# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2021

President Figueroa called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office, Board Room, 3801 Market Street, Riverside, California and via teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

**Trustees Present** 

Mary Figueroa, President Bill Hedrick, Vice President Jose Alcala, Secretary Virginia Blumenthal, Board Member Jack Harris, Student Trustee <u>Trustees Absent</u> Tracey Vackar, Board Member

#### Staff Present

Dr. Wolde-Ab Isaac, Chancellor

Mr. Aaron Brown, Vice Chancellor, Business & Financial Services

Dr. Jeannie Kim, Interim Vice Chancellor, Educational Services & Strategic Planning

Ms. Tammy Few, Vice Chancellor Human Resources & Employee Relations

Ms. Rebeccah Goldware, Vice Chancellor, Institutional Advancement & Economic Development

Dr. Robin Steinback, President, Moreno Valley College

Dr. Monica Green, President, Norco College

Dr. Gregory Anderson, President, Riverside City College

Ms. Jennifer Floerke, Academic Senate Representative, District/Moreno Valley College

Dr. Virgil Lee, Academic Senate Representative, Norco College

Dr. Mark Sellick, Academic Senate Representative, Riverside City College

#### **Guests Present**

Dr. Dariush Haghighat, Professor, Political Science, Riverside City College

Dr. Kendralyn Webber, Assistant Professor, Political Science, Riverside City College

Ms. Deborah Brown, Assistant Professor, History and Ethnic Studies, Riverside City College

Dr. Parissa Clark, Assistant Professor, Political Science and Ethnic Studies, Riverside City College

Ms. Jess Hamilton, Assistant Professor, History and Ethnic Studies, Riverside City College

Dr. Monica Hernandez, Assistant Professor, History and Ethnic Studies, Moreno Valley College

Dr. Rhonda Taube, President, California Teachers Association (CTA)

Ms. Elena Santa Cruz, California Schools Employee Association (CSEA)

Ms. Seema Rasheed, Account Manager, Keenan and Associates (via Zoom)

Dr. Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jeannette Mojica, from SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, commented to thank the District for all our hard work and gave a brief overview of their products and services. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A written public comment was received and read on behalf of Citizens Alliance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Blumenthal/Alcala moved that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular/Committee Meeting of October 5, 2021. Motion carried. (4 ayes/1 absent)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR/COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2021

Alcala/Blumenthal moved that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of October 19, 2021. Motion carried. (4 ayes/1 absent)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2021

Hedrick/Blumenthal moved that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Special Meeting of October 28, 2021. Motion carried. (4 ayes/1 absent)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2021

Blumenthal/Hedrick moved that the Board of Trustees approve Trustee Tracy Vackar's absence as excused. Motion carried. (4 ayes/1 absent) **MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE** 

Enrollment decline; The more FT students, the higher the success.

**CHANCELLOR'S REPORTS** 

Ms. Rasheed advised the Board of Trustees that there is one open case at this time.

Healthcare Update

Dr. Avila recognized six Riverside City College faculty members selected during Associate Faculty Recognition Week, held October 18-25, 2021. This recognition is part of the Faculty Development Committee's efforts to create opportunities that validate and recognize the great work faculty are engaged in.

Associate Faculty Recognition Week

Professors Hamilton, Clark, Hernandez and Brown gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees on Ethnic Studies at Riverside City College and Riverside Community College District.

Five to Thrive Presentation - RCC Department of Ethnic Studies

Dr's. Haghighat and Webber, along with the RCC Model United Nations team consisting of 20 strong team members attended the National Model United Nations conference in Washington D.C. November 3-8, 2021. The following students attended the Board of Trustees meeting to report their success and awards.

RCC Model United Nations Report

Student	Career Goal
Yassen	Non-profit organizations to better
Abdelfatah	the economies of African nations
Ysabella Alegre	Psychologist
Anthony Arzate	International Business/Japanese
Natalie Cossios	Politics

Julian Cuellar	Attorney
Nicholas Eby	Electrical Engineer
Marwah Ghouli	Neurosurgeon
Daniel Grajeda	Civil Rights Lawyer
Efren Gutierrez	Law
Seth Harper	Physics
Josiah Lopez	Mechanical Engineer
Noora	Immigration Lawyer
Mojaddedi	
Jordan Moreno	Software Engineer
Johan Portillo	Doctor
Rhiannon Rashidi	Professor of Literature
Aaron Rosapaun	Criminal Defense Attorney
Daxia Tilghman	2 <sup>nd</sup> Black Woman President
Leah Trieu	OB Gyn

The Board of Trustees received information on documents used to monitor and review upcoming action items, information items, and presentations, as well as planning for the monthly Committee and Board meetings.

