MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Montclair, New Jersey

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Public Session
AGENDA

DATE: October 30, 2026
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Montclair State University and via Zoom

1. Statement regarding manner of public notice of meeting
2. Roll call
3. Minutes from September 9, 2026

Matters Presented by the Chair

Matters Presented by the President

Student Success

Human Capital Committee
4. *Action:* Personnel actions
    a. Faculty Non-Tenure Track Appointment
    b. Managerial Appointments
    c. Professional Staff Appointments
    d. Professor Emeriti

Infrastructure and Operations Committee
5. *Action*: Contract Award Authorization

Audit and Risk Management

Reports
6. Student Trustee
7. Faculty Representative

Closed Session
8. Motion to enter closed session prior to the next public session

New Business

Adjournment

Montclair State University

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Notice:

Please take notice that on Friday, October 30, 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
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October 30, 2026

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Ms. Miriam Awwad, Student Representative

Faculty Representative to the Board
Professor Jason Williams

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Public Minutes

September 9, 2026

Present: Ms. Miriam Awwad, Mr. Anthony Abrantes, Mr. Eric Brophy, Mr. Modia Butler, Mr. Leonard Carr, Ms. Tara Colton, Ms. Mary Comito, Mr. Jameson Klinsky, President Jonathan Koppell, Ms. Arlene Quinones-Perez, Ms. Shelia Rostiac, and Mr. Kent Sluyter

Absent: Dr. Francis Cuss, Ms. Michelle DeAngelo Bucceri, Ms. Marie-Marthelle Guervil, Ms. Tracy Higgins Prof. Jason Williams.

By Invitation: Ms. Althea Broomfield-Michel, Mr. Joseph Brennan, Ms. Margaree Coleman-Carter, Mr. Shawn Connolly, Mr. Benjamin Durant, Dr. Fatma Mili, Ms. Meredith Gatzke, Mr. Suresh Murugan, Dr. Yosmeriz Roman, Mr. James Solodar, Ms. Rita Walters, Mr. Keith Barrack and Ms. Katie Comanto

Mr. Sluyter called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

STATEMENT REGARDING MANNER OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING
Mr. Slutyer 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 JULY 13, 2026
Trustees approved the minutes from the July 13, 2026 meeting, as distributed.

No. 3602

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CHAIR
Mr. Sluyter reported that in Closed Session, the Trustees reviewed the minutes from the September committee meetings, reviewed Committee reports, and reviewed the legal matters report.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT
President Koppell welcomed everyone back to another academic year, expressing enthusiasm for the energy on campus. The President noted that nearly 4,200 students attended orientations across both campuses and over 5,000 students were welcomed into the residence halls. He also commented on the high level of activity during the summer, pointing to these efforts as key steps toward moving to a 12-month campus. President Koppell highlighted the successful Welcome Week festivities, including the Red Hawk Day Carnival, and announced the acquisition of the NJ Transit parking deck, which has added 1,200 parking spots to the Montclair campus.

President Koppell reported on overall University enrollment, singling out the Bloomfield campus as a key success story due to significant growth in both freshman and transfer numbers. He emphasized Montclair's growing national reputation, referencing recent institutional recognitions—specifically noting that *Washington Monthly* ranked Montclair State University as the No. 1 public institution in New Jersey and No. 93 overall.

President Koppell commented on the recent gathering to honor former Montclair Football Coach Rick Giancola and the renaming of Sprague Field to Rick Giancola-Sprague Field. The President concluded by sharing a new effort to create an official New Jersey specialty license plate for Montclair alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff, and supporters, encouraging participation and advising that the project requires 500 initial commitments from community members before production can begin.

UNION REPORTS

AFT President Laura Field welcomed everyone to another new academic year. President Field commented on personnel actions, including the new librarian appointment and the additional tenure-track faculty appointments. President Field noted that the Union plans to follow up on the long-term planning for emergency and visiting appointments. President Field expressed concern over the University's request to reopen the entirety of the recently negotiated Teaching Faculty Agreement, underscoring the AFT's commitment to protect the career paths established under the agreement.

Regarding the University's operational takeover of NJ PBS, President Field stressed the importance of early labor involvement and is assessing how new staffing impacts members' duties and bargaining-unit status. She also commended improved agenda transparency and praised campus parking and transit investments, including new shuttle buses. President Field raised questions about a proposed $1.1 million contract with CMD Outsourced Solutions for call center operations, seeking to ensure bargaining-unit work and staff jobs are preserved. President Field also acknowledged the approval of executive search firms following recent administrative turnover and emphasized her desire that the searches include faculty and staff participation.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Mr. Butler reported that the Committee met on September 3, 2026. The Committee approved the minutes from the July 7, 2026 meeting and received a presentation from the division of Student Development and Campus Life.

