

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
PROVISIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (SCCPCCD)
GOVERNING BOARD
SPECIAL Board Meeting Minutes
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024**


2021 North Grand Avenue
Nogales, AZ 85621

1. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order:

Mr. Greg Lucero, Chairman, called a Special Board Meeting of the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College District (SCCPCCD) Board to order on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

No Pledge of Allegiance took place.

Roll Call / In Attendance:

Present at the meeting were Mr. Greg Lucero- Chairman, Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.- Board Member, and Mrs. Georgina Tavera- Finance Manager. Ms. Liz Collier- Vice-Chairperson, Dr. Angela Meixell- Board Member, Mr. John Fanning- Board member, and Mr. David Pauole, PCC District Attorney, joined virtually.

B. Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Varona motioned to adopt the agenda of Monday, May 6, 2024, SCCPCCD Special Governing Board Meeting as presented, seconded by Ms. Collier. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

	Mr. Greg Lucero	Ms. Liz Collier	Dr. Marcelino Varona	Dr. Angela Meixell	Mr. John Fanning
AYE	X	X	X	X	X
NAY					
ABSTAIN					

C. Public Comment – Call to Audience

There was no Call to the Public.

2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Superintendent’s C-CREO IGA with SCCPCCD-

Discussion and possible approval of letter of commitment, period covered, in-kind contributions, costs, and benefits for the college.

- Chairman Lucero shared that from the last regular governing board meeting, Mrs. Muñoz presented a proposed C-CREO grant for another seven years. The current grant is in its final two years and this special board meeting was to discuss a new seven-year grant application. In support of their grant, they requested a letter of commitment, which included in-kind services and space for their program. He had several discussions with Mr. Velasquez and Maya regarding compensation, including possible rental payments, but they declined. It was also proposed in-kind services, and they suggested paying for a new position rather than an existing one. Additionally, it was discussed the possibility of contributing to the salary of this new position, which would involve services such as community outreach, community engagement, public relations, and weekly reporting on activities to C-CREO. While discussing with Mr. Velasquez, he mentioned that they could contribute up to \$50,000 for that position. Mr. Lucero met with Mrs. Tavera and stated that he did not have any direction or guidance from the Board to move forward with the letter of commitment. As a result, a special board meeting was called. The letter is due tomorrow, May 7th;
- Dr. Varona mentioned that a board policy had been implemented to charge rent for anyone using our facilities. He clarified that he was not disputing the value of the students in this program and expressed support. During the last board meeting, it was stated that our in-kind contributions over the past five years have totaled approximately \$120,000. If we continue, the amount would be around a quarter of a million dollars in in-kind contributions. He added he was willing to support this application but not support rent payments, which is \$18,758 annually. He added that this money was outside the expenditure limitation. We are charging for adult education for three classrooms, including one C-CREO studio and an Imagination classroom. What about our students and the enhancement of the computer labs? He reminded the Board that the rent for 2025-2026 would be approximately \$348,000 annually. Dr. Varona also mentioned that a significant amount of time was invested in creating this position, which is crucial for our success, particularly in managing economic and workforce development with South32 Enterprise. If they only contribute half of the required amount and oversee only a portion of the position, then all the planning and effort put into creating it would have been a

waste of time. He does not want this position to be part of C-CREO; it should be solely responsible to this Board. Making an exception will likely result in more people asking for the same;

- Ms. Collier asked Dr. Varona what his suggestion would be. Dr. Varona acknowledged that it was a good point and confirmed that we would provide a letter of support, but without including the rent. Ultimately, it will be their decision to make. Chairman Lucero clarified that this letter of support was solely for the grant application and that we would have to wait to see if it would be awarded. Dr. Varona said if it was awarded, they would come back for another meeting;
- Dr. Meixell emphasized the importance of supporting C-CREO as a valuable marketing tool. She expressed hope for finding a compromise but felt uncomfortable with their funding of a position that would spend half of the time supporting us, as it does not align with our original intentions and added that our board should supervise this position, not C-CREO;
- Mr. Fanning agreed with Dr. Meixell and stated that he wanted sole control over the person and not have it shared. He also wanted the Board to dictate what the person is to do. Additionally, he agreed with moving forward with supporting the grant application and revisiting the use of facilities and the associated funding. Ms. Collier asked for clarification on the person and sharing half. Is there another position maybe through Pima such as tutors? She added she had no issues with having payment arrangements;
- Dr. Varona said we intend to support and partner with them but at the same time, support our students and college;

Dr. Varona made a motion to approve the Chairman of the Board to sign the Letter of Commitment for the C-CREO Grant Proposal that they have presented to us and will continue with the identical in-kind contributions with the exception of rent payments. Motion was seconded by Dr. Meixell. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

	Mr. Greg Lucero	Ms. Liz Collier	Dr. Marcelino Varona	Dr. Angela Meixell	Mr. John Fanning
AYE	X	X	X	X	X
NAY					
ABSTAIN					

3. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Varona made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Meixell. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

	Mr. Greg Lucero	Ms. Liz Collier	Dr. Marcelino Varona	Dr. Angela Meixell	Mr. John Fanning
AYE	X	X	X	X	X
NAY					
ABSTAIN					

Having no further business to discuss, Chairman Lucero adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:24 a.m.

Minutes presented respectfully by:

Ms. Liz Collier
SCCPCCD Vice-Chairperson