

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
PROVISIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (SCCPCCD)
GOVERNING BOARD
Special Board Meeting Minutes
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023**


2021 North Grand Avenue
Nogales, AZ 85621

1. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Fanning called a Special Public Board Meeting of the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College District (SCCPCCD) Board to order on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Dr. Varona led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call / In Attendance:

Present at the meeting were Mr. John Fanning- Chairperson, Mr. Greg Lucero- Vice Chair, Ms. Liz Collier- Board Member, Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.- Board Member, Dr. Angela Meixell- Board Member, Mrs. Georgina Tavera- Finance Manager, PCC Chairperson, Mrs. Theresa Riel, PCC Board, Mr. Brian Nelson, Dr. Morgan Phillips, and David Pauole.

B. Adoption of the Agenda

Ms. Collier motioned to approve the agenda of the Special Board meeting on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 as presented. Motion was seconded by Chairperson Fanning. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

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

C. SCCPCCD Chairperson Introductions

- Chairperson Fanning asked that the SCCPCCD board members. The following attendees introduced themselves: Angela Meixell, Georgina Tavera, Marcelino Varona, Greg Lucero, Liz Collier, John Fanning, Theresa Riel, Morgan Phillips, Dolores Durán-Cerda, Marcy Euler, Isaac Adams, and Tom Davis.

D. PCC Chairperson Introductions

- The following PCC attendees introduced themselves: Theresa Riel, Morgan Phillips, Dolores Durán-Cerda, Marcy Euler, Isaac Adams, and Tom Davis.
- Attendees took a break for lunch and watched a video from Pima College that highlighted Pima students, campus events, and class programming.

E. Department of Education Grant

This item was removed from the agenda.

F. PCC-Santa Cruz County Current Program

- Chairperson Fanning introduced Mr. Brian Nelson to speak about PCC's presence in Santa Cruz County, dating back to the 1970s. After leaving in 2003, PCC was reintroduced to the county in 2018. He introduced the Santa Cruz Center Team, including Alma Ruiz, Jessica Frederick, and Lourdes Rivera.
- Mr. Nelson reviewed the SCC PCC program demographics compared to the overall demographics of PCC, including percentage of part-time students, student gender, Hispanic/Latino population, and age, where the majority of students are in the 18-24 age range. Mr. Nelson also shared their effort to create an education pipeline to address the teacher crisis, similar to the NAU pipeline that existed years ago. He talked about academic statistics about SCC PCC, including on-par student success rates, student enrollment increase during the past two semesters, and changes in the Developmental Education classes and Math classes from ICS081, such as RQ's for MAT 142 and MAT 151. Mr. Nelson added that they have Writing 101, 101S, and 101SE and a variety of Science classes.

- He presented the academic certifications and degrees including the expanded AA Liberal Arts degree, EMT to Firefighter program, CNA program, CIS Certification of IT Support Technician and IT Support Specialist certification, and the Associate of Science. He answered specific questions about Pima classes, such as the previously offered Bilingual Business Certificate and the Supply Chain Management Certification. Attendees had a discussion about the potential for classes to be offered to take advantage of the binational economic opportunities, including the maquila industry or the local produce industry.
- He also discussed PCC Partnerships, such as the UA Nogales Interdisciplinary Studies, NAU 3+1, University of Dubuque; Business 3+1 program, and Catholic University of America; Management 2+2 program. He also spoke about PCC Outreach and Events such as their 44 events for K-12 outreach, internal outreach workshops at the SC center, Spring College Fair, and Spring Graduation Celebration.
- The challenges facing PCC were summarized, such as recruiting qualified Adjunct Faculty from the community. Another challenge is growing Dual Enrollment programs at the local high schools that can funnel students out of taking PCC classes. A discussion followed about how this issue could be addressed, where PCC scholarships offered in Sahuarita and Tucson were mentioned. Another challenge was increasing FTSE/Expenditure Limitation, an important difficulty being the cost of renting the facility.
- He shared overall positives that included growing student enrollment and class offerings, effective outreach, community partnerships, PCC support, SCCPCCD Foundation, SCC School Superintendent's office partnership, and PCC-SCC and SCCPCCD relationship.
- Mr. Nelson addressed several questions, including the most popular learning modalities before and after the pandemic. He also discussed financial aid options and scholarships available to SCC PCC students, highlighting opportunities from local organizations such as the Mexican Consulate, as well as specifics regarding the Earn-to-Learn scholarship.

G. PCC achievements and challenges

- Dr. Morgan Phillips spoke about PCC highlights. He spoke in depth about the flourishing PCC has had in the Workforce development area, including their programs of JTED and Dual Enrollment. A challenge was refocusing programs to match industry needs and to help students be successful in connecting them to jobs. One example was giving short-term credentials to students based on previous working experience or unpaid apprenticeships, although citing the difficulty in working within governmental structures to find funding for more short-term programs.
- Dr. Phillips shared the Arizona Achievement Initiative at NAU that worked to increase the number of students who receive degrees and to increase viable academic pathways students could follow if they attended different secondary institutions in Arizona, such as ensuring credits transfer properly or that a student could continue a program if they moved within the state. He spoke about wanting PCC to be at the forefront of addressing these types of challenges within secondary education.
- He answered questions regarding his involvement with various local industries, including mining, as well as organizations like the the Arizona Association of College Trustees. A discussion followed about the potential limitations and opportunities related to joining the Arizona Association of College Trustees.
- The attendees then discussed the allied health programs at PCC, noting a lower enrollment than past years, potentially due to competing medical programs in Tucson. They discussed the PCC Nursing program waiting list and how they were working to lower it. Allied health program limitations and solutions were discussed, such as limited space for nursing students and limited opportunities for clinical hours with local hospitals.

H. PCC achievements and challenges

- Chairperson Fanning spoke about SCC PCC positives. He shared his personal experience of speaking to RRHS students where many of them said they were attending PCC, either in Nogales or in Tucson. He spoke about developing SCC PCC strategic planning and working out a year-long timeline for that. He then spoke about the success and excitement of the SCC PCC career fair and graduation ceremony. Chairperson Fanning also spoke about their various positive partnerships within the community, such as with the Fire Department and mentioned the possibility of working with the South32 mine.
- He mentioned the challenge of the SCC PCC foundation being almost nonexistent. The attendees then discussed the economic growth that the Patagonia mines will bring to the community. They also discussed UA and ASU involvement in Sonora, Mexico related to semiconductor and EV

manufacturing. It was mentioned that South32 is committed to working with SCC on workforce development. The attendees then discussed the details and logistics of the development and impact of South32 in Santa Cruz County.

- Gratitude was expressed to Chancellor Lambert and Pima College for fostering a genuine working relationship with SCC to provide educational opportunities in the community. We also thanked the SCC PCC board and administration for the programs and opportunities available to SCC students.
- Lastly, attendees were invited to a farewell event for the PCC Chancellor on July 12th. They were given the chance to send farewell messages or contribute to an innovation fund in the Chancellor's honor.

2. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, Chairperson Fanning adjourned the meeting.

Minutes presented respectfully by:

Ms. Liz Collier
SCCPCCD Board Member