



**SCCPCCD GOVERNING BOARD
Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025

2021 North Grand Avenue ~ Nogales, AZ 85621

1. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order:

Chair Meixell called a Public Board Meeting of the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College District (SCCPCCD) Board to order on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Dr. Lunderville led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call / In Attendance:

Chair Angela Meixell, Vice-Chair Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr., Dr. Melisa Lunderville- Member, Dr. Carrie Pottinger- Member, Mrs. Georgina Tavera- Finance Manager, Mr. Greg Lucero, Mr. Morgan Phillips, and Mrs. Maricruz Ruiz were in attendance. Mrs. Dina Sanchez- Board Member was not in attendance at this time. Mr. Pauole joined via Zoom.

B. Adoption of the Agenda

Vice-Chair Varona motioned to adopt the agenda of Wednesday, June 18, 2025 as presented and recommended to eliminate subject I-Presentation and Approval of Board Policies for the SCCPCCD Topics 2000-2050: District Administration and General Institutional Issues as Mr. Lucero requested for additional time and prepare. Motion was seconded by Dr. Pottinger. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Angela Meixell	Dr. Marcelino Varona	Mrs. Dina Sanchez	Dr. Melisa Lunderville	Dr. Carrie Pottinger
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ABSTAIN					

C. Public Comment – Call to Audience

There was no Call to the Public.

2. STANDING REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS

A. Financials – Mrs. Georgina Tavera, Finance Manager

Mrs. Tavera provided a review of the May 2025 financial reports and updated on the savings and checking account amounts: \$1.4M-Savings and \$920K-Checking. She also provided the Chase and the Treasury Account statements. She reminded the Board that the fixed amount of \$4.5K was moved to the Treasury Account and it has now a current balance of \$4.797K. She shared the non-recurring expenses and the safety training attended by Alex and Daniel in Phoenix.

- Vice-Chair Varona noted the presence of Mr. Chavez, Santa Cruz County Finance Director, and mentioned that documentation from the State Treasurer is now required to be presented at every Board meeting. He also highlighted the \$297K in interest earned since the account was opened.

B. Chairperson of the Governing Board

Chair Meixell had nothing to report, but noted that today was Mr. Morgan Phillips’ last day today and expressed gratitude for all he had done for them.

C. Members of the Governing Board

Nothing was reported. Vice-Chair Varona echoed Chair Meixell’s remarks, adding they had made statements during the going away luncheon offered for him. He described him as a blessing for the Community College, noting his role in maintaining accountability and increasing student enrollment. He highlighted his professionalism and expressed deep gratitude for his contributions.

D. PCC-Santa Cruz Center Report

Mrs. Maricruz Ruiz, PCC Coordinator, reported significant increases from Fall 2024 to Fall 2025: nearly 15% increase in headcount and enrollment, 12% in FTSE, and 3% in course offerings. The Spring Graduation Celebration saw 17 students in attendance. She expressed gratitude to the Board Members who participated. The Electrician Certificate Program has 48 enrolled, and they are close to hiring an instructor for the program. The committee will review 19 qualified applications for the coordinator position, with interviews scheduled for June 23 and a hiring date of July 14. She also mentioned ongoing efforts for a student engagement position and dual enrollment position. Additionally, Libby Howell- Executive Director of Community and Government Relations attended this meeting to discuss legislation impacting community colleges.

- Ms. Howell began by describing the legislative session as “a mess”. She explained that while the Senate had been negotiating a budget with the Governor, the House had not—yet both chambers introduced their own budgets. The Senate’s version included more spending than the House’s. On a positive note, she reported that Community College funding was protected, and the budget was expected to be approved within the next few days. The recommended funding totaled \$183,000—\$45,100 for operations, \$38,000 for STEM and workforce, and \$99,900 in one-time rural aid.
- She also addressed dual enrollment and adult basic education funding, ongoing budget negotiations, and key deadlines—such as the June 30th deadline to avoid a government shutdown. Ms. Howell noted success in defeating several unfavorable bills but raised concern about a reconciliation bill passed by the House that could significantly impact Medicaid. Additionally, she reported that some federal grants, including TRIO grants, were being canceled, which could affect the colleges.
- Vice-Chair Varona asked how much was appropriated under the equalization fund. Ms. Howell said it was \$48,980,700 divided between Cochise, Graham County, Navajo County, and Yuma La Paz. He asked if Gila was entitled to those appropriations. No, but they got operations, STEM one time rural aid and trying to find out how that happened and elaborated that they were not accredited; \$11,812,000 was appropriated to Cochise College. He stated that they did not want us to become an accredited Community College as that would entitle us to an additional \$15M.
- Chair Meixell mentioned that Gila Community College had begun the process.

