



May 11, 2020

Dear LaGuardia Community College Community:

I write today to give you an update on the ongoing search for the next President of LaGuardia Community College.

I am grateful to the presidential search committee for its work. They have reported to me the results of their process recommending a small group of highly qualified candidates that will continue on to the next stage of the search.

As I trust you know, we are following CUNY's "[Guidelines for Presidential Searches.](#)" The guidelines read in part:

“After consultation with the Search Committee, if the Chancellor determines that campus visits would inhibit the generation of a suitable pool of excellent candidates, the Chancellor may, with the approval of the Chairperson of the Board, modify the college consultation process as follows: each finalist shall meet with a group of representatives of College constituencies, including but not limited to elected faculty and student governance leaders and alumni, selected by the Chancellor. Following such meetings, those representatives shall meet and provide the Chancellor with a report on their views of each candidate.

The work and communications of those groups shall be conducted confidentially, with the understanding that the members of each group are not to reveal any information concerning the identity of candidates, the contents of its deliberations or any other aspect of its work to persons outside of the group.”

After considering the recommendation of the Presidential Search Committee, and with the approval of Chairperson Thompson, I have decided that the process of finalists

meeting with representatives of college constituencies is most likely to result in the best possible candidates continuing to pursue the LaGuardia Community College presidency.

As we proceed with this confidential process, we are inviting the constituent groups representing faculty members, students, alumni, administrators and other members of the LaGuardia community who were involved in the kick-off meetings, to meet with each finalist. My office will be sending out invitations to these confidential meetings scheduled to take place remotely over the next two weeks.

I look forward to the feedback from the community consultation process and to meeting the finalists myself before I make a final recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

I want to thank the LaGuardia Community College Presidential Search Committee under the leadership of Trustee Charles Shorter, who worked hard to get us to this stage. I also want to thank Interim President Arcario for the outstanding job he is doing during this time of transition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Félix V. Matos Rodríguez" followed by a long horizontal line ending in an arrowhead pointing to the right.

Félix V. Matos Rodríguez, Ph.D.

Chancellor