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**TODAY’S STUDENTS, TOMORROW’S WORKFORCE**  
**A ROADMAP FOR CHANGE AT CUNY COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

**AGENDA**

September 20, 2021

A new report released this month by Opportunity America provides a roadmap for change at City University of New York (CUNY) community colleges: reforms to put job-focused education and career success more at the center of their mission and culture. Chancellor Felix Matos Rodriguez has made career success a priority for CUNY, and the university has made important strides in this direction. The new report’s recommendations are designed to build on this innovation, positioning CUNY to continue delivering on its promise of economic mobility for all New Yorkers.

- 4:00 p.m.            **Welcome**  
 Kenneth ADAMS, LaGuardia Community College
- 4:05 p.m.            **A roadmap for reform**  
 Tamar JACOBY, Opportunity America
- 4:15 p.m.            **Innovation in the works at CUNY**  
 Felix V. Matos RODRIGUEZ, CUNY
- 4:30 p.m.            **What New York City needs from CUNY**  
 Farhad ASGHAR, Carnegie Corporation of New York  
 Stephen FAGEN, American Express  
 Anthony E. MUNROE, Borough of Manhattan Community College  
 Sandi VITO, 1199SEIU Training and Employment Funds  
 Moderated by Errol LOUIS, Spectrum News NY1
- 4:54 p.m.            **Comment/response**  
 Felix V. Matos RODRIGUEZ, CUNY
- 4:59 p.m.            **Close and adjourn**

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