

One Barnard Drive, Oceanside, CA

MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

MAY 16, 2024
(APPROVED JUNE 20, 2024)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District met in open session on Thursday, May 16, 2024, in the Boardroom, Room OCT-200, at the Oceanside Campus. President Rick Cassar called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Board members present:

Rick Cassar

Raye Clendening

Heather Conklin

George McNeil

Anna Pedroza

Jacqueline Simon

Kenneth Pilco

Plans for the Community Learning Center entail the construction of two new buildings, the possible specific functions of which are being developed. At the San Elijo Campus, the vision includes a university center to foster partnerships and collaboration to offer more paths to bachelors degrees in our community. The initial plan for the central quad, now an even larger area with the demolition of the 800 Building, will be further developed into a spacious gathering space.

Expressing gratitude to survey respondents and the dedicated Kitchell team, Flood outlined next steps, including the dissemination of the Facilities Futures Plan for comprehensive review and input from all constituent groups.

VII. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Ratify Recommendations of Superintendent/President in Approving Personnel Actions**
- B. Adopt Annual Resolutions Authorizing Designated Agents**
- C. Ratify Memorandum of Understanding 24-03 with the Faculty Assembly**
- D. Ratify Memorandum of Understanding 24-04 with the Faculty Assembly**
- E. Ratify Memorandum of Understanding 24-05 with the Faculty Assembly**
- F. Ratify Memorandum of Understanding 24-06 with the MCCAAC**
- G. Approve Puente Project Agreement**
- H. Approve 2024/25 Material Fees List**
- I. Approve Curriculum, Part III for 2024-2025 Catalog**
- J. Approve Updated Course Agreement with Cathedral Catholic High School**

By motion of Trustee McNeil, seconded by Trustee Clendening, consent items L, M, and N were approved.

Vote: 6/0/0

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

Abstentions: None

Absent: Merchat

VIII. ACTION

A. **Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement between the MiraCosta Community College District and the MiraCosta College Academic Associate Faculty for the Two-Year Period Commencing July 1, 2024**

By motion of Trustee McNeil, seconded by Trustee Clendening, the board ratified collective bargaining agreement between the MiraCosta Community College District and the MiraCosta College Academic Associate Faculty for the two-year period commencing July 1, 2024.

Vote: 6/0/0

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

Abstentions: None

Absent: Merchat

B. **Approve Partial Guaranteed Maximum Price and Corresponding Change Order to Design-Build Services Contract for the Oceanside Communications Hub, Equity Village and Student Center Project**

By motion of Trustee McNeil, seconded by Trustee Clendening, the board approved the partial guaranteed maximum price and corresponding change order to design-build services contract for the Oceanside Communications Hub, Equity Village and Student Center Project.

Vote: 6/0/0

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

Abstentions: None

Absent: Merchat

IX. SECOND READING – BOARD POLICIES (Action Required)

A. **Board Policy 4025 – Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degrees and General Education**

By motion of Trustee McNeil, seconded by Trustee Clendening, the board adopted Board Policies 4100.

Vote: 6/0/0

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

Abstentions: None

Absent: Merchat

B. **Board Policy 4100 – Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates**

By motion of Trustee McNeil, seconded by Trustee Clendening, the board adopted Board Policies 4100.

Vote: 6/0/0

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

Abstentions: None

Absent: Merchat

C. Board Policy 4225 – Course Repetition

By motion of Trustee McNeil, seconded by Trustee Pedroza, the board adopted Board Policies 4225.

Vote: 6/0/0

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

Abstentions: None

Absent: Merchat

D. Board Policy 7340 – Leaves

By motion of Trustee McNeil, seconded by Trustee Simon, the board adopted Board Policies 7340.

Vote: 6/0/0

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

Abstentions: None

Absent: Merchat

X. FIRST READING – BOARD POLICIES

A. Board Policy 4020 – Programs, Curriculum, and Course Development

Board Policy 4020 was reviewed and discussed and will be brought to the board for a second read and adoption at a future meeting.

XI. INFORMATION

A. Third Quarter Fiscal Report

The third quarter fiscal report was provided for information.

XII. COLLEGE-RELATED REPORTS

A. Trustees Activities

Trustee Cassar expressed appreciation on behalf of the board and district for Leila Safaralian having served for the last two years as Academic Senate president, and also for Kenneth Pilco having served during the last year as student trustee.

Trustees Clendening, McNeil, Pedroza, and Simon attended the Spring Celebration of Excellence, where they enjoyed participating in acknowledging the milestones and recognition for faculty and staff.

Trustees Cassar, McNeil, and Simon attended the RAFFY Recognition Ceremony, which is always a moving experience. RAFFY/EOPS Counselor Jaymie Gonzaga was acknowledged for his long-time and instrumental support of the students in the RAFFY program.