HUMAN CAPITAL COMMITTEE

Ms. Rostiac reported that the Committee met on September 3, 2026. The Committee approved the minutes from the July 9, 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 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

Name	*Department*	*Title*	*Effective*	*Degrees*	*School Attended*
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, [1]half-time, ^10-month [#]12-month, temporary, non-tenure track appointment**

Name	*Department*	*Title*	*Effective*	*Degrees*	*School Attended*
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**

Name	***Department***	***Title***	***Effective***	***Degrees***	***School Attended***
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 MS MS MBA	New Jersey Institute of Technology New Jersey Institute of Technology New Jersey Institute of Technology City University of New York, Baruch College
Kirk Johnson*	Sociology, Criminology, and Justice Studies	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/28/26	BA MA DMH	Seton Hall University Drew University Drew University
Kathryn Lancioni*	College of Communication and Media	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/28/26	BS MS	Cornell University Columbia University

Tejaswi Pukkalla*	School of Business	Assistant Teaching Professor	8/28/26	BS MBA MA MA PhD	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological Institute, India Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, India University of Texas of Austin Rutgers University Rutgers University

Librarians:
Tenure Track* 12-month position

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

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

Name	*Department*	*Title*	*Effective*	*Degrees*	*School Attended*
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

Name	*Department*	*Title*	*Effective*	*Degrees*	*School Attended*
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	Monroe University of Louisiana Monroe
				MA	University of Louisiana
Sadiailen Companioni Torres	Student Accounts	Assistant Director of Student Accounts	7/27/26	BBA	Fairleigh Dickinson University
				MBA	Fairleigh Dickinson University
				MA	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	Indiana University Southeast
				MA	Boston College

Leave of Absence Without Pay

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

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Abrantes reported that the Infrastructure and Operations Committee met on September 4, 2026 and approved the minutes from the July 8, 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:

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*.

The motion was seconded and approved.

AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Carr reported that the Audit and Risk Management Committee met on September 4, 2026 and approved the minutes from the July 9, 2026 meeting, and met with representatives from the University's external auditor, Grant Thornton, LLP, to discuss the audit plan for Fiscal Year 2026.

REPORTS

Student Trustee Jameson Klinsky welcomed returning students and highlighted summer leadership activities, including the Registered Student Organizations' retreat, orientations, and the Dreamscape Learn unveiling. Trustee Klinsky addressed student well-being, noting the challenging transition into adulthood and the unique pressures faced by first-generation students and advocated to reframe campus resources toward proactive guidance and connection. He reported that students seek direct involvement in University decisions, particularly regarding tuition, finances, and broader societal issues. Trustee Klinsky outlined plans to expand campus engagement, partner with student organizations and administration, enhance social media outreach, and encouraged participation in upcoming campus events.

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.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Keith D. Barrack

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
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Personnel Actions

October 30, 2026

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

1 - Faculty Non Tenure Track Appointment
11 - Managerial Appointments
18 - Professional Staff Appointments
5 - Professor Emeriti

Faculty Appointment: Non-Tenure Track (AY27)
****one-semester, temporary, non-tenure track appointment***

Name	Department	Title	Effective	Degrees	School Attended
Kristen Bell*	Theatre and Dance	Assistant Professor, Dance	8/28/26	AB MFA	Princeton University New York University, Tisch School

Managerial Staff Appointment (AY 2027)
#Grant Funded

Name	Department	Title	Effective	Degrees	School Attended
Stacie Beiser	NJ PBS	Assistant Director of Programming and Partnerships	10/5/26	BS	SUNY Oneonta
Ben Hulac#	NJ Spotlight	Reporter, Washington D.C.	10/1/26	BA MS	Lehigh University Columbia University
Scott Minshall	NJ PBS	Reporter, South Jersey	9/28/26	BA	Northern Michigan University
Danielle Mirliss	Information Technology	Director of Technology Strategy & Innovation	11/2/26	BA MA EdD	Rutgers University New York University Columbia University
John Mooney#	NJ Spotlight	Executive Editor	10/5/26	BA	Wesleyan University
Tiffany Murray	University Counsel	Director of Equal Opportunity Compliance and Title IX Coordinator	10/5/26	BA JD	Kent State University Western Michigan University School of Law
Robert Nelson	NJ PBS	Senior News Anchor	9/14/26	BA	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Julie O'Connor#	NJ Spotlight	Senior Reporter	10/5/26	BA MS	Yale University Columbia University
John Reitmeyer#	NJ Spotlight	Senior Reporter and Editor	10/5/26	BA	The College of New Jersey
Sean Sullivan	NJ PBS	Reporter, North Jersey	10/1/26	BA	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Catherine Torrejon#	NJ Spotlight	Reporter	10/5/26	BA	Rutgers University, New Brunswick

