

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
PROVISIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (SCCPCCD)  
GOVERNING BOARD**

**Special Board Meeting Minutes  
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024**

  
2021 North Grand Avenue  
Nogales, AZ 85621

**1. OPENING ITEMS**

**A. Call to Order:**

Chairman Collier called a Special Public Board Meeting of the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College District (SCCPCCD) Board to order on Monday, August 5 at 12:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Dr. Varona led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call / In Attendance:**

Present at the meeting were Ms. Liz Collier- Chairman, Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.- Board Member, Dr. Angela Meixell- Board Member (joined virtually), Mr. John Fanning-Board Member (joined virtually), Mrs. Georgina Tavera- Finance Manager, and Mr. Greg Lucero.

**B. Adoption of the Agenda**

Dr. Varona motioned to approve the agenda of the Special Board meeting of Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> as presented. Motion was seconded by Dr. Meixell. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Ms. Liz Collier	Dr. Marcelino Varona	Dr. Angela Meixell	Mr. John Fanning
AYE	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. Chairman of the Governing Board**

- Chairman Collier informed the Board that she forwarded Paula Schaefer’s website report and asked them to read it before she forwards it to her to continue with the design. She asked the Board to review it;
- She informed the Board that the Recompete Grant had not been funded by ADE, likely due to issues with Liz Gutfahr. Dr. Varona asked to be reminded about the grant. Chairman Collier explained that this was a grant Mr. Lucero had been working on to bring people together to develop a plan for revitalization and progress, amounting to \$50 million. However, ADE rejected it;
- She attended the Workforce Development meeting with the mine, where they discussed plans to start training electrical technicians in the fall of 2025. During the meeting, she found out that Hermosa had agreed to build a training center for the program. Pima mentioned that they had the facilities but would work on providing transportation for students to Tucson. She emphasized the importance of pushing Hermosa to build the training center as soon as possible;
- Wendy Faar submitted the report with her recommendations;

**B. Employment Contract for Director of Strategic Initiatives**

- Chairman Collier informed the Board that Wendy was having trouble finding a firm to conduct the background checks but finally found one; the Board should hear back by the end of the week. She suggested approving the employment contract for the Director of Strategic Initiatives, contingent on the successful completion of his background check;
- Dr. Varona carefully reviewed the employment contract without encountering any issues. He noted that this particular contract was unlike any he had previously seen. Mr. Lucero requested not to enroll in the health insurance plan because he was already covering his health insurance and asked for a reimbursement. Dr. Varona clarified that Mr. Lucero would be reimbursed an amount equal to what they would have paid for his health insurance, prorated over 26 pay periods, as long as the amount is not in excess. He also specified that Mr. Lucero would begin receiving the reimbursement starting from his first day of employment next Monday. This is a one-year contract starting on August 12, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025. The rest of the contract contains standard material similar to what he has encountered in previous contracts. He mentioned that, as

Chairman Collier stated, this contract would be approved pending the final approval of his background check, and he requested to be informed once Wendy completes it.

Dr. Varona made a motion to go ahead and enter into an agreement with Gregory Lucero for the position of Strategic Initiatives for a period of one year beginning August 12, 2024 and terminating June 30, 2025 with the agreement, that Mr. Lucero must pass the background check for this contract to be fully enforced. This motion was seconded by Dr. Meixell. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

Nothing was presented.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Fanning motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Meixell. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

Having no further business to discuss, Chairman Collier adjourned the meeting.

*Minutes presented respectfully by:*

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**Ms. Liz Collier**  
**SCCPCCD Chairman**