



1. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order:

Chair Varona called a Public Special Board Meeting of the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College District (SCCPCCD) Board to order on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Vice-Chair Meixell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call / In Attendance:

Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.- Chair, Angela Meixell- Vice-Chair, Dr. Carrie Pottinger- Member, Dr. Melisa Lunderville- Member, Mrs. Georgina Tavera- CFO, Mr. Greg Lucero-CEO, Mr. Jose Corrales- IT Manager and Ms. Denissa Peiro- Records Technician attended. Mr. Pauole and Member Mrs. Dina Sanchez were excused from this meeting.

B. Adoption of the Agenda

CEO Lucero recommended the adoption of the agenda and requested to move Item D (PCC Santa Cruz Center Campus Report) forward on the agenda to accommodate a presenter's schedule. Chair Varona entertained a motion to adopt the agenda of Thursday, October 16, 2025, as presented and recommended. Motion was made by Dr. Pottinger to adopt the agenda, seconded by Dr. Meixell. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Marcelino Varona Jr.	Dr. Angela Meixell	Mrs. Dina Sanchez	Dr. Melisa Lunderville	Dr. Carrie Pottinger
AYE	X	X	Excused Absence	X	X
NAY					
ABSTAIN					

C. Public Comment – Call to Audience

No Call to the Public.

2. STANDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

D. PCC-Santa Cruz Center Camus Report.

Mrs. Mari Cruz Ruiz, PCC Coordinator, presented her report. She highlighted numerous student-centered events for October and November, many led successfully by Federal Work-Study students, including a Digital ID Blitz. Staff participated in professional development, including the Pima Futures Conference and Planning Day, to ensure Santa Cruz Center representation. The Spring 2026 schedule is live, with registration opening November 10th.

- Mr. Edgar Soto was absent, attending the ALAS (Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents) conference in Chicago.
- Pima Community College is joining a lawsuit against the Department of Education to reverse the cancellation of TRIO and Upward Bound funding.
- Progress on the dual enrollment position is delayed due to bureaucratic issues with job description approval at Pima.
- The Board expressed significant concern about the dual enrollment delay, noting it puts the district a semester behind and is unacceptable. Chair Varona directed that these concerns be communicated strongly to Pima leadership.

A. Monthly Financials

Mrs. Tavera presented the September 2025 Financials. The savings account balance was \$1,758,000 and the checking account balance was \$49,000. The Arizona Treasurer’s Account balance was \$4,849,000. She highlighted non-recurring expenses for the new boardroom construction, Electrician program, and facility upgrades, including payments to Olivaria Builders and Rio Rico Sheet Metal. IT-related purchases included a new PC for Classroom 12 and battery backups for lab computers. A refund was issued to Acorn for space not used. Mrs. Tavera is preparing a comprehensive analysis of all project-related expenses. The Board commended the high level of transparency in the financial reporting.

B. Chairsperson of the Governing Board

Chair Varona reported on his attendance at the successful SCCPCCD Foundation Scholarship event, which was well-attended and organized. He also attended the Port Authority's 20th-anniversary event, where CEO Lucero was a panelist on a workforce development learning lab alongside a representative from South32. Chair Varona commended Mr. Lucero for his performance, which generated significant positive public relations for the college, though he noted that awareness of the district remains a challenge.

C. Members of the Governing Board

No reports were given

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Dr. Meixell motioned to convene an Executive Session to discuss and consider the CEO's performance evaluation under A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(1). Motion was seconded by Dr. Lunderville.

Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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NAY					
ABSTAIN					

The Board convened to Executive Session at 12:22

The Board reconvened into the Public Special Board meeting at 1:15 p.m. and no action was taken on the matter discussed in Executive Session.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Varona entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, Sep 17, 2025, as presented. Dr. Lunderville made a motion, seconded by Dr. Pottinger. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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AYE	X	X	Excused Absence	X	X
NAY					
ABSTAIN					

B. Future Meeting Agenda times

No new items were proposed

C. Future Meeting Date

- a. Board Retreat November 13, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
- b. Regular Board Meeting November 18, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.
- c. The Board will not meet in December 2025

5. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Varona entertained a motion to adjourn this meeting at 1:17 p.m. Dr. Pottinger made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 1:17 p.m., seconded by Dr. Lunderville. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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NAY					
ABSTAIN					

Minutes presented respectfully by:

Mr. Greg Lucero
SCCPCCD CEO