



# SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PROVISIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

## SPECIAL Board Meeting Minutes

**THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021**

Santa Cruz Center Board Room  
2020 North Grand Avenue  
Nogales, AZ 85621

### 1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

#### *1.01 Call to Order:*

A SPECIAL Public Board Meeting of the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dr. Angela Meixell, Chairperson.

#### *Roll Call / In Attendance:*

Present at the meeting were – Dr. Angela Meixell- Chairperson, Ms. Liz Collier-Vice Chairperson, Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.-Board Member, Mr. Nils Urman -Board Member, Dr. Stella Perez- Executive Director/CEO, Ms. Georgina Tavera- Finance Manager. Mr. John Fanning- Board Member was not in attendance. Chancellor Lambert, Mr. Demion Clinco, Ms. Garcia, Ms. Catherine Ripley, Dr. Bruce Moses, and Mr. Ted Roush, joined the meeting virtually.

#### *1.02 Pledge of Allegiance:*

Ms. Liz Collier, Board Member, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### *1.03 Adoption of the Agenda:*

Dr. Varona motioned to adopt the May 13, 2021 SCCPCCD SPECIAL Governing Board Meeting Agenda as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Urman. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

<i>NAME</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>	<i>ABSTAIN</i>
Dr. Angela Meixell	X		
Ms. Liz Collier	X		
Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.	X		
Mr. Nils Urman	X		
Mr. John Fanning	Absent		

#### *1.04 Citizens Interim*

- a. No one addressed the Board

### 2. **NEW BUSINESS**

#### *2.01 PCC-SCCPCCD Educational Service Agreement – SCCPCCD Board Members / PCC Governing Board Members and PCC Representatives*

- Chancellor Lambert started by acknowledging the new member Ms. Catherine Ripley; Ms. Ripley presented herself and briefly shared her background;
- Chancellor Lambert said he valued this relationship and that it was very important to be in partnership to meet the needs of the Santa Cruz County residents; he added that as we move forward into the future, we had to make sure adequate resources were available. He said that one of the overall issues was accreditation and that this was the

first institution he had ever worked for that had been on a sanction twice and did not want to end up there again;

- Mr. Ted Roush presentation addressed the following:
  - Recent History: PCC came back with an Educational Services Agreement in July 2017 and developed the Intergovernmental Agreement for Educational Services starting July 2018; we are currently in year three of the five-year arrangement.
  - Challenges: FTSE vs. State FTSE Threshold (2012 – 2020); enrollment across the United States had generally declined in terms of Community Colleges for the last several years; Higher Learning Commission commitment for services to be provided by College employees and amount of staffing ensuring services are equivalent and provided by our employees; he addressed the challenge that we have in terms in competition (i.e. who is running which part of the program, etc.);
  - Mr. Roush said we needed to go more with greater focus on building enrollment through quality services and to obtain this, PCC needed to increase its presence at the Santa Cruz Center to ensure equivalent services between locations were provided; PCC also needed to ensure that all educational services are provided exclusively by employees of the College, and additionally, resources and efforts needed to be focused on ensuring positive student outcomes;
  - Steps Needed: Mr. Roush said we needed to expand staffing for advising, tutoring, and financial aid; there needs to be a single manager from PCC for Santa Cruz operations so that PCC is managing all operations and deliver what our creditor expects; he felt it was appropriate at this juncture for Santa Cruz to adjust its priorities and move away from the focus in accreditation, lobbying, and brand building and move towards higher service levels;
  - Dr. Varona addressed his concern on the definition (or PCC's definition) of lobbying. He asked who would represent us at the State Legislature? Will they be representing us? Chancellor Lambert said what they would hope to do was to work together to figure out where there was alignment for them and for Pima working together with Santa Cruz; Dr. Varona said he had an obligation to see all the appropriate financial resources for our Pima Community College District, and doing it for Pima Community College students;
  - Chancellor Lambert appreciated it and suggested sitting down in advance of the session and work together to define what our needs were and integrate it into an overall plan for Pima Community College; this will then be consistent and not a competition; he agreed with him that the taxes paid (in the form of sales taxes) was an unfair system;
  - Mr. Urman said the that our desire was never to go after the funds being allocated, that our goal was to grow the “pot of funds”, he asked Chancellor Lambert how he proposed to proceed in the future?
  - Chancellor Lambert did not have a direct answer at the moment but suggested they meet and see how they could develop a way to advance a common strategy and this way would be lobbying together;
  - Dr. Varona addressed his concern with the lobbying, referring to the nine districts, that they had tried to do away with Provisional Community College Districts;