Professional Staff Appointment (AY 2027)
#Grant Funded *Part-Time

Name	Department	Title	Effective	Degrees	School Attended
Chavon Bount	Bloomfield College Office of the Dean	Communications & Marketing Manager	9/21/26	BA MS	Kean University Drexel University
James Calechman	Residential Support Services	Assistant Director, Assignments and Operations	10/12/26	BA MEd	Rhode Island College Providence College
Nicholas Clinkscales	Dreamscape	Dreamscape Learn Content Developer	9/21/26	BFA	Maryland Institute College of Art
Carla Cucinotta	NJ PBS	Graphics Producer and Editor	8/31/26	BA	Fairleigh Dickinson University
Megan Gianakouros	Strategic Distribution	Web Content & Operations Manager	10/5/26	BA	New York University
Florence Lam	Undergraduate Education/Honors Program	Program Coordinator, Honors EDGE	9/21/26	BBA MBA	Groupe ESSEC, France Montclair State University
Melanie Lopez	Undergraduate Admissions/ Pre-Enrollment Services	Interim Customer Service Coordinator	10/5/26	BA	Montclair State University
Praveen Mannepalli	Identity and Access Management	Identity and Access Management Developer	9/14/26	MS	Avila University
Tim Nostrand#*	NJ Spotlight	Newsletter Editor	10/5/26	BS	Boston University
Genesis Obando#	NJ Spotlight	Producer, Digital Content	10/5/26	BA	Montclair State University
John Paulsen	NJ PBS	Video Editor	9/24/26	BA	Iona University
Sofia Perez	Public Service Programs	Engage NJ Project Coordinator	10/5/26	BA	Montclair State University

Sofia Russo	Campus Recreation Budget	Recreation Programs Administrative Assistant	9/21/26	BA	Montclair State University
Alyssa Sileo	Academic Advising	Program Associate	9/5/26	BA MA	Drew University Montclair State University
David Strobbe	ACP/ Operations	ACP Cultural Engagement and Participation Manager	10/5/26	BA MPA EdD	St. Mary's College of California Baruch College University of England
Parker Swift	NJ PBS	vMix Operator	9/29/26	BA	Montclair State University
Alexander Taylor	Athletic Internal Relations	Interim Head Men's and Women's Swim Coach	9/28/26	BA MS	SUNY Potsdam Alfred University
Atharv Tungatkar	Unbound Support and Operations	Data and IT Manager, Montclair Unbound	9/28/26	BS MS MBA	Pune University, India Pune University, India Pace University

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Resolution to Grant Emeritus Status to

PROFESSOR BRIAN DOUGLAS HUMPHREY

Whereas: Pursuant to Montclair State University personnel policies, the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the President, may provide emeritus status for a retired professor should it desire to recognize meritorious performance, and

Whereas: Professor Brian Douglas Humphrey has retired from Montclair State University, College of Science and Mathematics, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and

Whereas: Professor Humphrey served the University for thirty-eight years, and

Whereas: He taught many courses in the chemistry curriculum ranging from introductory courses to graduate-level courses, including Analytical Chemistry, Instrumental Analysis, and Electrochemistry, where he was recognized as an exceptional educator who inspired generations of chemistry students. He played a major role in acquiring and maintaining major analytical instruments in the department; served the department with distinction on committees, as department chair, and received the Faculty Merit Award, and

Whereas: He contributed broadly to chemistry education through publications in prestigious journals including the *Journal of Physical Chemistry*, *Inorganic Chemistry*, and *Nature*, and presentations to the American Physical Society; was the primary inventor of the first United States Patent awarded to Montclair State University, titled "Conducting Polymer Films, Method of Manufacture and Applications Therefor," all contributing to our understanding of Electrochemistry.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved: On this 30th day of October 2026, Brian Douglas Humphrey be designated Professor Emeritus of Montclair State University with all the rights, duties, and privileges thereunto appertaining.