Future Monthly Committee Agenda Planner and Annual Master Planning Calendar

Student Trustee Harris presented a report about recent and future student activities at Moreno Valley, Norco, and Riverside City colleges and Riverside Community College District events.

### STUDENT REPORT

**CONSENT ITEMS** 

Blumenthal/Hedrick moved that the Board of Trustees:

Action

Approve/ratify the listed academic appointments, separations, and assignment and salary adjustments;

Academic Personnel

Approve/ratify the listed classified appointments, separations, and assignment and salary adjustments;

Classified Personnel

Approve/ratify the listed other personnel appointments, and assignment and salary adjustments;

Other Personnel

Approve the Purchase Orders and Purchase Order Additions totaling \$3,515,970, and District Warrant Claims totaling \$9,416,909;

Purchase Order and Warrant Report – All District Resources

Approve the budget transfers as presented;

**Budget Adjustments** 

Add the revenue and expenditures of \$2,000,000 to the budget;

Resolution No. 11-21/22 – 2021-2022 Military Articulation

Platform Summit and Funding

Add the revenue and expenditures of \$7,904 to the budget;

Resolution No. 12-21/22 – 2021-2022 Disabled Student Support Services Program

Add the revenue and expenditures of \$50,000 to the budget;

Resolution No. 13-21/22 - 2021-2022 Equal Employment Opportunity Allocation

Add the revenue and expenditures of \$80,000 to the budget;

Resolution No. 14-21/22 - 2021-2022 Manufacturing Workforce Grant

Add the revenue and expenditures of \$12,383,758 to the budget;

Resolution No. 15-21/22 - 2021-2022 Strong Workforce Program

Add the revenue and expenditures of \$50,000 to the budget;

Resolution No. 16-21/22 - 2021-2022 Data Science Corps Grant

Add the revenue and expenditures of \$999,968

Resolution No. 17-21/22 - 2021-2022 Closing STEM Student Academic Performance Equity Gaps Grant

Approve the purchase of software, programs, tools, systems, products, technologies and other materials related to the Cleared4, Inc. health verification platform, utilizing the Foundation for California Community Colleges (FCCC) negotiated Master Agreement No. 00004998;

Purchase of Software, Programs, Tools, Systems, Products, Technologies and Other Materials related to the Cleared4, Inc. Health Verification Platform Utilizing the Foundation for California Community Colleges (FCCC) Master Agreement No. 00004998

Approve the College and Career Access Pathways agreement with Jurupa Unified School District beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025;

Agreement for College and Career Access Pathways with Jurupa Unified School District

Approve the Inland Empire/Desert Region Sub-Agreements for Industry Sector Managers with Barstow Community College District, Desert Community College District, San Bernardino Community College District and Victor Valley Community College District in the amount of \$600,000;

Inland Empire Desert Region Sub-Agreement for Industry Sector Managers between Riverside Community College District and Four Community College Districts within the Region

Approve the agreement with Riverside County Fire Department not to exceed \$210,000, for fiscal year 21/22, \$420,000 for fiscal year 22/23 with a cap of \$750,000 by fiscal year 23/24;

Inter-Agency Instructional Services Agreement with Riverside County Fire Department Approve the Architectural Services agreement Amendment No. 2 with Ruhnau Clarke Architects in the amount of \$20,050 for a total agreement amount of \$169,050, and the extended original agreement date to March 1, 2022; Architectural Services agreement Amendment No. 2 with Ruhnau Clarke Architects for the Veterans Resource Center Project at Norco College

Approve contracts totaling \$772,428 for the period of October 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021;

Contracts and Agreements Report Less than \$96,700 - All District Resources

Approve the agreement with Varner and Brandt LLP, pursuant to the hourly billing rates included in the agreement;

Agreement for Legal Services with Varner and Brandt LLP

Approve the projects listed on the attachment as complete, and approving the execution of the Notices of Completion (under Civil Code Section 3093 – Public Works);

Notice of Completion

Approve by unanimous vote: (1) declare the property on the attached list to be surplus; (2) find the property does not exceed the total value of \$5,000; and (3) authorize the property to be consigned to The Liquidation Company to be sold on behalf of the District;

Surplus Property

Approve the destruction of records on the attached listing;

Destruction of Records

Approve the adjustments identified on the Project Savings Reconciliation report in the amount of \$2,509 and allocation of the interest income received through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$293,160.

