

## Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

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**From:** FOIL <FOIL@suny.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 4, 2020 2:48 PM  
**To:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA); FOIL  
**Cc:** Trustees; Morrison, Pamela  
**Subject:** RE: FOIL pertaining to the SUNY Board of Trustees': (1) written guidelines/procedures for appointing new chancellor; (2) compliance with Public Officers Law §104 "public notice" -- Aug 17th, 18th, 21st meetings

SUNY acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Law request. At this time however, we expect a substantial delay in processing your request, due to the system's urgent and ongoing efforts to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency, which includes on-site staffing reductions to reduce the spread of infection.

We anticipate responding to your request within 30 business days. If additional time is needed beyond that, you will be contacted with a new timeframe. Your request will be preserved in queue, so you do not need to follow-up or re-submit. We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding in these evolving circumstances.

Thank you.

Winnie Yu  
SUNY Records Access Officer

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <elena@judgewatch.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 3, 2020 1:38 PM  
**To:** FOIL <FOIL@suny.edu>  
**Cc:** Trustees <Trustees@suny.edu>; Morrison, Pamela <Pamela.Morrison@suny.edu>  
**Subject:** FOIL pertaining to the SUNY Board of Trustees': (1) written guidelines/procedures for appointing new chancellor; (2) compliance with Public Officers Law §104 "public notice" -- Aug 17th, 18th, 21st meetings

**TO: SUNY System Administration – Records Access Officer Winnie Yu**

Following a voice mail message I left at your [indicated phone number, 518-320-1311](tel:518-320-1311), at 11:30 a.m. today, I am submitting – NOW directly to you – the FOIL request I had made by the below August 14<sup>th</sup> e-mail to the SUNY Board of Trustees. Board Coordinator Pamela Morrison had assured me, when I spoke with her on August 14<sup>th</sup>, before sending the e-mail, that its contained FOIL request would be appropriately routed and, additionally, that she would notify me of the e-mail's distribution to the trustees. That, of course, was before she knew their content. Subsequent to my sending the August 14<sup>th</sup> e-mail at 4:48 p.m., the only thing I received was an August 14<sup>th</sup> e-mail from Ms. Morrison at 6:15 p.m., acknowledging receipt. A pdf is above-attached.

**The FOIL request, contained within the first section of my August 14<sup>th</sup> e-mail**, is for "written guidelines and procedures...regulating how the Board of Trustees appoints the SUNY chancellor – including whether a specific salary is offered to the candidates – or whether the candidates compete as to the salary they would accept."

**Additionally, I hereby initiate a further FOIL request**, *to wit*, for records establishing that the Board of Trustees' meetings on August 17<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> were "publicly noticed", as Chair Merryl Tisch announced at the outset of each of those meetings – and establishing that the Board's August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting was "publicly called and noticed", as Chair