



**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PROVISIONAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD**

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022

Santa Cruz Center Board Room
2021 North Grand Avenue
Nogales, AZ 85621

1. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order:

Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr., Chairperson, called a Regular Public Board Meeting of the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College District Governing Board to order on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 5:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Lucero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call / In Attendance:

Present at the meeting were – Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.-Chairperson, Dr. Angela Meixell- Board Member, Ms. Liz Collier- Board Member, Mr. Greg Lucero- Board, Mrs. Georgina Tavera- Finance Manager, Mr. Brian Nelson, and Mr. Ted Roush. Attorney Mr. David Pauole joined virtually. Note: Mr. John Fanning- Vice Board Member, had to leave early.

B. Adoption of the Agenda:

Chairperson Varona entertained a motion to adopt the agenda of Tuesday, April 19, 2022, SCCPCCD Regular Governing Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Ms. Collier motioned to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Meixell. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

<i>NAME</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>	<i>ABSTAIN</i>
Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.	X		
Mr. John Fanning	Excused Absence		
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. Financial Report

SCCPCCD Finance Manager provided a review and update of the March 2022 Financial Reports

- Mrs. Tavera provided everyone with a copy of the March 2022 financials and informed the Board that no major non-recurring expenses were included; the large amount presented was the transfer between the checking account to the savings account;
- Board Members had no questions, comments, or concerns for Mrs. Tavera;

B. Chairperson of the Governing Board – SCCPCCD Governing Board Chairperson will address any updates

- Chairperson Varona did not have any updates to present;

C. Members of the Governing Board

- Ms. Collier said that the brochures had been delivered to Patagonia and Rio Rico were going out soon;

D. Audited Expenditures

- Mrs. Tavera explained the purpose of the approval of the annual paragraph saying it reduces the budget to actual expenditures, assuming we spend less than the budget;

Ms. Collier motioned to approve the reduction of Budget Expenditures to reflect the Actual Audited Expenditures as recommended by Mrs. Tavera. Mr. Lucero seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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E. PCC – Santa Cruz Center Report

- Mr. Brian Nelson, Advanced Program Manager, PCC- Santa Cruz County, shared that we were now approved as an International Student Site;
- For the first time, they are planning an education fair on June 10th, Pima/Santa Cruz specific, highlighting the different types of programs being offered with nine different sessions; Chairperson Varona asked how can they get students involved and be made aware;
- Mr. Nelson also shared the virtual classes being offered (mostly out of state and from Tucson); Fall will be discussed later in the year;
- Ms. Collier asked if Pima had any special rates for people coming from Mexico or if they have to pay full tuition. Could we offer a lower rate for them to enroll? A general discussion took place; Mr. Nelson said he was open to any suggestions;

F. PCC – Santa Cruz Center Report –

- Mr. Roush introduced Mr. James Palacios, PCC Director of Dual Enrollment, saying that the efforts of Palacio and his team had resulted in incredible growth in PCC Dual Enrollment;
- After Mr. Palacio’s presentation, Mr. Roush welcomed Ms. Libby Howell, inviting her to talk about legislative updates. She said all bills were waiting for budget discussions. The real issue was that the legislature was divided and there were many disagreements taking place. The revenues exceeded everyone’s projections; PROP 208 was ruled unconstitutional; there was discussion of passing a “skinny budget” and the house dropped a number of budget bills reflecting the “skinny budget”; she talked about the tax bill passed last year which consolidated brackets; she said HB2034 was amended; she also covered other amendments and said the Stem bill, HB2017, was amended for the next two

years; she talked about three different bills that will allow guns and lethal weapons to be carried on campus; she also covered the graduation alliance and goodwill proposals; HB1173 might affect us, which redefines the formula for out of county reimbursement (she explained the requirements);

- At the Federal Level, she mentioned that in March, the Pell Grant amount was increased by \$400 per student and the second pandemic reestablished the Pell Grant eligibility for incarcerated individuals;
- Another bill that passed recently required public Community Colleges and public Universities to administer a college-wide climate survey for students, particularly dealing with the issues of safety sexual assault discrimination, to see how students are feeling about their institution.
- Mr. Lucero addressed his concern on HB2017 and asked who was pushing it? Ms. Howell said it was the lobbyist; Chairperson Varona asked to keep them updated;
- She was thanked by all board members for her enlightening presentation;

