



## OPPORTUNITY AMERICA

# CUNY AS ENGINE OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY AGENDA

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The City University of New York faces a historic opportunity as the city recovers and rebuilds in the wake of the pandemic. Thousands of New Yorkers will need new skills to adapt to a changing workplace and succeed on the job, and few institutions are better positioned to provide the education and training that's needed – short, targeted programs offered in partnership with employers – than CUNY community colleges. A panel of leading New Yorkers will discuss the challenges and opportunities ahead.

2:00 p.m.

### **Welcome**

Thomas ISEKENEGBE, Bronx Community College

2:04 p.m.

### **What learners are looking for after Covid**

Dave CLAYTON, Strada Education Network

2:12 p.m.

### **The challenge & opportunity for CUNY**

Tamar JACOBY, Opportunity America

2:20 p.m.

### **Panel**

Felix Matos RODRIGUEZ, City University of New York

Kathryn WYLDE, Partnership for New York City

Melinda MACK, NY Association of Training & Employment Professionals

Rick SMITH, Pinkerton Foundation

Moderated by Errol LOUIS, Spectrum News NY1

3:00

### **Adjourn**

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