MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2021

President Figueroa called the Board of Trustees Special Closed Session meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. via teleconference

CALL TO ORDER

Trustees Present

Mary Figueroa, President
Bill Hedrick, Vice President
Jose Alcala, Secretary
Virginia Blumenthal, Board Member
Tracey Vackar, Board Member
Jack Harris, Student Trustee

Trustees Absent

Staff Present

Dr. Wolde-Ab Isaac, Chancellor

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

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

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

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

Dr. Monica Green, President, Norco College

Dr. Gregory Anderson, President, Riverside City College

Guests Present

Mr. Carlos Lopez, Vice President, Academic Affairs, Moreno Valley College

Mr. Christopher Sweeten, Student Services, Moreno Valley College

Dr. Kaneesha Tarrant, Student Services, Norco College

Mr. Christopher Blackmore, Associate Vice Chancellor,

Dr. Jennifer Floerke, President, District/Moreno Valley College Academic Senate

Dr. Virgil Lee, President, Norco College Academic Senate

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

Mr. Ashley Heather, Founder/President/COO – Cleared4

Chancellor Isaac led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Written comments were received and read on behalf of the following individuals:

John Wellen, Andrew Graham, John Sullivan, Jaime Bean, Lisa Dryan, Elva Garcia, Analenda Aguirre, Krystin Juarez, Farrah Herrera, Jami Brown, Albert Lee, Deborah Engel, Farshid Mirzaei, WatchingMy6, Krista Wagner, Azadeh Iglesias, Martin Schmid, William Diehl and Rhonda Patterson.

Mark Sellick commented on the vaccine mandate on behalf of the three college Academic Senates.

Jeff Rhyne commented on the vaccine mandate on behalf of himself and Fabian Biancardi.

Benjamin Vargas commented on the vaccine mandate.

Elena Santa Cruz commented on the vaccine mandate.

Chancellor Isaac commented on the vaccine mandate.

Blumenthal/Vackar moved that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution No. 02-21/22:

Trustee Blumenthal articulated her desire to have the Board of Trustees approve this resolution unanimously and her concern that CSEA did not provide feedback when asked at the Special Board meeting on 8/3/21. She is in favor of everyone being vaccinated if they are going to be on any of the RCCD campuses and strongly supports the resolution as presented on the district website.

Student Trustee Harris expressed concern about student's loss of agency over their lives and that they've endured a lot.

Trustee Hedrick stated that he struggles with the issue of student agency. We certainly have choices; it may not be the way we want it, and therefore should not been seen as discriminatory. He has no problem with requiring vaccinations for all employees.

Trustee Alcala thanked everyone for their comments tonight and expressed the need to have understanding, respect, listening and doing what's best to meet the needs of our students and employees by everyone coming together.

Trustee Vackar voiced agreement with fellow board members, then shared her concern about the rising number of cases she is seeing at the K-12 level and the importance of keeping our students, faculty and staff safe. Also, the need to work with our legislators to bring our business back to normal as much as possible.

President Figueroa acknowledged those that took the time to make comments and present information. She reminded everyone that the Chancellor carries out decisions as directed by the Board of Trustees.

Motion passed. (4 ayes/1 abstention – Blumenthal)

RESOLUTION NO. 02 – 21/22
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE RIVERSIDE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TO DIRECT DISTRICT LEADERSHIP
TO MANDATE COVID-19
VACCINATIONS FOR ALL RCCD
STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES FOR
THE FALL 2021 TERM

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

company that will be providing services related to the implementation of the vaccine mandate. Interim Vice Chancellor Kim introduced Ashley Heather, Founder/President/COO, Cleared4, to share a presentation with the Board of Trustees. Discussion followed.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Official Minutes Approved on 10/19/2021

Certified By Janya D. Wilson