

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
San Mateo County Community College District
October 23, 2024 – San Mateo, CA**

**In-Person Location
City of East Palo Alto
Council Chambers
2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, CA 94303**

This meeting was conducted in person, as well as remotely via Zoom. A video recording of the meeting can be accessed at: <https://smccd.edu/boardoftrustees/meetings.php>.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Board Members

Present: President John Pimentel, Trustee Lisa Petrides, Trustee Richard Holofer, and Trustee Wayne Lee

Board Members

Absent: Vice President Michael Guingona (not present at time of roll call; arrived at 5:10 p.m.)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

President Pimentel stated that during Closed Session, the Board will take up items as listed on the printed agenda including: (1) Pursuant to Gov. Code §54956.9 (d)(2), (d)(4), and (h): Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation - Number of Potential Cases: 4; (2) Conference with Labor Negotiator - Agency Designated Representative: Randy Erickson and Julie Johnson Employee Organization: AFT; (3) Conference with Labor Negotiator - Agency Designated Representative: Randy Erickson and Julie Johnson Employee Organization: CSEA; (4) Conference with Labor Negotiator - Agency Designated Representative: Randy Erickson and Julie Johnson Employee Organization: AFSCME; (5) Pursuant to Gov. Code §54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators; Property: Open Space, San Mateo County; Agency Negotiators: Richard Storti Negotiating Party: SMCCCD; Consideration of License Terms; (6) Pursuant to Gov. Code §54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators; Property: Commercial Property, San Mateo County; Agency Negotiators: Richard Storti Negotiating Party: SMCCCD; Consideration of Offer and Price; and (7) Pursuant to Gov. Code §54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Chancellor

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

None.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 5:05 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 6:06 p.m.

Board Members

Present: President John Pimentel, Vice President Michael Guingona, Trustee Lisa Petrides, Trustee Wayne Lee, Trustee Richard Holoher, and Student Trustee Chloe Johnson

Others Present:

Chancellor Melissa Moreno, Skyline College Acting President Newin Orante, College of San Mateo President Dr. Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Cañada College President Kim Lopez, District Academic Senate President David Eck, and District Academic Senate President-elect Todd Windisch

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

No action taken.

DISCUSSION OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Staff requests to move Discussion Items 13.1 and 13.2 up in the agenda to go before Statements from Executives and Student Representatives, due to having guest presenters for these two items.

STATEMENTS FROM EXECUTIVES, ACADEMIC SENATE, AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

- ***Chancellor and Chancellor's Cabinet:*** Chancellor Moreno advised the results of the Board self-evaluations are affixed to Item 13.1 of the August 28, 2024 Board Agenda, and the second revised version of the Board Goals is affixed to Item 12.1 of the August 28, 2024 Board Agenda. She acknowledged bringing programs into the communities was a high priority and being present in East Palo Alto was reflective of this priority.
- ***District Academic Senate:*** District Academic Senate President-elect Todd Windisch made statements on behalf of the Senate, in place of DAS President Eck.
- ***Student Trustee and/or Associated Student Body:*** Student Trustee Chloe Johnson congratulated the campuses and Associated Student Body Councils on celebrating and honoring the heritage months that have taken place the past few months. She also stated the student councils are planning a student mixer next semester.

STATEMENTS FROM OTHER REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS

- ***AFT, Local 1493:*** Jessica Silver-Sharp made statements.
- ***CSEA, Chapter 33:*** No statements.
- ***AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Local 829, Council 57:*** No statements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following individuals made comments on Non-Agenda Items:

- Madeline Anderson – commented on the Stanford Jail and Prison Education Project and how it would be great to have a partnership with the community college district.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (9.1)

[\(Time Stamp: 2:27:51\)](#)

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Lee

Second by: Vice President Guingona

Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting aye.

Summary of Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

NEW BUSINESS

[\(Time Stamp: 2:28:13\)](#)

Approval of Personnel Items (10.1)

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Lee

Second by: Trustee Petrides

Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting aye.

Summary of Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

[\(Time Stamp: 2:28:38\)](#)

Curricular Additions, Deletions and Modifications - Cañada College (11.1)

- ***Motion to Approve by:*** Trustee Lee

Second by: Vice President Guingona

Action: Approved as amended, with all Trustees voting aye.

Summary of Discussion: The item was pulled at the request of DAS President David Eck. He requested the name of the Cañada College Academic Senate President be changed from his name to Gampi Shankar.

Public Comment: None.

Curricular Additions, Deletions and Modifications - College of San Mateo (11.2)

Curricular Additions, Deletions and Modifications - Skyline College (11.3)

Approval of Budget Augmentation and Contract Award for Purchase and Installation of New Portable Building for College of San Mateo B30 Renovation Project (11.4)

- ***Motion to Approve by:*** Trustee Lee

Second by: Vice President Guingona

Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting aye.

Summary of Discussion: This item was pulled at the request of Trustee Holober. He had a question about the amount of a project, and if there is a set limit to determine if the item is on the Consent Agenda or Other Recommendations.

Public Comment: None.

Ratification of July and August 2024 District Warrants (11.5)

Recommendation to Sunset District Second Loan Program (11.6)

Approval of Grant-Funded Contract Award for Cañada College NSF and DHSI Grant Research Support Services to Terra Morris, A Sole Proprietor and Independent Contractor (11.7)

Acceptance of Pacific Library Partnership (PLP) Innovation & Technology Grant Funds (11.8)

- ***Motion to Approve by:*** Trustee Lee

Second by: Vice President Guingona

Action: All items except Items 11.1 and 11.4 approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting aye.

