

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
San Mateo County Community College District
January 11, 2022 – 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>.

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

Board Members

Present: President Richard Holober, Vice President Lisa Petrides, Trustee Maurice Goodman, Trustee Thomas A. Nuris, Trustee John Pimentel, Student Trustee Ashley Garcia

Others Present: Chancellor Michael Claire, Executive Vice Chancellor Richard Storti, Skyline College President Melissa Moreno, College of San Mateo President Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza, Cañada College Interim President Kim Lopez, District Academic Senate President Kate Williams Browne

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of Resolution No. 22-01 to Make Findings Allowing Continued Remote Meetings Under Brown Act (22-01-101B)

(Time Stamp: 3:31)

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Goodman

Second by: Vice President Petrides

Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting Aye.

Summary of Discussion: No discussion.

Public Comment: None.

Consideration of In-Person Operations and Services for Spring 2022 Academic Semester due to COVID-19 (22-01-102B)

(Time Stamp: 5:00)

Summary of Discussion: President Holober advised that this item is on the agenda at the request of a member of the Board the Trustees. No action is needed to be taken on this item, only advise and give direction to District Administration.

Chancellor Claire presented the item and explained the issues surrounding the beginning of the spring 2022 academic semester in light of the COVID-19 Omicron variant. He advised that if the Board's direction is for the District to "stay the course", there are safety precautions in place to conduct classes in-person the best way possible. The District is also prepared to "pivot" if necessary.

SMCCCD COVID-19 Safety Officer, Ray Hernandez, presented COVID-19 Metrics, Indoor Mask Mandate Criteria, and the Adopted Isolation/Quarantine Directives within San Mateo County.

Trustee Goodman mentioned that the information being presented needs to be current when being

communicated to staff and students. He said the District does not want staff and students confused by what they are receiving or hearing from the CDC versus San Mateo County. He advised that when information is released, District administration needs to communicate to staff and students as effectively and quickly as possible.

Chancellor Claire presented the high school COVID Cases from the COVID-19 Dashboard, as they just returned to in-person instruction for the spring semester. He also presented data on how other colleges and college districts (local and statewide) are planning to return for the spring semester.

Vice Chancellor Aaron McVean presented the current Spring 2022 Enrollment, per course modality (On Campus, Hybrid, and Online). This spring's enrollment is 15% lower than last spring, due to the challenges presented by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chancellor Claire presented a possible scenario if the Board's direction is to remain in remote modality.

Public Comment: The following person(s) made comments in favor of the district moving forward with returning to in-person operations and services for the spring semester.

- Jennafer Carson
- Kate Maloney
- Robert Andrews
- Mike Tillson
- Kathy Diamond

The following person(s) made comments against the district moving forward with returning in-person operations and services for the spring semester.

- Kolo Wamba
- Trang Luong Paningbatan
- Marianne Kaletzky
- Joan Murphy
- Mikayla Balan
- Anthony Tran

The following person(s) made comments regarding this item, however, did not clearly specify in favor nor against returning in-person operations and services for the spring semester.

- District Academic Senate President Browne
- Monica Malamud
- Elisha Polomski
- Catherine Burton
- Rosemary Bell
- Linda Allen
- Michael Cross
- Maria Lara
- Kathy Zarur
- Nancy
- Alicia Frangos
- Brittney Sneed
- Lin Chan
- Teresa Morris

After Board discussion and public comment, District administration was advised by the Board to proceed with plans to begin the 2022 spring academic semester as planned with in-person operations and services, while ensuring class availability for students in all modalities, enhancing communication, and addressing any needed safety issues.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

President Holober stated that during Closed Session, the Board will take up items as listed on the printed agenda including: 1) Pursuant to Government Code 54957: Public Employment (Internal Auditor); 2) Pursuant to Government Code 54957: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

No comments.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 7:56 p.m.

Board Members

Present: President Richard Holober, Vice President Lisa Petrides, Trustee Maurice Goodman, Trustee Thomas A. Nuris, Trustee John Pimentel

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 11:32 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

[\(Time Stamp: 6:27:10\)](#)

Trustee Goodman stated that no reportable actions were taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

Submitted by

Michael Claire, Secretary