

MINUTES

FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-SIXTH MEETING

December 4, 2025

Trustees Present

Robin Burns-McNeill, Chair
Jaqui Lividini, Vice Chair
Mona Aboelnaga Kanaan
Richard Anderman
Judy Byrd
Joan Hornig
Gabrielle Fialkoff
Denise Magid
Elizabeth Peek
Deirdre Quinn
Sally Singer

Trustees Absent

Nina Garcia
Beverly Mack
Leslie Russo
Isabella FitzSimmons, Student Trustee

Officers

Dr. Joyce F. Brown, President
Stephen P. Tuttle, General Counsel and Secretary of the College
Shelci Graham, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration

A quorum was present

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

5.1 Approval of Minutes of the 495th Meeting Held October 16, 2025

496.1

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the four hundred ninety-fifth meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on October 16, 2025, are hereby approved.

5.2 Certificates of Permanent Tenure

496.2

RESOLVED, that Certificates of Permanent be issued to:

Elizabeth Killinger
Associate Coordinator
FIT- ABLE
Tenure Date: November 28, 2025

Annette Lall
Clerical Assistant
Purchasing
Tenure Date: March 23, 2025

Brittany Opinante
Student Services Rep II
Office of Admissions
Tenure Date: November 21, 2025

5.3 Sabbatical Leaves of Absence

496.3

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:

Jada Schumacher Fall 2026 and Spring 2027
Professor Full year at half pay
Communication Design Pathways

Katelyn Prager Fall 2026
Associate Professor Half year at full pay

Yoko Katagiri Fall 2026 and Spring 2027
Assistant Professor Full year at half pay
Social Sciences

Stephen Keating Spring 2027
Assistant Professor Half year at full pay
Writing and Speaking Studio

Karen Pearson Fall 2026 and Spring 2027
Chairperson and Professor Full year at half pay
Science and Math

Dan Shefelman Spring 2027
Chairperson and Professor Half year at full pay
Illustration & Interactive Media

Amy Werbel Fall 2026
Professor Half year at full pay
History of Art

Deborah Berhanu Spring 2027
Professor Half year at full pay
Math and Science

Daniel Benkendorf Fall 2026
Professor Half year at full pay
Social Sciences
English and Communication Studies

Meeta Roy Spring 2027
Associate Professor Half year at full pay
Fashion Business Management