

**Minutes of the Study Session of the Board of Trustees
San Mateo County Community College District
February 3, 2024 – San Mateo, CA**

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

There was no Closed Session.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members

Present: President John Pimentel, Vice President Michael Guingona, Trustee Lisa Petrides, Trustee Richard Holoher (arrived at 9:06 a.m.), Trustee, Trustee Wayne Lee (arrived at 10:36 a.m.), and Student Trustee Arthur Veloso

Others Present: Interim Chancellor Melissa Moreno, Acting Skyline College President Newin Orante, Acting College of San Mateo President Richard Storti, Cañada College President Kim Lopez, and District Academic Senate President Lindsey Ayotte

DISCUSSION OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

[*\(Time Stamp: 25:30\)*](#)

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

[*\(Time Stamp: 25:39\)*](#)

President Pimentel invited represented groups (AFT, CSEA, ACFSME, and DAS) to comment as well. No one had a comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Personnel Items (3.1)

[*\(Time Stamp: 26:56\)*](#)

Motion to Approve by: Vice President Guingona

Second by: Trustee Petrides

Action: Approved unanimously, with 3 Trustees voting aye (Trustees Lee and Holoher not present at time of voting).

Summary of Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Salary Adjustment for Non-Represented Exempt Employees on Salary Schedules 10 (Executive), 20 (Management), and 35 (Academic-Classified Exempt Supervisory) (3.2)

[*\(Time Stamp: 27:36\)*](#)

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Petrides

Second by: Vice President Guingona

Action: Approved unanimously, with 3 Trustees voting aye (Trustees Lee and Holober not present at time of voting).

Summary of Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Receipt of District's Initial Contract Reopener Proposals to the San Mateo Community College Federation of Teachers, Local 1493, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO and Setting of a Public Hearing (3.3)

(Time Stamp: 28:50)

Motion to Approve by: Vice President Guingona

Second by: Trustee Petrides

Action: Approved unanimously, with 3 Trustees voting aye (Trustees Lee and Holober not present at time of voting).

Summary of Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Receipt of Initial Contract Proposal from the San Mateo Community College Federation of Teachers, Local 1493, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO to the District and Setting of a Public Hearing (3.4)

(Time Stamp: 29:27)

Motion to Approve by: Vice President Guingona

Second by: Trustee Petrides

Action: Approved unanimously, with 3 Trustees voting aye (Trustees Lee and Holober not present at time of voting).

Summary of Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

STUDY SESSION

Review of Board Goals and Prioritization (4.1)

(Time Stamp: 30:14)

Summary of Discussion: Cindi Reiss was in attendance to present and review goals with the Board. There are minor adjustments needing to be made to the list of goals, and those were provided to Mrs. Reiss.

Public Comment:

The following community member commented:

1. Maxine Ternier

First Read of Revisions to Chapter 3 of Board Policy (4.2)

(Time Stamp: 53:55)

Summary of Discussion: Cindi Reiss was in attendance to present and review Chapter 3 board policies with the Board. She thoroughly explained how the current board policies are, what needs to be changed to meet CCLC requirements, and what can remain the same.

The Board requested for the Administrative Policies for Chapters 1 – 3 be placed on the agenda for a first read very soon.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion of Mission Statement and Values Statement (4.3)

[\(Time Stamp: 1:08:57\)](#)

Summary of Discussion: Cindi Reiss was in attendance to present and review both the Mission and ~~Values~~^{Vision} Statements of SMCCCD with the Board. They are all in agreement with the Mission Statement needing a little more depth or content to it. They would like to include something about academic excellence and financial prudence.

Public Comment:

The following community member commented:

1. Maxine Turner

Discussion of the District's Preliminary Budget for FY 2024-25 (4.4)

[\(Time Stamp: 1:35:38\)](#)

Summary of Discussion: Dr. Richard Storti briefly presented the district's budget, and Interim Chief Financial Officer Peter Fitzsimmons was present to answer any questions.

Public Comment:

The following community member commented:

1. David Eck – see agenda for this meeting to see his full statement.
2. Monica Malamud

Break

[\(Time Stamp: 2:20:54\)](#)

The meeting recessed for Break at 10:57 a.m.

Reconvened to Study Session

[\(Time Stamp: 2:31:40\)](#)

The meeting reconvened from Break at 11:08 a.m.

Consideration of Short-Term and Long-Term Capital Improvement Program Strategy (4.5)

[\(Time Stamp: 2:32:06\)](#)

Summary of Discussion: Interim Chancellor Moreno presented briefly on the strategy and possible next steps for the [Capital Improvement Funding](#). Chief Facilities and Operations Officer Michele Rudovsky and Director of Capital Projects Marie Mejia were in attendance to answer any questions, as well as elaborate if needed. [The board provided guidance to staff to explore fundraising opportunities.](#)

Public Comment:

The following community member commented:

1. Maxine Turner
2. Cindi Reiss

COMMUNICATIONS

Interim Chancellor Moreno read an email that was received from community member Chris Robell.

STATEMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

No statements from the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by

Melissa Moreno, J.D., Secretary and Interim
Chancellor