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**To:** The Kingsborough Community College Community

**From:** Trustee Sandra Wilkin, *SW* ('71)  
Chair, Kingsborough Community College Presidential Search Committee

**Subject:** President Search Progress Report

Dear Kingsborough Community College Community,

The search for Kingsborough Community College's next President is now underway, and we are conducting a comprehensive, nationwide effort to find a highly qualified individual to lead our institution. [Advertisements](#) for the position have been strategically placed in numerous distinguished publications, including *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The New York Times*, *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Ed*, and several others that target diverse audiences and specialized educational communities.

To further strengthen this effort, CUNY has partnered with the respected search firm Academic Search. Virginia Horvath, Senior Consultant and Maya Kirkhope, Vice President and Senior Consultant from Academic Search, are working closely with our Search Committee to identify outstanding candidates. Confidentiality remains our top priority.

Following a webinar conducted by Chancellor Félix Matos-Rodríguez in March, the search consultants, along with CUNY Executive Search staff, met with various stakeholder groups at Kingsborough to gain valuable insights. These meetings, coupled with feedback from a comprehensive survey conducted over the spring and summer, informed the creation of a [leadership profile](#) that outlines the specific qualities and expertise we are seeking in the next President. Dr. Simone Rodriguez, Vice President for Workforce Development and Continuing Education, has been an invaluable resource, acting as the liaison for the search process and assisting with the compilation of essential data for the leadership profile.

We are confident that our outreach efforts will attract an exceptional pool of candidates, and the Search Committee is committed to thoroughly reviewing and evaluating each individual in alignment with the best practices for college presidential searches. Moreover, each committee member has also agreed to maintain strict confidentiality to safeguard the privacy of all applicants.

On behalf of the Kingsborough Community College Presidential Search Committee, I extend my sincere thanks to all those who have contributed their time and insights to support this important process. Your involvement has been critical to ensuring we find the leader to continue to build a strong foundation for success.

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