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Resolution to Grant Emerita Status to

PROFESSOR ABBY LILLETHUN

Whereas: Pursuant to Montclair State University personnel policies, the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the President, may provide emerita status for a retired professor should it desire to recognize meritorious performance, and

Whereas: Professor Abby Lillethun has retired from Montclair State University, College of the Arts, Department of Art and Design, and

Whereas: Professor Lillethun served the University for eighteen years,

Whereas: She served as a member of the Fashion faculty and Professor of Fashion Culture and History, including service as Chair of the Department of Art and Design, Deputy Chair, and Coordinator of the Fashion Studies and Fashion Design and Merchandising programs. She lead the curricular restructuring that established the Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design and Merchandising, with distinct Design, Merchandising, and Combined pathways; founded Fashion Study Abroad, served as co-investigator on the Kakehashi Project, funded by the Japan Foundation and the Government of Japan, which brought twelve students to Japan; and, led the Department through the COVID-19 pandemic and established the Finley Gallery as an exhibition space serving students in every Art and Design program, and

Whereas: She co-authored *Fashion History: A Global View* and co-edited three editions of *The Fashion Reader*, scholarship that has helped move the study of fashion and dress beyond Western-centered narratives toward a global perspective; was named a Fellow of the Costume Society of America, the Society's highest honor, and twice selected for its Scholars' Roundtable; served two terms on the Society's Board of Directors and as Vice President of its Mid-Atlantic Region; served on the editorial board of *Dress: The Journal of the Costume Society of America*; and has lectured and delivered keynote addresses internationally, including as guest researcher at the University of Copenhagen's Centre for Textile Research.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved: On this 30th day of October 2026, Abby Lillethun be designated Professor Emerita of Montclair State University with all the rights, duties, and privileges thereunto appertaining.

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Resolution to Grant Emerita Status to

PROFESSOR JOANN PINTO

Whereas: Pursuant to Montclair State University personnel policies, the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the President, may provide emerita status for a retired professor should it desire to recognize meritorious performance, and

Whereas: Professor Joann Pinto has retired from Montclair State University, Feliciano School of Business, Department of Accounting and Finance, and

Whereas: Professor Pinto served at the University for twenty-seven years, and

Whereas: Professor Pinto had an unwavering commitment to student achievement, teaching extensively across the accounting curriculum - while expanding and leading the International Business Experience abroad. She served as Faculty Advisor to the Accounting Society and as a member of the Department Scholarship Committee, and in her sustained leadership on vital campus bodies including the Graduate Council, the Student Achievement and Retention Task Force, and numerous other school and departmental committees, and

Whereas: She brought high distinction to the University and the accounting profession through an exemplary record of scholarship and global academic engagement, authoring numerous peer-reviewed articles on federal taxation, international accounting, foreign currency translation, and financial statement analysis in prestigious outlets such as the *Journal of International Accounting, Auditing and Taxation* and *The CPA Journal*. She was a Finalist for the American Accounting Association's Outstanding Accounting Dissertation Award, and she was a Fellow of its Doctoral Consortium, building a career that included presenting her research across the world, serving as an editor of the *International Journal of Disclosure and Governance*, and reviewing manuscripts for the European Accounting Review

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved: On this 30th day of October 2026, Joann Pinto be designated Professor Emerita of Montclair State University with all the rights, duties, and privileges thereunto appertaining.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Resolution to Grant Emeritus Status to

PROFESSOR JEREMY N. PRICE

Whereas: Pursuant to Montclair State University personnel policies, the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the President, may provide emeritus status for a retired professor should it desire to recognize meritorious performance; and

Whereas: Professor Jeremy N. Price has retired from Montclair State University, College for Education and Engaged Learning, Department of Teaching and Learning, and

Whereas: Professor Price served the University for twenty-one years, and

Whereas: He served as Chair of the Department of Educational Foundations, Chair of the Department of Secondary and Special Education, Director of the Ed.D. in Pedagogy and Philosophy program, and Co-Director of the Ph.D. Program in Teacher Education and Teacher Development. His scholarship in action research and preservice teacher education directly informed the Department of Teaching and Learning's adoption of action research as a teacher assessment strategy. Further, he chaired thirty-six doctoral dissertations and served on the committees of an additional ninety-four doctoral students, mentoring generations of educators and researchers who carry his influence into schools, universities, and educational organizations, and

Whereas: He is a distinguished scholar of teacher education, action research, educational equity, and qualitative inquiry, whose research on Black young men, racialized masculinities, and humanizing pedagogies produced *Against the Odds: The Meaning of School and Relationships in the Lives of Six African American Young Men*, a finalist for the AACTE Outstanding Book Award He published widely, including in the Journal of Curriculum Studies and the Journal of Teacher Education; and served as a leader within the American Educational Research Association and as a reviewer for the Journal of Teacher Education and Teachers College Press.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved: On this 30th day of October 2026, Jeremy N. Price be designated Professor Emeritus of Montclair State University with all the rights, duties, and privileges thereunto appertaining.

