNP	Fairleigh Dickinson University Fairleigh Dickinson University University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
Deborah Finan	NJ PBS	Programming Director	9/8/26	BA	Rutgers University
Stacy Firestone	Academic Affairs	Executive and Operations Assistant	8/31/26	BA	University of Florida
Bilal Khan	Information Technology	Associate Vice President of Infrastructure and Operations	7/27/26	BS	New Jersey Institute of Technology
Kimberly Mendoza	Human Resources	Labor Relations Specialist	8/31/26	BS	Kean University
Robin O'Hanlon	Library	Associate Dean for Research, Teaching and Engagement	8/24/26	BBA MIS MA	The Evergreen State College University of Toronto John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Ben Schwartz	College of Communication and Media	Director of Dreamscape	8/31/26	BA MFA	University of California City College of New York
Ashlee Smith	NJ PBS	General Manager	9/14/26	AB MS	Muhlenberg College Bowling Green State University
Omnika Thompson	NJ PBS	News Director	9/8/26	BA	Spelman College
Isaura Valentin	Finance and Treasury	Director of Enterprise Risk Management	8/17/26	BS MBA	Rutgers University Rutgers University

Professional Staff Appointment (AY 2027)
#Grant Funded

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Effective</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>School Attended</i>
Danielle Berezny	Office of Graduate Admissions/Marketing	Assistant Director of Graduate Marketing & Communications	7/13/26	BA MBA	St. John's University The State University of New York at Cortland
Justin Carney	Art and Design	2D Studios Coordinator	8/17/26	BFA MFA	Pennsylvania College of Art & Design Indiana University, Bloomington
Charles Celestin [#]	Bloomfield College - TRIO Student Support Services	TRIO Student Support Services Academic Success Coach (SSS)	9/8/26	BA MA	Providence College Stony Brook University
Kaitlin Cerenov	Auxiliary Services Operations	Auxiliary Services Technology Coordinator	9/14/26	BA	Rutgers University
Walik Cotton	NJ PBS	Media Manager	8/31/26	BA	Rutgers University
Brienne Krug	Campus Recreation and Intramural Sports	Assistant Director of Campus Recreation Programs and Marketing	8/5/26	BA MA	Clemson University Montclair State University
Bonnie McEachren	Art and Design	3D Studios Coordinator	8/17/26	BFA	Kansas City Art Institute
Brent Sanchez	NJ PBS	Producer, Digital Content	8/10/26	BA	Quinnipiac University

David Schnef	College of Communication & Media	Dreamscape Learn Pod Operations Coordinator	8/24/26	BS	New Jersey Institute of Technology
Tripti Singh	Foundation Administration and Finance	Foundation Coordinator	7/13/26	BE	University of Pune
Olivia Slaughter	Art and Design	Media & Exhibitions Coordinator	8/10/26	BS	Lasell University
Reagan Smith	Residential Life	Community Director	7/20/26	BS MA	Monroe University of Louisiana Monroe University of Louisiana
Sadiailen Companioni Torres	Student Accounts	Assistant Director of Student Accounts	7/27/26	BBA MBA MA	Fairleigh Dickinson University Fairleigh Dickinson University Fairleigh Dickinson University
Jillian Vincent	Undergraduate Admissions	Admissions Counselor	8/24/26	BA	Rowan University
Matthew Wuerthele	Residential Life	Community Director	8/10/26	BA MA	Indiana University Southeast Boston College

Leave of Absence Without Pay

Name	Department	Term of Leave
Yikang Shi	School of Computing	August 28, 2026 – January 14, 2027

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Contract Authorizations for September 9, 2026

- WHEREAS, The Montclair State University Act (P.L 2017c.178) permits Montclair State University, a public research university, to procure goods and services in accordance with applicable law; and
- WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:64N-9v permits Montclair State University to adopt standing operating rules and procedures for the purchase of equipment, materials, supplies and services; and
- WHEREAS, The contract actions summarized below have been presented to the Board of Trustees in accordance with University procurement procedures;
- RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees authorizes the University to enter into the contracts summarized below.

Online Program Enablement Services Contract Increase

Contractor: Collegis, LLC

Contract Term: Three (3) Years through December, 2027

Increase Requested: \$3,000,000

Total Authorized Amount: \$20,000,000

Description: Supports increased paid media, advertising, and related marketing activities for the University's online and flexible academic programs. This increase will support current and anticipated program launches and enrollment initiatives through December 2027.

Executive Search Services

Contractors: Isaacson Miller, Inc.; Opus Search Partners, Inc.; and Witt/Kieffer, Inc.

Contract Term: Five (5) Years

Estimated Utilization: \$1,425,000 (\$285,000 annually)*

Description: Establishes a pool of qualified executive search firms to provide executive and senior leadership recruitment services on an as-needed basis, including candidate recruitment, evaluation, stakeholder engagement, and search management support.

University Call Center Services

Contractor: CMD Outsourcing Solutions, Inc.

Contract Term: Five (5) Years

Estimated Utilization: \$1,152,000 (\$230,400 annually)*

Description: Provides overflow call center support for Red Hawk Central and other student-facing administrative functions, supplementing University staff during peak demand periods and helping maintain responsive customer service and communications support.

Five (5) F-550 Chassis 24-Passenger Buses

Contractor: ABC Bus, Inc.

Contract Term: One-Time Purchase

Cost: \$903,013 (Approximately \$180,602 per bus)

Description: Purchase of five passenger buses to support campus transportation operations and replace aging vehicles that have exceeded their useful lives, improving fleet reliability and service continuity.

Recruiting and Admissions Software Increase

Contractor: Technolutions Inc.

Contract Term: Three (3) Years extended to Five (5) Years through June, 2028

Increase Requested: \$350,000 (\$175,000 annually)

Total Authorized Amount: \$890,616

Description: Extends the University's Slate enterprise recruiting and admissions software platform, providing licensing, hosting, maintenance, upgrades, training, and support for undergraduate and graduate enrollment operations.

**Estimated utilization is provided for planning and transparency purposes only. Actual expenditures depend on University requirements and the extent to which services are used or requested, and may be higher or lower than estimated.*

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Montclair, New Jersey

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Motion to Enter Closed Session

September 9, 2026

Be it hereby moved pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 that the Montclair State University Board of Trustees shall enter into Closed Session prior to the next publicly noticed meeting to discuss the following pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b: 1) pending litigation filed against the University; 2) personnel matters; and 3) other matters which may arise consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b.

The minutes of the discussion of matters conducted in Closed Session shall be made available to the public when confidentiality is no longer permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b.