



## **V. CHANGES IN AGENDA ORDER**

A minor clarification was made to the read-out on the December 19, 2024, minutes from closed session. There was one abstention to the action. The minutes have been corrected and posted.

## **VI. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Adult High School – Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accreditation Report**

Dean of Continuing and Community Education John Makevich and Jose Sanchez, new AHS mathematics faculty presented an overview of the Adult High School (AHS) self-study report. This report is a comprehensive self-evaluation conducted by faculty, staff, and administration. It assesses the processes, and achievement of student outcomes in alignment with best practices.

Dean Makevich reported that The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC) will review our report, validate AHS programs through site visits, interviews, and student work evaluations, and provide recommendations for improvement. The self-study report will be presented for board approval in February 2025. It will be submitted to ACS WASC in March 2025 with an external evaluation team scheduled to visit from May 5-8, 2025.

### **B. 2025 Political and Legislative Update**

Director of Public and Governmental Relations, Marketing, and Communications, Dr. Kristen Gonzales provided an overview of the current political landscape at the federal and state levels and its impact on community colleges. The presentation highlighted a look back over the last year by reviewing a few notable bills that were both vetoed and signed. A look forward

and key statewide advocacy points to align with ongoing legislative priorities and initiatives.

## **VII. CONSENT ITEMS**

- A.** Ratify Recommendations of Superintendent/President in Approving Personnel Actions
- B.** Ratify Memorandum of Understanding 25-01 with the Faculty Assembly Amending MOU 24-05
- C.** Approve Legal Services
- D.** Approve Kitchell Contract Extension
- E.** Approve Southern California Foothills Consortium Memorandum of Understanding Spring 2025 Semester
- F.** Notice of Completion Contract #MMC0240024 SAN Path of Travel Installation Project
- G.** Notice of Completion Contract #MMC0240025 SAN Recycling Water Retrofit Project
- H.** College, San Elijo Campus
- I.** Approve Modern Campus USA, Inc. Omni Software
- J.** Ratify and Approve Contracts and Purchase Orders

Consent Item H was pulled for discussion.

By motion of Trustee Merchat, seconded by Trustee Conklin, consent items A-G and I-J were approved.

Vote: 7/0/0  
Aye: Cassar, Clendening, Conklin, Crosbie, Merchat, Pedroza, Simon  
Abstentions: None  
Absent: None

By motion of Trustee Merchat, seconded by Trustee Clendening, consent item H was approved as amended directing staff to make clear in subsequent contract extensions, the size and revenue generated by the event would need to be assessed in determining the appropriate rental fee in the next contract period.

Vote: 7/0/0  
Aye: Cassar, Clendening, Conklin, Crosbie, Merchat, Pedroza, Simon  
Abstentions: None  
Absent: None

## VIII. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Adopt Resolution No. 7-24/25 – Excuse Board Member Absence

By motion of Trustee Merchat, seconded by Trustee Pedroza, the board adopted Resolution No. 7-24/25 to excuse Trustee Raye Clendening from the December 19, 2025, board meeting.

Vote: 6/0/1  
Aye: Cassar, Conklin, Crosbie, Merchat, Pedroza, Simon  
Abstentions: Clendening  
Absent: None

### B. Approve Employment Contract for Assistant Superintendent/Vice President, Human Resources.

By motion of Trustee Pedroza, seconded by Trustee Clendening, the board approved the employment contract for the Assistant Superintendent/Vice President, Human Resources.

Vote: 7/0/0  
Aye: Cassar, Conklin, Clendening, Crosbie, Merchat, Pedroza, Simon  
Abstentions: None  
Absent: None

## IX. SECOND READ – BOARD POLICIES (Action Required)

### A. Board Policy 3433 – Prohibition of Sexual Harassment Under title IX

By motion of Trustee Conklin, seconded by Trustee Merchat, the board adopted Board Policy 3433 as presented.

Vote: 7/0/0  
Aye: Cassar, Clendening, Conklin, McNeil, Merchat, Pedroza, Simon  
Abstentions: None  
Absent: None

### B. Board Policy 3540 – Sexual and Other Assaults on Campus and in Campus Programs

By motion of Trustee Clendening, seconded by Trustee Conklin, the board adopted Board Policy 3540 as presented.

Vote:



San Elijo Campus, the MLK Day of Service, and a Unity Brunch hosted by Oceanside Councilmember Eric Joyce, which focused on building stronger communities.

Trustee Jackie Simon attended the Associate Faculty Welcome session during Flex Week, the MLK Breakfast, All College Day, and the board workshop facilitated by Dr. Helen Benjamin. She noted that this was the first time in her 21 years on the board that she attended the MLK Breakfast and said it was wonderful.

Board President Rick Cassar spoke at All College Day, attended the Associate Faculty Welcome Zoom, counselor. Jesse joined MiraCosta in 1973, taught Mexican American Studies, and

2004. His legacy as a donor and trailblazer continues to leave a lasting impact on the MiraCosta community.

## **B. Students**

Student Trustee Rahime Demirci shared highlights from the Associated Student

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Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Flood reported that we received a glimpse of the state budget and highlights of priorities. The proposed budget is an improvement from last year but has minimal direct impact on MCC. Some COLA adjustments for categorical programs will provide support. The budget includes a minimal 0.5 percent growth allocation statewide which means some districts will continue to have unfunded growth. There are concerns about several missing elements, including no funding for scheduled maintenance and the absence of a COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) on many of our large categorical programs, which could force decisions to reduce services or backfill funding gaps. Backfilling always negatively impacts our compliance with the 50% law. Additionally, there was discussion about the potential long-term financial impact of recent fires, particularly on lost revenue and rising insurance costs.

On a positive note, seeing students back on campus and in classes was wonderful. A special thanks was extended to classified staff and faculty for their hard work in preparing classrooms and ensuring the college was well prepared for the start of classes. Appreciation was also expressed to colleagues on the emergency team for their efforts during recent fires and power outages caused by the weather conditions. These collaborative efforts continue to make a meaningful difference for our campus community.

#### **4. Human Resources**

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Ng thanked the payroll team for getting the W- processed on time.

Chemistry and Biotechnology and Building 28: Media Arts. These state-of-the-art facilities are a testament to our commitment to innovation and student success.

**X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee Conklin asked relook at voting during emergencies.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

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Rick Cassar

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Sunita V. Cooke, BD