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Montclair, New Jersey

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Resolution to Grant Emerita Status to

PROFESSOR CECILIA WAGNER RICCI

Whereas: Pursuant to Montclair State University personnel policies, the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the President, may provide emerita status for a retired professor should it desire to recognize meritorious performance, and

Whereas: Professor Cecilia Wagner Ricci has retired from Montclair State University, Feliciano School of Business, Department of Accounting and Finance, and

Whereas: Professor Ricci served at the University for twenty-six years, and

Whereas: Professor Ricci was dedicated and committed to teaching and service at Montclair State University, educating students across a broad range of courses, including Mergers and Acquisitions, Corporate Financial Decision Making, Short-term and Working Capital Management, Investment Principles and Portfolio Theory, and she also served as chairperson of the department curriculum committee, and

Whereas: She was a prolific and distinguished scholar at Montclair State University whose research spanned working capital and treasury management, financial statement readability, and international business, producing dozens of peer-reviewed journal articles and two books, *Financial Management with the Electronic Spreadsheet* and *Working Capital Management*. Her insights were recognized globally through research presentations across the United States, Asia, and Europe, and her expertise was cited in premier publications like *The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times*, *Forbes*, *Fortune*, and *Newsweek.*

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved: On this 30th day of October 2026, Cecilia Wagner Ricci be designated Professor Emerita of Montclair State University with all the rights, duties, and privileges thereunto appertaining.

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Contract Authorizations for October 30, 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.

SOFTWARE

Workday Learning Management System (LMS)
Contractor: Workday, Inc.
Contract Term: Seven (7) Years)
Total Authorized Amount: $1,200,000 (approximately $130,000 annually plus a one-time implementation cost of $150,000)
Description: Workday LMS delivers a unified, enterprise-grade learning platform supporting both self-paced (on-demand) and cohort-based professional development. The system includes interactive content creation and a tutoring engine, allowing HR and other departments to author personalized content, generate dynamic assessments, and provide employees with 24/7 learning support, replacing disjointed legacy systems. Retiring current platforms (Vector Solutions and Cornerstone) removes $120,000 in recurring annual expenditure. The net incremental software licensing cost to the University is approximately $10,000 annually.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE

The Village Mechanical Systems Improvements
Contractor: Envirocon LLC
Contract Term: Until Completed
Total Authorized Amount: Not to exceed $2,660,589.
Description: Construction project for major mechanical and energy efficiency upgrades across The Village residence complex (Williams, Fenwick, Basie, and Paul Halls). Scope includes replacing eight legacy boilers with high-efficiency condensing units, upgrading air handlers and

VFD pumps, and integrating controls into Automated Logic WebCTRL Building Management System.

University Standardization of Lighting and Controls
Contractor: Big Shine Worldwide, Inc. (d/b/a Big Shine Energy)
Contract Term: Indefinite
Authorized Amount: $0 (Standardization Authorization)
Description: Establishes campus-wide standardization for LED lighting fixtures, smart controls, and turnkey implementation services with Big Shine Energy. Standardizes equipment specifications for future projects without committing the University to an upfront spend level; project-specific expenditures will be individually authorized and funded.

SERVICES

Collections Services
Contractors: National Credit Management; Reliant Capital Solutions, LLC; Continental Service Group, LLC; and Penn Credit Corp.
Contract Term: Two (2) Year Extension; Total 5-Year Term through December 2028)
Estimated Utilization: $1,000,000 over 2-year extension (~$500,000 annually)
Description: Extends contracts for external collection agency services covering student collections and parking citations after internal billing efforts are exhausted. Actual expenditures depend on overall recovery rates, and the University remits a collection fee to the contractor upon successful recovery.

RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT

Emergency Temporary Shoring – NJ Transit Parking Deck
Contractor: South Shore Construction LLC
Contract Term: Installation Completed with ongoing month-to-month equipment rental.
Authorized Amount: $134,833
Description: Ratifies the emergency procurement of temporary structural shoring at the NJ Transit Parking Deck following an engineering evaluation that identified dangerous structural issues. Services included initial mobilization and installation, as well as monthly equipment rental fees of temporary equipment to ensure continuous structural stability, enabling the garage to remain safely and fully operational while permanent repair plans are designed and implemented.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Motion to Enter Closed Session

October 30, 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.