

RESOLUTION NO. 920 -2015, TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUDGET COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A LONG-TERM BUDGET PLAN

WHEREAS, Suffolk County Community College gives many County residents access to quality post-secondary education at affordable prices; and

WHEREAS, this educational opportunity allows students who might not otherwise attend college to enhance their career prospects and economic mobility; and

WHEREAS, in the past several years tuition and other costs at the Community College have increased even as Suffolk County has raised its contribution to fund college operations; and

WHEREAS, all interested parties share the goal of strengthening the College's financial position, maintaining education excellence and stabilizing tuition and related costs for students; and

WHEREAS, convening a group of County and college officials to engage in long-term financial planning could provide solutions that would help Suffolk County achieve these goals; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Community College Budget Committee is hereby established for the purpose of developing a five (5) year budget plan for the Community College; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that this Committee will be comprised of the following members:

1. The County Executive, or his or her designee;
2. A representative appointed by the County Executive;
3. The Director of the County Executive's Budget Office, or his or her designee;
4. The Presiding Officer, or his or her designee;
5. The Chairperson of the Legislature's Education and Information Technology Committee, or his or her designee;
6. The President of Suffolk County Community College, or his or her designee;
7. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Suffolk County Community College, or his or her designee;
8. A representative of the Suffolk County Community College student government association; and
9. The Director of the County Legislature's Budget Review Office;

and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the plan developed by this group will be non-binding and advisory in nature; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Committee will submit its plan to the County Executive and each member of the County Legislature within one hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

5th RESOLVED, that the members of the Committee will select the group's chairperson; and be it further

6th RESOLVED, that this Committee shall meet, at a minimum, on a monthly basis until such time as its report is complete; and be it further

7th RESOLVED, that the Committee will terminate upon the submission of their plan; and be it further

8th RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: November 17, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 2, 2015