Trustee Simon attended a San Diego Chapter of the American Association of Community Colleges event at Mesa College, where a number of MiraCostans were honored. Dr. Leila Safaralian was recognized as Faculty of the Year, Kathy Rodriguez was recognized as Administrator of the Year, and Ashley Gerdo was recognized as Classified Professional of the Year. Additionally, Professor Thao Ha served on the panel.

Trustee Pedroza attended the North County Economic Summit, the Latinx graduation celebration, and she encouraged all to attend the upcoming June 8 Annual Latino Film Festival, hosted at MiraCosta that will feature Luis Valdez, who is known as the father of Chicano literature.

Trustee Clendening serves on the Coalition of Black and African American organization and attended an event where they discussed the budget the budget impact on CSU. She also attended the Advisory Board for Ethnic Studies at the Oceanside Unified School District on May 2. Attending as the board representative for the Foundation board meeting, Clendening acknowledged outgoing Foundation board members Hap Stephen "Hap" L'Heureux, Bruce Bandemer, Alec Babiarez, Sudershan Shaunak, and Kimberly Troutman. She noted the Foundation closed a \$10M campaign under the leadership of outgoing President Dave McGuigan. Clendening also appreciated the student needs presentation provided by the Student Services Division. Additionally, Trustee Clendening attended the Black High School graduation that was held on the Oceanside Campus.

Trustees Clendening, Conklin, McNeil, attended the Cinco de Mayo Latinx Music event and the STREAM Festival on the Oceanside Campus, and Trustees Cassar, Clendening, and McNeil attended the MANA celebration.

Trustees Cassar, Clendening, and McNeil attended the Puente graduation, where many students were honored, including Student Trustee Kenneth Pilco.

Trustee Conklin attended a number of community events, including Oceanside's Earth Day Festival, non-profit activities, and a career panel that focused on public service career pathways. She also attended the CCLC Trustee Conference in Del Mar, and a mental health and wellness fair on 2 (a) 1061g. The Athletic Department in San Diego was a ceremony, where he noted student athletes received awards in their sport as well as their academic achievements. McNeil also attended the Medal of Academic Merit award ceremony, the EOPS award ceremony, the veterans graduation celebration, Mathematics Awards and scholarship ceremony, the Latinx graduation celebration, and the Child Development Center open house.

Trustee Cassar attended the Saturday Farmers Market and a Fair and Festival collaboration between MiraCosta and the Encinitas Chamber, both held on the Oceanside Campus.

B. Students

Student Trustee Kenneth Pilco reported the ASG completed their elections, he was excited to be attending Stanford in the fall, and he reported that Rahime Demirel will serve as the new student trustee beginning in June.

C. Classified Employees

Classified Senate (CS) President Omar Jimenez thanked the board for their leadership and impactful presence at so many of the student events. He recognized the work of Kate Scaife and Ingrid Phillips for coordinating the Black Graduation and Ashley Gerdo and the team for coordinating the Transition Scholars Celebration. Jimenez thanked everyone involved for their efforts in organizing all of the celebratory events.

D. Faculty

Academic Senate (AS) President Leila Safaralian honored Joe Chirra, longtime associate faculty in political science, who was awarded the Community College Association 2024 David Milroy Part-time Faculty of the Year Award. This prestigious award recognizes his contributions to Equity and Diversity and his advocacy for associate faculty. Joe is a founding organizer and member of the local CCA/CTA/NEA

Student Services has had an incredibly busy month with priority enrollment. She thanked the Student Services Division staff for the outstanding job they've done in serving students during this extra busy time.

Commencement anticipates 579 students who have RSVP'd to participate in the event. She noted that commencement is a time of celebration for our students who have worked hard to achieve their academic goals.

3. Administrative Services

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Flood gave a big thank you to all of the crews who make all of the year-end events possible. This district is focused on closing out the year-end budget cycle and preparing for preparing for the new fiscal year, which starts on July 1. Purchasing and Accounts Receivable teams are doing a fantastic job, including closing out the HERFF grants that provided resources during the pandemic.

4. Human Resources

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Ng announced that Classified Professional Appreciation Week begins on May 20. The college is celebrating with a lunch for classified at each of the district sites. Ng recognized those who participated in the professional development initiatives and the EEO grant. Ng offered a special thanks to those involved in the labor relations efforts.

F. Superintendent/President

Superintendent/President Cooke submitted a written report, and she expressed appreciation to Kenneth Pilco and Leila Safaralian for their service. She also extended heart-felt congratulations to all MiraCosta graduates, and she thanked faculty, staff, and administrators for their tireless efforts throughout the year.

XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Rick Cassar
President

Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President