



# SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PROVISIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

## SPECIAL Board Meeting Minutes

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022**

Desert Vista Pima Community College Campus  
5901 S. Calle Santa Cruz  
Community Room  
Tucson, AZ 85709

### 1. OPENING ITEMS

#### A. Call to Order:

Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr., Chairperson, called a Special Public Board Meeting of the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College District Governing Board to order on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

#### Pledge of Allegiance:

Dr. Duran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Roll Call / In Attendance:

Present at the meeting were – Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.-Chairperson, Mr. John Fanning- Vice Board Member, Dr. Angela Meixell- Board Member (joined via ZOOM), Ms. Liz Collier- Board Member, Mr. Greg Lucero- Board Member, Mrs. Georgina Tavera- Finance Manager, Mr. Ted Roush, Mr. Brian Nelson, and a special greeting to Chancellor Lee Lambert. Also joining virtually was Attorney Mr. Dave Pauole. Other members of Pima Community College attended.

#### B. Adoption of the Agenda:

Mr. Lucero motioned to adopt January 25, 2022, SCCPCCD Special Governing Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Ms. Collier seconded this motion. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

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

#### C. Public Comment – Call to Audience

- a. There was no call to the public.

### 2. STANDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

#### A. Annual Revision of PCC and Santa Cruz IGA

- Mr. Roush welcomed everyone to the first annual meeting between Pima Community College and Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College District, adding that it was nice to have both sides very well represented;
- Chancellor Lee Lambert also welcomed everyone and said it was a pleasure and honor to host them at the Desert Vista PCC Campus; he also thanked Mr. Roush and the members of the college and said he looked forward to sharing the successes and to working with them;

- Dr. Varona thanked them for keeping the annual agreement to discuss progress between both and looked forward to a positive relationship this ensuing year and thanked Chancellor Lambert for all that he does for the SCC students;
- Dr. Duran also welcomed everyone and was honored to have this meeting and looking forward to seeing and talking about the progress with their partnership;
- As the first annual meeting, Mr. Roush stated that the purpose of the meeting was to serve as a safety valve and ensure that both parties are happy with the current arrangement; He added this was the time to evaluate and address any concerns from both sides;
- The following background data was presented by Mr. Roush and Mr. Nelson
  - Performance Measures: compiled reports of the number of Santa Cruz students from PCC or transferred (2017-2021); it was asked to focus only on the first three years due to the pandemic;
  - Analyzed the Graduation and transfer rate of full-time Santa Cruz students (2017-2021);
  - Attrition and Success Rate at Santa Cruz Center, sixteen-week classes (this will be revised to an eight-week class to be more valuable and have more precise rates);
  - For comparison: attrition and success rate at PCC, all campuses;
  - Graduation and Transfer Rate by race/ethnicity as of December 2021;
  - Audited FTSE, Dr. Varona asked about the 104 figure;
  - Unduplicated headcount of Santa Cruz Center;
  - Enrollment (duplicated headcount) of Santa Cruz Center;
  - Santa Cruz Center Students' most popular declared cert/degrees; Dr. Varona asked how this data was being used to project future course offerings especially in the STEM area;
  - Santa Cruz Center Students' Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Age;
  - Percentage of SCC First-Generation and Low-Income Students (Dr. Varona asked to present follow-up data within a month or two, would be a good case study);
  - Number and Percentages of PCC students with SCC Addresses by Modality (living in the county). Mr. Nelson explained the combined numbers exclusively online, online, and not online environment; in addition, it was tracked nationally and were seeing a trend that they preferred online and shorter-term; students also indicated their preference for the hybrid format;
  - Programs of the PCC Students with SC Addresses Attending Classes in Tucson; Dr. Meixell asked for clarification on undeclared and undecided;
  - Mr. Fanning excused himself at approximately 3:53 pm and informed the Board that he was joining via ZOOM
  - Number of Dual Enrollment Students in SCC; Dr. Varona addressed his concern on the statistical data and SCC not getting any credit in dual enrollment (Auditors General); for budgeting purposes, he asked to see how many dual enrollment students are getting credit from PCC;
  - The final slide presented by Mr. Nelson was the PCC/SCC Outreach for Fall 2021: 82% Outreach Events, 55% Internal, and 45% External; (this will be forwarded to everyone in attendance);
- Mr. Roush continued as a round table discussion:

- Dr. Varona asked Dr. Moses based on the presentation: Based on his judgment and professional opinion about Santa Cruz Center, are we doing anything that in any manner jeopardizes any accreditation? Dr. Moses said no and that this meeting was a perfect example of a solid relationship. Any areas of improvement to apply for next year? Dr. Moses said moving forward, a goal to institute more student support services. Dr. Varona agreed with his eloquent comments asking PCC to assist in creating full-time assistance so that students know there are full-time instructors available. Mr. Roush said PCC was open for that if the budget allowed it and will be presented soon as the data is there;
- Mr. Fanning asked to see the enrollment by zip code for an opportunity to see who is taking advantage of what is being offered;
- The floor was opened for overall comments:
  - Dr. Varona said that new member Mr. Lucero was very involved with South32 and other community services; he said they were heading in the right direction and felt very comfortable; he added that this IGA agreement was only working because of Chancellor's strong leadership; his only concern addressed was about the air filtration system;
  - Chancellor Lambert was pleased with his comments and said with the right people in place, good things will happen; his focus will be the future of higher education, saying at some point, we will move to the second curve, and look at realities impacted by technology; PCC is starting to "shift" in that direction; he added they are working to see how this will be implemented in SCC; he thanked him for addressing the air filtration system issue; and that the full-time faculty was critical and was committed to supporting the efforts in this regard;
  - Mr. Lucero was also looking at the faculty concerns and hoped to see more local faculty at the campus in the future; he discussed working with industries for the demand of trade skills, working with the community advisory team, and being able to train a local workforce;
  - Ms. Collier agreed with Dr. Varona with full-time professors; she was curious about expanding programs; she also addressed her concern about recruiting faculty asking neighbors about their interests and education;
  - Dr. Meixell agreed with them and commented she saw a huge difference within the relations and outcomes; she was impressed with the outreach that Mr. Nelson and staff had done; she is optimistic about the enrollment; she believed there was a high percentage of post-graduates in the community and a good place to look for faculty; she thanked Mr. Roush and Mr. Nelson for all of the great things they have done and know they were getting better;
  - Mr. Fanning agreed with Dr. Varona and Mr. Lucero saying it was important that we look at CTE; he added he is always greeted with a smile at the SCC and the partnership is heading in the right direction;
- Mr. Roush continued with his budget proposal presentation:
  - Proposed Budget for 2022-2023
  - Combination of staffing needs, supplies, and marketing;
  - Grand Total cost: \$988,365
  - Dr. Varona would like to see a full-time person based on student enrollment; Mr. Roush said it was a goal for this year to work on student

life and the student center; a survey will be sent out to students asking what their interests will be; more information will follow;

- Goals Set:
  - Developing, Funding, and Recruiting Full Time Faculty;
  - Increase in Student Enrollment - Priority
- Overall Comments:
  - Ms. Collier asked about past graduation celebrations that were held in the community and were a strong marketing tool;
  - There is a possibility of holding graduation at Kino Stadium (outdoors); they will be making a final decision in February; more information will follow;
  - Dr. Meixell thanked everyone for their time and said we were going in the right direction;
  - Chancellor Lambert said he would love to come down and meet the community and make it clear that the opportunities being provided to the community are due to the efforts of the Board; he added he will look into the planning of a graduation;
  - Mr. Fanning agreed with Dr. Moses and Dr. Meixell with their positive comments;
  - Dr. Phillips mentioned he was excited about all the positives changes taking place; SCC also provided lessons with us as we are working together to support each other and meet students needs; great model; looking forward to more SCC student's success;
  - Dr. Duran said she was pleased, encouraged, and inspired by this meeting and with the transition made with the partnership; she saw leadership flourish; she added she was grateful for the Board and Chancellor's support and will make it her personal commitment to continue that support; out of a crisis, comes opportunity; she suggested creating a student forum and get their feedback and impressions; also focus on the big demand of trade skills;
  - Mr. Lucero thanked everyone for all of the support received; the relationship has flourished due to the great leadership and are moving in the right direction; looking forward to hosting Chancellor and his staff;
  - Ms. Collier thanked everyone for their work and putting this meeting together, and was very pleased with how they were moving along; the atmosphere at the center was better;
  - Mrs. Tavera thanked everyone for the meeting; she feels very optimistic with everyone and their support;
  - Mr. Nelson thanked Pima's great support, the SCC Team and thanked Chancellor for making this happen;
  - Mr. Roush was very thankful and grateful for everyone;
  - Dr. Varona concluded by saying that on behalf of the Board, with heartfelt gratitude, he thanked Mr. Roush for the fine job he had done;

**3. Executive Session Items**

- a. Nothing was addressed.

**4. Adjournment**

Mr. Lucero motioned to adjourn the meeting of January 25, 2022, seconded by Ms. Collier.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:01 p.m.

Minutes presented respectfully by:

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Ms. Liz Collier  
SCCPCCD Vice – Chairperson