



MIRACOSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
One Barnard Drive, Oceanside, CA 92057

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District met in an open session on Thursday, February 15, 2024, in-person in the Boardroom, Room OCT 200, at the Oceanside Campus. President Rick Cassar called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Board members present:

Rick Cassar	Frank Merchat
Raye Clendening	Anna Pedroza
George McNeil	Jacqueline Simon
	Kenneth Pilco (absent)

Administrators present:

Superintendent/President Sunny Cooke
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Charlie Ng
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Denée Pescarmona
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Alketa Wojcik

III. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO AREA 7 TRUSTEE APPOINTEE

Heather Conklin was sworn in as Area 7 Trustee for the MiraCosta Community College District.

IV. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

- A. Special/Closed Meeting of January 18, 2024
- B. Regular Business Meeting of January 18, 2024

By motion of Trustee McNeil, seconded by Trustee Simon, the board approved the special/closed meeting minutes and the regular meeting minutes of January 18, 2024.

Vote: 6/0/1

Aye: Cassar, Clendening, McNeil, Merchat, Pedroza, Simon

Abstentions: Conklin

Absent: None

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON AND NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

VI. CHANGES IN AGENDA ORDER

Trustee Cassar noted that Information Item XII.A (public hearing) would take place prior to taking action on Action Item IX.F.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Sabbatical Report from Faculty – Alexis Tucker Sade
Anthropology faculty member Dr. Alexis Tucker Sade provided her experience “Assessing Barriers to Cervical Cancer Screening in Malaita, Solomon Islands,” which is an on-going research project she leads in partnership with the Solomon Islands Ministry of Health and the National Cervical Cancer Program. The aim is to address the challenges of providing preventative care to women in rural and remote areas of Solomon Islands, a Pacific Island country with some of the highest rates of cervical cancer morbidity and mortality in the world.

Once a determination of the barriers is made and data is more fully analyzed, then

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By motion of Trustee Clendening, seconded by Trustee

X. SECOND READING – BOARD POLICIES (Action Required)

A. Board Policy 7390 – Remote Work (formerly named Telework)

By motion of Trustee McNeil, seconded by Trustee Pedroza, the adopted Board Policy 7390 – Remote Work.

Vote: 6/0/1

Aye: Cassar, Clendening, McNeil, Merchat, Pedroza, Simon

Abstentions: Conklin

Absent: None

XI. FIRST READING – BOARD POLICIES

A. Board Policy 6620 – Naming of Facilities

Board Policy 6620 was reviewed and discussed and will be brought to the board for a second read and adoption at a future meeting.

XII. INFORMATION

A. Public Hearing – 4:30 p.m. MiraCosta Community College Academic

Associate Faculty CCA/CTA/NEA Initial Proposal to the MiraCosta

Community College District for the Contract to Commence July 1, 2024

The public hearing was opened at 4:47 p.m., and no public comments were made.

The public hearing was closed at 4:48 p.m.

B. Report Update of Emergency Declaration and Emergency Actions for Oceanside Main Power Outages

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Tim Flood provided a written report on the emergency declaration and emergency actions for the Oceanside Campus power outages last semester.

C. Second Quarter Fiscal Report

The Second Quarter Fiscal Report was reviewed.

XIII. COLLEGE-RELATED REPORTS

A. Trustees Activities

All board trustees attended the SDICCCA Dinner on February 8.

Trustees McNeil and Merchat attended a Facilities Liaison meeting, and they acknowledged their appreciation for the professionalism of the Kitchell Team.

Trustees Cassar, Clendening, and McNeil, attended the

Trustee Merchat continues his support of the Farmers Market at the San Elijo Campus on Saturdays.

Newly appointed Trustee Heather Conklin expressed her appreciation for being able to serve on the board and her eagerness to support the district's ongoing efforts alongside her colleagues.

B. Students

Student Trustee Kenneth Pilco was unable to attend this meeting.

C. Classified Employees

Immediate Past Classified Senate (CS) President Carl Banks noted he will be stepping into the vice president role, as Omar Jimenez steps back into the role of president. CS is working on a schedule of tasks and review of documents. Banks thanked the board, as well as Cooke and Ng, for welcoming him in this role.

D. Faculty

Academic Senate (AS) President Leila Safaralian reported Joyful Teacher in Residence Jim Sullivan will continue for another year. This extension is made possible thanks to the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the district and Faculty Assembly.

Faculty are especially busy this spring with hiring new faculty, scheduling summer and fall courses, and elections.

Safaralian reported AS focused on the student voice during the month of January. Students shared their experiences in the classroom, which will help faculty to enhance the student experience. Closing equity gaps is the theme for February, which will include conversations around AI and equity.

With election season upon us, the AS has five seats open for fulltime faculty senators, two seats for associate faculty senators, and one seat open for vice president.

E. Assistant Superintendents/ Vice Presidents

1. Instructional Services

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Pescarmona applauded MiraCosta Theatre students who were recognized as finalists at the Kennedy Center. This is a significant achievement for the students and the Theatre Department.

MiraCosta College has been awarded a \$99,000 Apprenticeship Seed Grant. This grant will be utilized to explore the potential for awarding credit for prior learning, which is specifically applicable to the biomanufacturing bachelor's degree program. Pescarmona acknowledged the good work of Ben Gamboa in making this happen.

Plans are underway for two scheduling summits to examine and improve how course scheduling aligns with student goals. Faculty and staff are actively participating. MiraCosta College's enrollment has increased by 8 percent, and we are nearing the 10,000 FTES mark. The college is committed to refining scheduling practices to serve its students better, and faculty and staff are actively engaged.

Pescarmona acknowledged Dean of Instructional Services Zhenya Lindstrom for her efforts to convene over 40 people at our San Elijo campus from across all three districts with whom we partner (Oceanside Unified, Carlsbad Unified, and San

Dieguito Unified). The meeting included a deep dive into dual enrollment data and where improvements can be made. The college is working toward having CCAP agreements, rather than MOUs, with all three districts within the year.

Lindstrom is also the faculty lead in the two scheduling summits, to be held February 29 and March 29, where attendees will be examining the data gathered from scheduling surveys and exploring how to best meet the needs of our students.

Many regulatory and legislative updates around

A Futures signals spotter session was held yesterday, hosted by Wendy Stewart.