

MIRACOSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
(Approved October 17, 2024)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District met in open session on Thursday, September 12, 2024, in the Boardroom (1068) on the Oceanside Campus. President Cassar called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Board members present:

Rick Cassar

Raye Clendening

Heather Conklin

George McNeil

Frank Merchat

Anna Pedroza

Jackie Simon

Rahime Demirci (Student Trustee)

Administrators present:

Superintendent/President Cooke

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Tim Flood

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Denée Pescarmona

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Alketa Wojcik

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Charlie Ng

III. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

A. Special Meeting/Closed Session of August 15, 2024

B. Regular Business Meeting of August 15, 2024

By motion of Trustee Clendening, seconded by Trustee Conklin, the board approved the minutes of the special meeting/closed session of August 15, 2024.

Vote: 5/0/2

Aye: Cassar, Clendening, Conklin, Merchat, Simon

Abstentions:

IV.

VII. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Ratify Recommendations of Superintendent/President in Approving Personnel Actions**
- B. Approve Employment Contract for Professional Expert**
- C. Approve New Professional Expert Classification and Description of Duties for the Director, Apprenticeship Program Development**
- D. Approve Updates to the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the**

IX.

Women's Association's Gentlemen's Gourmet event this weekend, which raises scholarship funds for students.

Trustee McNeil attended a number of athletics events on campus. He shared the men's soccer team won three consecutive games, the women's soccer had a strong 10–0 win in their first conference game, and the women's volleyball performed well.

Trustee Cassar attended Palomar College's grand opening of their new stadium.

B. Students

Student Trustee Rahime Demirci explained how the Associated Student Government (ASG) actively engages students in various initiatives. Demirci attended the Spartan Connect, where students learned about the wide range of support services available at MiraCosta College.

Next week, ASG will be tabling on the Oceanside Campus for National Voter Registration Day, promoting civic engagement and encouraging voter registration.

On September 21, ASG will host a discussion panel at Earn Our Vote, a youth-led political event at Oceanside High School, allowing local youth to ask questions. It will also facilitate a panel for Oceanside City Council candidates.

Additionally, on October 8, the League of Women Voters y2 ()10 (at)2 (O)2 (c)14 (ea)9.9 (ns)4((b

E. Assistant Superintendents/Vice Presidents

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The college's Employee Resource Groups are developing, and the story of our journey will be presented at a national Human Resources conference. Additionally, the State Chancellor's Office has asked MiraCosta to represent and share our story on our equal employment opportunity work, a significant recognition of our efforts.

F. Superintendent/President

Superintendent/President Cooke reported she participated as a panelist in the Level Up National Panel for Black Learner Success, where they reviewed data on why students discontinue their studies and the efforts that help them remain in college. The discussion highlighted progress at MiraCosta College, starting with student equity initiatives and UMOJA, and how this work has expanded over the years. There was interest in the BCAT training developed by Dr. Wendy Stewart and Shawntae Mitchum.

Cooke acknowledged Dr. Stewart and Omar Jimenez for launching the Futures Signal Spotters gatherings for the year, which will begin on September 18. The sessions will be held the third Wednesday of each month from 2:30-4 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Appreciation was given to the Public Information Office for supporting the various Get Out the Vote initiatives and the successful building openings.

MiraCosta College will collaborate with the National Conflict and Resolution Council (NCRC) in a grant-funded project to host several informational and training sessions to develop skills in communication during divisive times. Groups of employees, including administrators, will work through the content to develop essential skills for having difficult conversations in a divided world. This fall, four sessions will be held, and additional sessions will continue throughout the year.

Thanks to generous donors, the MiraCosta College Foundation raised more than \$20,000 to assist students who face a financial emergency during their educational journey. Cooke thanked Foundation Board President Dr. Janice Kurth and Vice President Karen Pearson for their generous matching gifts. The donations were raised through a campaign tied to the regional San Diego Gives, Day of Giving on September 5, conducted by nonprofits throughout San Diego County.

The Community Leaders Breakfast is scheduled for October 18 and will feature a panel of alumni and the launch of the College's annual report.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Rick Cassar
President

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