



# NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

## 2025 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

February 25th, 2025 – 9:30 AM

### HIGHER EDUCATION

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| 1. State University of New York | John King Jr.<br>Chancellor            |
| 2. City University of New York  | Felix V. Matos Rodriguez<br>Chancellor |

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#### **Panel A:**

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| 3. New York State Higher Education Services Corporation | Dr. Guillermo Linares<br>President |
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#### **Panel B:**

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| 4. New York State Department of Education | Betty A. Rosa<br>Commissioner |
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#### **Panel C:**

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| 5. Professional Staff Congress-CUNY Local 2334 | James Davis<br>President     |
| 6. United University Professions               | Frederick Kowal<br>President |
| 7. New York Community College Trustees         | George Cushman<br>Chair      |

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| 8. Faculty Federation of Erie<br>Community College                                  | Andrew Sako<br>President             |
| 9. Graduate Students Employees Union<br>Of the Communications Workers Union<br>1104 | Bradley Hershenson<br>Business Agent |

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**Panel D:**

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| 10. Empire State University Student<br>Government Association | Gabriella Lerner<br>President                        |
| 11. CCNY Alumni Association                                   | David Covington<br>Director                          |
| 12. University Student Senate CUNY                            | Daniel Reden<br>CUNY Senate Chairperson &<br>Trustee |
| 13. State University of New York Student<br>Assembly          | Gio Harvey<br>President                              |

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**Panel E:**

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| 14. Literacy Academy Collective                            | Ruth Genn<br>Executive Director  |
| 15. New York State Police Benevolent<br>Association        | Chris Lacrosse<br>Director   |
| 16. Association of Private Colleges                        | Donna Stelling-Gurnett<br>President  |
| 17. Commission on Independent<br>Colleges and Universities | Lola Brabham<br>President  |
| 18. Catholic Charities Tri-County<br>Services              | Erinn Elisabeth Espinosa<br>Director   |
| 19. Kaplan   | David Adams<br>General Counsel and Senior Vice<br>President of Legal, Regulatory and<br>Government Affairs |

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**Panel F:**

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| 20. New York Public Interest Research | Blair Horner |
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Group	Executive Director
21. Fostering Youth Success Alliance	Deidra Nesbeth Director
22. On Point for College	Samuel Rowser Executive Director
23. REACH NY	Jeff Smink Deputy Director
24. Friends of the NYS Liberty Partnerships	Elizabeth Altman President
25. Association for Program Administrators for CSTEP & STEP	Dr. Renaldo D. Alba President