SCCPCCD GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR Board Meeting Minutes
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026
2021 North Grand Avenue ~ Nogales, AZ 85621

1. OPENING ITEMS

A. *Call to Order:*

Chair Varona called the Public Special Board Meeting of the Santa Cruz County Provisional Community College District (SCCPCCD) Board to order on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:
Dr. Vanis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call / In Attendance:
Dr. Marcelino Varona, Jr.- Chair, Dr. Carrie Pottinger - Vice-Chair (via Zoom), Dr. Melisa Lunderville- Member (via Zoom), Mrs. Dina Sanchez- Member (via Zoom), Mr. Greg Lucero-CEO, Mrs. Georgina Tavera- CFO, Mr. Edgar Soto (Desert Vista Campus Vice President and PCC Supervising Administrator for Santa Cruz Center), Mr. Jose Corrales- IT Manager, Ms. Denissa Peiro (Records Technician), Mr. Cristopher Zepeda (Student worker), and other staff and guests. Mr. David Pauole (Legal Counsel) was not in attendance.

Swearing-In of New Board Member – Dr. Homero Lopez
Prior to the adoption of the agenda, Chair Varona introduced Dr. Homero Lopez, who was appointed to fill the vacancy in Precinct 4 following Dr. Meixell's resignation. Ms. Maya Donelly, Santa Cruz County School Superintendent, Dr. Lopez thanked the board, Dr. Meixell, and the Superintendent, and pledged to serve the citizens of District 4 and all residents of Santa Cruz County.

B. *Adoption of the Agenda*

Chair Varona entertained a motion to adopt the agenda of Wednesday, June 17, 2026, as presented and recommended by Mr. Lucero. Motion was made by Dr. Lunderville to adopt the agenda of Wednesday, June 17, 2026, as presented, seconded by Dr. Pottinger. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

	Dr. Marcelino Varona Jr.	Mrs. Dina Sanchez	Dr. Homero Lopez	Dr. Melisa Lunderville	Dr. Carrie Pottinger
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ABSTAIN					

C. *Public Comment – Call to Audience*

No Call to the Public. No requests for public comment were received.

2. STANDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Monthly Financials

Mrs. Tavera presented the May 2026 Financials. Balances reported were $1,007,112 in checking, $1,478,000 in savings, and $4,974,000 in the Arizona Treasury account. The non-recurring expenses included freight for the board dias table ($100), final furniture payment ($8,733 – to be reimbursed by South32), Adobe software licenses ($3,191), mold remediation ($600), newspaper ads (Nogales International and Patagonia), AV conferencing hardware ($866, $4,052), additional electrical outlets

($1,100, $2,000), conference attendance ($375), CEO mileage ($1,024), camera mount ($721), computer for electrician instructor ($913), and summer HVAC maintenance ($3,200). From deposits 448,400 received from South32 for the electrician program. Mrs. Sanchez requested clarification on a $1,024 payment to the CEO. Mrs. Tavera confirmed that it was for mileage and agreed to add a memo for clarity.

B. Chairperson of the Governing Board

Chair Varona announced that the board takes the month of July off as a summer break, consistent with Pima Community College's practice.

C. Members of the Governing Board

No reports were given.

D. PCC-Santa Cruz Center District Report

Mr. Edgar reported on recent activities and the positive outlook for the Center:

- Finals week and graduation celebrations (May 19th) were held.
- Summer courses are underway (BCT135, 173, 174, math, psychology, writing).
- The food pantry continues to serve students, with 40 bags expected in the fall.
- Professional development: Alexis Egurrola attended the Arizona Association of College Testing Administrators conference; Lourdes Rivera attended the Workforce Summit; Maricruz Ruiz was selected for the Arizona Women in Higher Education Impact Leadership Institute.
- Staff development day covered topics including active threats, situational awareness, AI, and enterprise risk management.
- Maricruz Ruiz and Alexis were invited to the PCC TV podcast on June 16th.
- Mr. Soto commended the board and Mrs. Tavera for their detailed financial oversight.

Dr. Lopez thanked Mr. Soto for his reports and wished him luck in his election. Dr. Pottinger expressed excitement about the growth and positivity.

E. SCCPCCD CEO Contract Approval

Chair Varona Presented the CEO employment agreement for Mr. Greg Lucero.
His term would be July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028 (two year employment agreement) His first year the salary would be of $165,00 and by the second year to would increase a 5% to $173,250. The requirement for Mr. Lucero is to complete his MBA (two courses short, expected completion by August). The board's primary concern is increasing student enrollment to meet the state statute of 425-450 full-time students to begin the accreditation process. Motion was made by Dr. Pottinger to approve the Chief Executive Officer's Employment Agreement for a two-year period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2028, seconded by Dr. Lunderville. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

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F. Amendment to IGA with Pima

Mr. Lucero presented Amendment No. 1 to the IGA with Pima Community College to add six programs and services:

1. Electrician Certificate Program (first cohort concluding August 2026)

2. Second Electrician Certificate Program cohort (starting August 2026)
3. Automated Industrial Technician (AIT) Program (starting Fall 2026)
4. AIT Program for Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District graduates (5 students)
5. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program (Fall 2026)
6. Medical Assistant Program (Fall 2026)

South32 covers the cost of the first four programs in their entirety. The EMT and Medical Assistant programs are being supported through rural healthcare grants, local government partnerships, equipment donations (City of Nogales), and partnerships with Mariposa Clinic and Community Health Services. These programs are estimated to generate approximately 100 additional FTSE (Full-Time Student Equivalency).

Motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Educational Services and Programs IGA with Pima Community College and authorize the CEO to sign the document on behalf of the district, seconded by Dr. Lopez. Morion carried unanimously, 5-0.

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G. Update from the Pima Chief of Police and Emergency Operations Plan

Chair Varona explained that this item would be discussed in Executive Session due to security concerns. Motion was made by Dr. Pottinger move into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(8) and (9) to discuss updates from the Pima Community College Chief of Police and Emergency Operations Plans, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

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3. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

The board convened in Executive Session in the boardroom at approximately 3:45 PM.

The board reconvened to public session at **4:01 PM**.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Varona entertained a motion to approve the recommendation of CEO Greg Lucero, to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, May 29, 2026 Special Board Meeting and June 12, 2026 Special Board meeting as presented. Mrs. Sanchez made a motion, seconded by Dr. Pottinger. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

	Dr. Marcelino Varona Jr.	Dr. Angela Meixel	Mrs. Dina Sanchez	Dr. Melisa Lunderville	Dr. Carrie Pottinger
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B. Future Meeting Agenda times

a. CEO Goals (request by Dr. Pottinger) discussion of 2026-2027 goals for the CEO.

C. Future Meeting Date

a. Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. (No meeting in July)

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Varona entertained a motion to adjourn this meeting at 4:01 p.m. Dr. Lopez made a motion to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Dr. Pottinger. Motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

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Minutes presented respectfully by:

Mr. Greg Lucero SCCPCCD CEO