Measure C Project Savings and Reconciliation, and Interest Income Allocation

Motion carried. (4 ayes/1 absent)

#### Information

The Board received the Monthly Financial Report for Month Ending – October 31, 2021.

Monthly Financial Report for Month Ending – October 31, 2021

The Board received the Capital Program Executive Summary Report as of October 31, 2021.

Capital Program Executive Summary Report as of October 31, 2021

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Teaching and Learning

Blumenthal/Alcala moved that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed curricular

**Proposed Curricular Changes** 

changes for inclusion in the college catalogs and in the schedule of class offerings. Motion carried. (4 ayes/1 absent)

Advancement and Partnership

Hedrick/Alcala moved that the Board of Trustees approve the RCCD Government Relations Annual Report and Proposed 2022 Legislative Program. Motion carried. (4 ayes/1 absent) RCCD Government Relations Annual Report and Proposed 2022 Legislative Program

Dr. Steinback, President, Moreno Valley College, Dr. Green, President, Norco College, and Dr. Anderson, President, Riverside City College updated the Board on upcoming events and activities occurring at their colleges.

Presidents

Vice Chancellors

# **ACADEMIC SENATE REPORTS**

Ms. Floerke presented the report on behalf of Moreno Valley College and the District.

Moreno Valley College/District

Dr. Lee presented the report on behalf of Norco College.

Norco College

Dr. Sellick presented the report on behalf of Riverside City College.

Riverside City College

#### BARGAINING UNIT REPORTS

Dr. Taube presented the report on behalf of the CTA.

CTA – California Teachers Association

Ms. Santa Cruz presented the report on behalf of the CSEA.

CSEA – California School Employees Association

Blumenthal/Alcala moved to amend the order of the agenda

## **BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

While some of the board members must attend the ACCT in Washington, DC, due to obligations on committees, we've discussed that due to the number of meetings and appointments with legislators, it's difficult to actually attend the conference, which has a very high registration fee. Legislative advocacy and meeting attendance can happen without registering for the conference. It's time to reevaluate how we do things. Trustee Hedrick suggested that VC Goldware

Discussion from Members of the Board of Trustees on 2022 Legislative Program Advocacy and Ms. Yeager come up with a recommendation for the Board of Trustees that includes visits by legislators and visits with our representatives in Washington, DC and the most effective use of our time (where we need to go and who needs to be there).

Trustee Alcala expressed his concern that the demands to bargain have not been addressed and he hopes this is resolved. He also noted that SAVE THE DATE announcements of events at the colleges and community no longer seem to be sent to the Board members and he hopes that can be fixed. The Veterans Resource Center opening event left him speechless. The RCC Drive Thru was a great event. Went to the Addams Family performance and RCC sports.

Trustee Hedrick reported that he met with the Student Trustee and the ASNC president and learned that many classes are using private platforms that cost between \$200 - \$400. He wants more information about this to be able to learn about all sides of this issue. He also wants follow-up information on the Truck Driver issues brought up in the Student Report. Sorry to hear of the departure of Chief Gates and wished her the best. Congratulated President Green on a very successful opening of the Veterans Resource Center and mentioned that Assembly Member Cervantes presented a check for the Center for Human Performance and Kinesiology. Commented that the issue with payroll and the cost to increase staffing are related and a double-edged sword. Agreed with an earlier comment about time limits on reporting at the board meetings. Trustee Blumenthal suggested that we are wasting a lot of time at the board meetings and we need to get control of it. Commented that the Norco College Veterans event was phenomenal. Also said she is impressed with the level of talent witnessed at the Addams Family performance. Echoed the concern about no longer receiving SAVE THE DATE communications. Super proud of all the athletic teams. In two weeks, a large Hanukah celebration will take place at the historic courthouse. Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving as we all have a lot to be thankful for.

Trustee Figueroa commented on her concern about the additional fees for platforms that may be preventing some of our students from enrolling in courses.

Update from Members of the Board of Trustees on Business of the Board

The Board adjourned to closed at 9:38 p.m. and

reconvened at 10:12 p.m. after considering the following closed session items:

No reportable action.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Conference with Labor Negotiators Agency Designated Representative: Wolde-Ab Isaac, Chancellor Employee Organization: RCCD California Schools Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 535

The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** 

Official Minutes

Approved on 12/14/2021

Certified By: Durlow