E. PCC-Santa Cruz Center Report – Intergovernmental Agreement between PCC and SCCPCCD

Dr. Morgan Phillips, PCC Supervising Administrator, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve in Santa Cruz County and offered continued support. He reported a decline in summer enrollment, noting that summer programs have traditionally served as bridge programs. He is working with Maricruz on potential summer offerings and short-term certifications. He highlighted changes to FTSE calculations, allowing non-credit workforce programs to generate FTSE, which could benefit summer programming. Dr. Phillips also discussed the TRIO grant, civil rights challenges affecting institutions, and noted the college is in a positive position. Lastly, he mentioned a proposed change to the Pell Grant’s full-time student definition—from 12 to 15 credit hours—and recommended exploring ways to better support part-time students.

- Dr. Phillips shared he was going to start helping Gateway Community College starting July 1.
- Vice-Chair Varona thanked him very much for his humanity towards education and humanity to our students on this campus.
- Chair Meixell asked if the full time students for PELL changes would change all of our FTSE accounts. Dr. Phillips explained. Ms. Howell added they have tried to change to 12 and match the universities, but have been unsuccessful.

F. Workforce Development Training Programs

Mr. Lucero stated that the purpose of this presentation was to understand or to learn how Pima County WIOA or Arizona Work Partners with Pima College provide Title I and Title II services. He introduced Pima County and Pima College to present on how they operate. Ms. Rhonda Piña, Community and Workforce Development Deputy Director, and Cassie Lundin, Director for the Pima County Workforce Investment Board, talked about how their program operates. They summarized the occupational skills training processed and showed the eligible training providers showing the enrolled clients and fund dedicated to that customer for that training program.

- Dr. Pottinger asked about the welding program.
- Mr. Chavez asked for clarification on the Non WIOA presented and where these funds came from.
- The last slide presented was the Average Hourly Wage at Placement (PY 2024).
- Chair Meixell asked if the clients had access locally or if they needed to go to the main campus in Tucson. Mr. Lucero explained.
- Amanda Abens, Pima College Vice-Chancellor for Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning, discussed how Pima College is delivering programs aligned with Pima County’s needs. She highlighted the Intergovernmental Agreement, which included regular collaborative meetings, and noted that PCC has two employees stationed at the One-Stop Centers, co-funded by the County and PCC. She reviewed the career and technical programs listed as eligible training providers and explained that program implementation was tailored to county needs and available resources—such as launching CNA programs and planning open enrollment EMT courses at the Center. She emphasized the importance of grant partnerships and expressed support for SCCPCCD’s growth in career and technical training, noting the potential for a strong ongoing partnership.
- A member of the public asked if all of the Titles in the One-Stop included. Yes, all five titles are included.

Chair Meixell called for a five-minute break.

G. Presentation and Approval of Mr. Greg Lucero’s Employment Contract

Chair Meixell suggested convening to Executive Session to discuss the contracts. Vice-Chair Varona made a motion to convene to Executive Session to decide on Mr. Greg Lucero’s Employment and reclassification under ARS 38-431.03(A)(1), seconded by Dr. Lunderville. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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The Regular Governing Board meeting convened to Executive Session.
The Board reconvened to the Regular Governing Board Meeting.

Chair Meixell stated that in relation to Item G, Presentation and approval of Mr. Greg Lucero’s employment contract, they are having a special meeting next week before they can offer a contract to adjust the job description to remove the requirement of the Master’s Degree. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m.

H. Presentation and Approval of Mrs. Georgina Tavera’s Employment Contract

Chair Meixell informed Mr. Pauole that Mrs. Tavera had accepted the employment contract as presented, with no issues noted. She inquired if an Executive Session was necessary, to which Mr. Pauole responded that it was not. Vice-Chair Varona motioned to offer Mrs. Georgina Tavera her employment contract as presented effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. For inquiries about her salary, interested parties were encouraged to contact the office. Dr. Lunderville seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, 4-0.

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~~I. Presentation and Approval of Board Policies for the SCCPCC Topics 2000-2050: District Administration and General Institutional Issues~~

J. Discussion and Selection of New Board Chair for SCCPCCD

Chair Meixell shared she was stepping down as presiding Chair. She opened the floor for nominations, nominating Dr. Varona as Chair. No other nominations were mentioned. Vice-Chair Varona mentioned to the Board that next year was his last year on the Board and wanted to be the Chair on the Board. A roll call vote took place, 4-0.

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K. Discussion and Selection of New Vice-Chair For SCCPCCD

Chair Meixell said she was willing to be the Vice-Chair and continue signing checks. Chair Varona made a motion to name Dr. Angela Meixell as the Clerk of the Board. Motion was seconded by Dr. Lunderville. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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3. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM

A.) Executive Session to decide on Greg Lucero’s employment and reclassification under ARS 38-431.03(A)(1)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Varona made a motion to approve the minutes of Special Board Meeting on May 28th, 2025 at 2:30 pm and Regular Board Meeting on May 28th, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Tavera mentioned that the June 9, 2025 Special Board Meeting was not attached. Motion was seconded by Dr. Lunderville. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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B. Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

a. Nothing was mentioned.

C. Future Meeting Date

a. Wednesday, August 20, 2025 @ 3:30

5. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting concluded at approximately 4:58 p.m.

Minutes presented respectfully by:

Mr. Greg Lucero
SCCPCCD Strategic Initiatives Director