Summary of Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

(Time Stamp: 2:33:40)

Adoption of Resolution 24-25 by the Governing Board Designating Staff to Sign Documents with the CA Department of Education and the CA Department of Social Services for the Purpose of Providing Child Care and Development Services for FY 2025-26 (12.1)

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Lee

Second by: Vice President Guingona

Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting aye.

Summary of Discussion: Executive Vice Chancellor Storti advised this is an annual resolution that the Board is required to sign.

Public Comment: None.

Adoption of Resolution No. 24-26 to Declare an Exemption Under the California Environmental Quality Act for Cañada College Child Development Center (12.2)

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Lee

Second by: Trustee Holober

Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting aye.

Summary of Discussion: Executive Vice Chancellor Storti briefly presented an overview on this item.

Public Comment: None.

Adoption of Resolution No. 24-27 for the Submittal of the Environmental Impact Report Notice of Determination Under the California Environmental Quality Act for Districtwide Student Housing at College of San Mateo (12.3)

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Lee

Second by: Vice President Guingona

Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting aye.

Summary of Discussion: Executive Vice Chancellor Storti briefly presented an overview on this item.

Public Comment: None.

Adoption of Resolution 24-28: Resolution in Honor of Filipino-American History Month (12.4)

Motion to Approve by: Vice President Guingona

Second by: Trustee Lee

Action: Approved as amended, with all Trustees voting aye.

Summary of Discussion: Chancellor Moreno briefly provided an overview on this item.

Trustee Holoher stated this is a wonderful resolution celebrating a key component of the San Mateo County family, and he requested one edit to the resolution. Edit the number of Filipino-Americans within San Mateo County.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Vendor Management Audit (12.5)

Motion to Approve by: Vice President Guingona

Second by: Trustee Lee

Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting aye.

Summary of Discussion: Chancellor Moreno briefly provided an overview on this item, and introduced Houman Boussina, Performance Auditor/Policy Analyst. Mr. Boussina presented the audit report, so the Board may ask any questions.

Public Comment: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Note: Items 13.1 and 13.2 were both moved up in the agenda before Statements from Executives and Student Representatives.*

East Palo Alto State of the City (13.1)

(Time Stamp: 1:05:51)

Summary of Discussion: Chancellor Moreno introduced Mayor of City of East Palo Alto the Honorable Antonio Lopez to give a few remarks on the state of the city. Prior to his remarks, Mayor Lopez acknowledged the former Mayor of East Palo Alto Larry Moody and City Manager Melvin Gaines. He provided demographic statistics, economics, historical background, and other current status of affairs about East Palo Alto. East Palo Alto has the highest Tongan community per capita within the United States, outside of Hawaii.

Public Comment: None.

Update on Cañada College Partnerships in North Fair Oaks, Belle Haven, and East Palo Alto (13.2)
(Time Stamp: 1:27:15)

Summary of Discussion: Chancellor Moreno introduced President Kim Lopez to do a brief presentation on the multiple partnerships Cañada College has with organizations within North Fair Oaks, Belle Haven, and East Palo Alto.

President Lopez presented on the accomplishments and future plans of Cañada College and the partnerships. Other individuals or representatives from the organizations that spoke are Crystal Leach, Superintendent of Sequoia Union High School District; Esmerelda Ortiz, Boys and Girls Club; Gina Sudaria, Superintendent of Ravenswood City School District; Barrie Hathaway, JobTrain; and Jose Heredia, East Palo Alto Academy.

Public Comment:

The following individuals commented on this item:

- Shawneece Stevenson – Trustee with the Sequoia Union High School District
- Raphael Avendaño - Executive Director of Redwood City Together
- Linda Prieto – Executive Director of Upward Scholars

SMCCCD Enrollment Report Fall 2024 (13.3)
(Time Stamp: 3:03:43)

Summary of Discussion: Executive Vice Chancellor Storti briefly presented the fall enrollment report on behalf of Vice Chancellor Aaron McVean. He was pleased to announce that enrollment has increased by 24% since Fall of 2022 in large part because of Free College.

The Board is pleased with the enrollment increase, and commended district administration and staff for their hard work in reaching out to the communities to offer Free College.

Public Comment: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications.

STATEMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Trustee Petrides attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Coastal Campus of the College of San Mateo, as well as represented with the College of San Mateo during the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Fest and Parade.
- Trustee Lee thanked the Board of attending the 51st Annual Millbrae Volunteers of the Year Awards Ceremony of which he was an honoree.
- President Pimentel stated the next meeting of the Board will be a Board Study Session held on November 6, 2024, at the District Office Board Room of SMCCCD.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Board returned to Closed Session at 8:23 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Board reconvened at 9:34 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

We adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Mariana Alexandra Reinoso-Barreto, a beloved student of the College of San Mateo, who passed away on September 27, 2024. President Perez graciously attended the services for Mariana on behalf of all of us. On behalf of the San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students we offer our sincerest condolences to her family and friends. We acknowledge that her absence from our SMCCCD community will leave a gaping hole in our hearts.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by

Melissa Moreno, J.D., Secretary and Chancellor