

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR
AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING, EFFECTIVENESS AND
GOVERNANCE, TEACHING AND LEARNING, ADVANCEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP,
RESOURCES AND EQUITY COMMITTEES
OF JANUARY 9, 2024

President Alcala 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 videoconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Trustees Present

Mr. Jose Alcala, President
Ms. Virginia Blumenthal, Vice President
Ms. Mary Figueroa, Secretary
Dr. Keri Then, Member
Mr. Bill Hedrick, Member
Ms. Melody Ward, Student Trustee

Staff Present

Dr. Wolde-Ab Isaac, Chancellor
Dr. Susan Mills, Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Strategic Planning
Mr. Aaron Brown, Vice Chancellor, Business and Financial Services
Ms. Rebeccah Goldware, Vice Chancellor, Institutional Advancement and Economic Development
Dr. Robin Steinback, President, Moreno Valley College
Dr. Monica Green, President, Norco College
Dr. Claire Oliveros, President, Riverside City College
Mr. Keith Dobyns, General Counsel

Guests Present

Dr. Kristine DiMemmo, Vice President, Planning and Development, Riverside City College
Dr. Tenisha James, Vice President, Planning and Development, Norco College
Dr. Hayley Ashby, Professor, Library Services, Norco College
Ms. Micherri Wiggs, Coord., Int'l Ed. & Prof., Communication Studies, Riverside City College
Ms. Sonya Nyrop, Associate Professor, Reading and English, Moreno Valley College
Ms. Jacqueline Lesch, Associate Professor, Library Services, Riverside City College
Ms. Beiwei Tu, Director, Risk Management
Mr. Chris Clarke, Executive Director, External Relations and Strategic Communications
Mr. Chris Cano, Chief, Police

Trustee Hedrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A request to address the Board of Trustees was received and read by Katrina Linden (Zoom).

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Board Secretary Figueroa acknowledged the passing of Ofelia Valdez-Yeager, an icon in the community, in her children and grandchildren. Figueroa requested to take a moment of silence in her memory.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Isaac commented on the following:

- Passing of Ofelia Valdez-Yeager
- War in the Middle East
- The district continues to explore opportunities to fulfill our mission and serve our communities in the most effective ways.
- The district is more than 90% recovered, and at the rate of which progress is being made, we will be above the pre-pandemic levels.
- Thanked staff who have worked tirelessly to increase access.
- We are working closely with Senator Richard Roth to help us improve our access further by introducing a legislation bill that would allow select community colleges to offer a Bachelor's in Nursing degree. Our dean and team of researchers are assembling data to support the bill.
- Making every effort in Corona and Jurupa Valley to secure and acquire land to expand access.
- Attended meeting with Riverside County Supervisor Spiegel and her staff.
- Attended meeting with Norco Mayor, Kevin Bash and City Manager.
- Attended the Economic Development Summit.
- Attended meeting with the Foundation Director, Jeffrey Kaatz, and former Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley.
- Final preparations are being made for our legislative advocacy trip to Sacramento, January 28-29.

Committee Chair Blumenthal convened the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Committee members in attendance: Academic Senate Representatives: Mr. Felipe Galicia, District/Moreno Valley College, Ms. Kimberly Bell (Zoom), Norco College; CSEA Representative: Mr. Victor Bolanos; and Confidential Representative: Ms. Denise Terrazas (Zoom).

Dr. Mills welcomed the college faculty and introduced the administrative leads to present the Accreditation Midterm Report to the Board of Trustees for review. Discussion followed.

Mr. Dobyms presented the First Reading of the proposed updates to portions of Board Policies Chapter 5 – Business and Financial Services to the Board of Trustees for review.

The committee adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Committee Chair Then convened the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Committee members in attendance: Academic Senate Representatives: Mr. Felipe Galicia, District/Moreno

PLANNING, EFFECTIVENESS,
AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Accreditation Midterm Report

Update to Board Policies Chapter 5 –
Business and Financial Services

Adjourned.

TEACHING AND LEARNING
COMMITTEE

Valley College, Ms. Kimberly Bell (Zoom), Norco College; CSEA Representative: Mr. Victor Bolanos; and Confidential Representative: Ms. Denise Terrazas (Zoom).

Dr. Mills introduced Ms. Wiggs to present the Sabbatical Leave Report and presentation to the Board of Trustees. Discussion followed.

The committee adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Committee Chair Hedrick convened the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Committee members in attendance: Academic Senate Representatives: Mr. Felipe Galicia, District/Moreno Valley College, Ms. Kimberly Bell (Zoom), Norco College; CSEA Representative: Mr. Victor Bolanos; and Confidential Representative: Ms. Denise Terrazas (Zoom).

Ms. Goldware presented the Measure C Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Application for the Board of Trustees review.

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Mr. Brown introduced Ms. Tu, Mr. Cano, and Mr. Clarke, to present the Emergency Preparedness Update to the Board of Trustees. Discussion followed.

The committee adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

The Board adjourned the meeting in honor of the passing of Ofelia Valdez-Yeager at 7:53 p.m.

Official Minutes
Approved on February 20, 2023

Certified By: 

Sabbatical Leave Report & Presentation

Adjourned.

ADVANCEMENT & PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Measure C Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Application

Adjourned.

RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Emergency Preparedness Update

Adjourned

ADJOURNMENT