

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

MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**DECEMBER 14, 2023
(APPROVED JANUARY 18, 2024)**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District met in open session on Thursday, December 14, 2023, in-person in the Boardroom, Room OCT 200, at the Oceanside Campus. President Frank Merchat called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Board members present:

Raye Clendening

William Fischer

George McNeil

Frank Merchat

Anna Pedroza

Jacqueline Simon (left at 5 p.m.)

Kenneth Pilco (Student Trustee)

Board members absent:

Rick Cassar

Abstentions: Clendening
Absent: Cassar

3. Board Secretary and Assistant Board Secretary

By motion of Trustee McNeil, seconded by Trustee Pedroza, Dr. Sunita Cooke was elected secretary of the board of trustees, and Julie Bollerud as the assistant secretary of the board of trustees to serve until the 2024 organizational board meeting.

Vote: 6/0/0

VI. CHANGES IN AGENDA ORDER

None.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Political and Legislative Update

Director of Public and Governmental Relations, Marketing, and Communications Kristen Huyck provided a general overview of the current political climate at both the federal and state levels that significantly impacts community colleges, with varying policies, funding, and legislative decisions shaping their future.

More than 1,000 bills went to the governor for his signature, and about 85 percent were signed. Of those signed,

road has been removed, and the remainder of the bridge will be removed during the winter break. The bridge replacement could take up to 18 months to complete, since it needs to be designed and then go through the DSA approval process before construction can start. The water and electrical lines that ran under the bridge were also rerouted and restored.

The local hire and small/highly underutilized business (SHUB) enterprise contract award and value data was shared, as this has been an ongoing priority for the board. Almost 92 percent of hired firms are local, which ensures that MM expenditures benefit the local businesses and people within our community. It was noted that the small and underutilized number has gone down due to the very lar(ar

Vote:

ICC members are exploring the making of a video about the influence of the Club Room's history, the awareness of leadership opportunities, and the impact of clubs on the campus.

C. Classified Employees

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