- Dr. Varona said he trusted Chancellor Lambert and had complete trust in his leadership to make sure that we were not taking advantage of. Regarding accreditations, he didn't see us seeking full accreditation for the next ten years;
- Chancellor Lambert committed, with the Boards agreement, that if it is approached the way it has been discussed tonight and were committed to grow and move together, that he was comfortable sponsoring Santa Cruz Community College;
- Mr. Roush concluded his presentation with the following:
  - PCC wholeheartedly supports the Santa Cruz objective to have its own accredited community college;
  - PCC also shares the Santa Cruz objective of providing comprehensive academic programs and learning within Santa Cruz County;
  - PCC remains strongly committed to helping the students in Santa Cruz County realize their academic goals;
- Dr. Varona wanted to be clear about the people assigned to this campus: that they are here on campus consistently and constantly so that students get their questions answered as needed;
- Chancellor Lambert said the goal was to hire a director who reports to Pima but is and lives from Santa Cruz County (unless a qualified individual was not found, then a different approach will be taken); he shared his commitment;
- Dr. Varona concurred with all of the proposed budgets, but was hesitant with the turning over the control of the building to Pima Community College; he wants to make sure it is somebody from Santa Cruz County who can decide who uses the building, who cares for the building, etc.
- Ms. Collier added that the lease was under our name and it made sense that the person is our employee;
- Chancellor Lambert said we could come to an appropriate accommodation and satisfy both our needs; he added that we wanted to make this work and also supported that everything purchased with Santa Cruz taxpayers' money was Santa Cruz property;
- Dr. Varona also asked for clarification on hiring local individuals to work around the college. Are we allowed to continue doing that? What about help to assist the Board with finances, etc.?
- Chancellor Lambert said that as long as we have a contract that provides Pima with the resources to develop the high quality educational program and services and it does not interfere with that objective and what was agreed in our agreement, then the hiring would be Santa Cruz' business; he added that the key was to see students integrated into a co-curricular type of model;
- Ms. Collier asked Mr. Roush about his presentation on "improve or provide enhance student services". Has he felt that there is some type of barrier to deliver good services? She also asked if any student services were being brought down from Tucson (Yes, indeed);
- He explained where we needed to be with personnel resources such as tutors, counseling, financial aid, regular advisor, support person, etc.
- Dr. Moses said a slight adjustment needed to be made; the Hiring Learning Commissions did not expect to provide the exact same services as the Tucson campuses but they do expect to provide similar services;

- Dr. Meixell noted that the Board had appointed Ms. Collier and Dr. Varona as the negotiators; regarding the budget, she pointed out that within the last four years, FTSE had been very low and that we will have less money before we have more money unless enrollment increases; she also asked to share the slides with the Board;
- Mr. Roush sent an email for their first meeting next week to see what each other's interests were;
- PCC Board Member, Ms. Garcia, asked if the Santa Cruz Board had resolved the issues with advertising? She asked Chancellor Lambert to provide a list of the issues and a list of those being resolved and set a target date;
- Mr. Clinco shared his closing thoughts, thanking the entire Pima team for all the work they have done; he also recognized and acknowledged the SCCPCCD Board for being strong advocates for our students and wanted this to work; he is looking forward to a final agreement;

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Varona motioned to adjourn the Special Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Urman. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

<i>NAME</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>	<i>ABSTAIN</i>
Dr. Angela Meixell	X		
Ms. Liz Collier	X		
Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.	X		
Mr. Nils Urman	X		
Mr. John Fanning	Absent		

Having no further business to discuss, Dr. Meixell adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Minutes presented respectfully by:

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Ms. Liz Collier,  
 SCCPCCD Vice – Chairperson