

**\*MINUTES\***

**FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-THIRD MEETING**

**December 5, 2024**

***Trustees Present***

*Robin Burns-McNeill, Chair  
Mona Aboelnaga Kanaan  
Judy Byrd  
Gabrielle Fialkoff  
Nina Garcia  
Denise Magid  
Joan Hornig  
Liz Peek  
Deirdre Quinn  
Sally Singer  
Samantha Barnes, Student Trustee*

***Trustees Absent***

*Richard Anderman  
Jaqui Lividini  
Beverly Mack*

***Officers***

*Dr. Joyce F. Brown, President  
Sherry F. Brabham, Treasurer, Vice President for Finance and Administration  
Stephen P. Tuttle, General Counsel and Secretary of the College*

*A quorum was present*

*The chair called the meeting to order at 9:45 am*

**6.1      Approval of Minutes of the 492<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Held October 10, 2024      493.1**

*RESOLVED, that the minutes of the four hundred ninety-second meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on October 10, 2024, are hereby approved.*

**6.2      Certificates of Permanent Tenure      493.2**

*RESOLVED, that Certificates of Permanent Tenure be issued to:*

*Stefania Chomczyk  
Assistant Professor  
Admissions  
Tenure Date: October 18, 2024*

*Annie Oleaga  
Records Assistant II  
Financial Aid  
Tenure Date: June 29, 2024*

### **6.3      Sabbatical Leaves of Absence**

**493.3**

*RESOLVED, that sabbatical leaves of absence for study, research, and special purposes are duly granted to the following member of the faculty for the periods indicated:*

*Keith Ellenbogen                      Fall 2025 and Spring 2026  
Associate Professor                  Full year at half pay  
Photography*

*Nurhayat Bilge                          Fall 2025  
Assistant Professor                  Half year at full pay  
English and Communication Studies*

*Jennifer Lee                              Fall 2025 and Spring 2026  
Associate Professor                  Full year at half pay  
Fashion Business Management*

*Christie Shin                             Spring 2026  
Professor                                Half year at full pay  
Interactive Illustration Media*

*Virginia Urban                          Fall 2025 and Spring 2026  
Professor                                Full year at half pay  
Science and Math*

*Todd Blumenthal                       Spring 2026  
Assistant Professor                  Half year at full pay  
Fashion Business Management*

*Evelyn Rynkiewicz                    Fall 2025 and Spring 2026  
Associate Professor                  Full year at half pay  
Science and Math*

*Praveen K Chaudhry                  Spring 2026  
Professor                                Half year at full pay  
Social Sciences*

*Ron Amato                                Fall 2025  
Professor                                Half year at full pay  
Photography*

*Zaida Godoy Navarro                 Spring 2026  
Assistant Professor                  Half year at full pay  
Modern Languages and Cultures*

*Dahlia Schweitzer                      Fall 2025  
Associate Professor                  Half year at full pay  
Film, Media, and Performing Arts*

*Christina Lyons                         Fall 2025  
Associate Professor                  Half year at full pay  
Exhibition and Experience Design*