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  
ThomasISEKENEGBE, 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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