G. Dual Enrollment Report

- Mr. James Palacios, PCC Director of Dual Enrollment, provided all Board Members with dual enrollment items;
- He informed the Board that Dual Enrollment was becoming very popular; he said Rio Rico was offering more classes to students; he has met with the Nogales District and discussed how to increase opportunities for students on campuses, same with Lourdes Catholic School;
- He presented the reasons why schools should go into Dual Enrollment and also shared data of the last five full years showing increased enrollment;
- He shared the Legislative Bills and Prop Priorities and the opportunities it presents; he said we wanted to be able to build sustainability by preparedness for future growth, to survey and expand what's in place in high schools, to develop an articulate pathway programming and building templates, offer professional development for HS dual enrollment teachers, and create incentives for HS DE teachers;
- Mr. Palacios presented the 2022 Priorities and added that a study was coming out in May showing data on success rates with dual enrollment and how it will benefit students in Arizona. He also talked about the outreach and recruitment and shared specific data from Lourdes Catholic School, Nogales High School, Patagonia, and Rio Rico High School. He showed the cost savings for Santa Cruz County students and families.
- He shared the ASU Helios decision for Educational Excellence Report from Joseph O'Reilly and Rebeca McKay;
- He stressed the benefits of dual enrollment and why it should be introduced to high school students;
- He invited everybody to the Knowledge for Partners in Education virtual conference on April 26, 2022, hosted by Pima Community College;
- Dr. Meixell asked about transportation; Mr. Lucero asked about Nogales High School IB Programs; Ms. Collier asked to elaborate about Patagonia wanting to start a college campus;
- Mr. Palacios offered to be part of any future community presentations if needed; he added that a Transition Coach was going to be a very important position;

MISC:

- Mr. Roush took a moment to thank the Board Members saying it was a great pleasure working for them. He added that he will continue to support them until the middle of May and will be attending the next Board Meeting virtually;
- Chairperson Varona and the rest of the Board Members thanked him and said he had done an exceptional job and appreciated his dedication and advocating for Santa Cruz County, wished him well;

H. Clery Act

- Mr. Dave Pauole shared the continuation of the presentation given during the last meeting; he addressed the question about whether Santa Cruz County was subject to the requirements of the Clery Act; he said only those colleges and universities receiving federal funding are subject to the Clery Act; he conferred with Georgina and said SCCPCCD was not individually subject to the Clery Act but Pima was;
- He said that Pima did report the SCC numbers in their annual reports as part of the Desert Vista Campus, as this was the closest satellite to SCC; he conferred with Bruce Moses the Clery Act Compliance Officer for Pima. Mr. Pauole said that Bruce Moses agreed that Santa Cruz Center was not subject to the Clery Act and did not see any holes in terms of compliance with the way Pima reports the statistics for the SCC in the Desert Vista numbers. He also informed the Board that the mutual agreements are between the Pima Campus Police Department, Tucson Police Department, and the Pima County Sheriff’s Office saying that if any of the three encounters a situation where they do not have adequate personnel or equipment, that the other two will come to their aid; he assumed that the Nogales Police Department and the Santa Cruz County Sherriff’s Office probably had a similar mutual aid agreement in place;
- At this point, he said it was a good idea to do some emergency response planning, and look at potential situations so that staff knows what to do in any type of emergency situations (fire, etc.);
- No questions or concerns were addressed by the Board Members;
- Mrs. Tavera will meet with Mr. Alvarez and discuss the procedures and plans;
- Chairperson Varona requested an updated report in a future agenda;

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the Minutes

Chairperson Varona entertained a motion to accept the recommendation of the Special Board Meeting minutes for March 12, 2022, and the Regular Board Meeting minutes for March 15, 2022, as presented. Ms. Collier motioned to approve both minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Meixell. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.	X		
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B. Future Meeting Agenda Items.

- a. Budget: prepare the resolution, etc. (Ms. Collier)
- b. PTO balances (Dr. Meixell)
- c. Lease discussion (Mr. Lucero)
- d. Update on the Foundation (Chairperson Varona)
- e. Auditor General Presentation on the audit results (Mrs. Tavera)
- f. Dr. Morgan Phillips meeting in August, update on dual enrollment

C. Future Meeting Date – May 17, 2022

- a. May 17th, possibly hold a Special Board Meeting on the budget and proposed election on expenditures limitation;
- b. After the June meeting, there will be no meeting in July (until August)

4. Executive Session Items

- a. Nothing was addressed.

5. Adjournment

Ms. Collier motioned to adjourn the meeting of April 19, 2022, seconded by Mr. Lucero
Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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Dr. Angela Meixell	X		
Ms. Liz Collier	X		
Mr. Greg Lucero	X		

Having no further business to discuss, Chairperson Varona adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Minutes presented respectfully by:

Ms. Liz Collier
SCCPCCD Board Member