

**Minutes of the Study Session of the Board of Trustees  
San Mateo County Community College District  
September 22, 2021 – 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>.

**CONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board convened to Open Session at 6:04 p.m.

**Board Members**

**Present:** President Thomas A. Nuris, Vice President Richard Holoher, Trustee Maurice Goodman, Trustee Lisa Petrides, 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

**DISCUSSION OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

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President Nuris stated there are no changes or edits to the agenda.

**Approval of the Minutes of the August 25, 2021 Regular Meeting (21-08-03)**

*[\(Time Stamp: 1:05:17\)](#)*

*Motion to Approve by:* Trustee Goodman

*Second by:* Trustee Petrides

*Action:* Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting Aye.

*Summary of Edits or Corrections:* None.

**Approval of the Minutes of the September 9, 2021 Regular Meeting (21-08-04)**

*[\(Time Stamp: 1:05:48\)](#)*

*Motion to Approve by:* Trustee Petrides

*Second by:* Vice President Holoher

*Action:* Approved unanimously, as amended, with all Trustees voting Aye.

*Summary of Edits or Corrections:* Vice President Holoher requested that his comments relating to the District having a 30% beginning reserve and that a 15% of budget reserve position has been adopted by the Board and that he would like to see those excess reserves go to fund other District priorities such as Free Community College and increasing the number of full-time faculty and reducing the dependence on part-time faculty.

## **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

*[\(Time Stamp: 1:07:26\)](#)*

- District Academic Senate President Browne commented on the state bill allowing for the continuation of virtual meetings and the recent Districtwide briefing on the return to campus and student vaccine policy.
- Annette Perot spoke about the COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave (SP-95).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Personnel Items: Changes in Assignment, Compensation, Placement, Leaves, Staff Allocations and Classification of Academic and Classified Personnel (21-09-02A)**

*[\(Time Stamp: 1:10:41\)](#)*

*Motion to Approve by:* Vice President Holober

*Second by:* Trustee Goodman

*Action:* Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting Aye.

*Summary of Discussion:* None.

*Public Comment:* None.

## **STUDY SESSION**

### **District Anti-Racism Council Update (21-09-05C)**

*[\(Time Stamp: 1:11:24\)](#)*

Members of the District's Anti-Racism Council engaged the Board in a discussion about work being undertaken by the Council to make the District a fair, welcoming, just and equitable institution. In their conversation, Council members explored an understanding of race and racism and how it has manifested itself broadly and locally, and noted the need to challenge our individual and collective understanding of how things came to be.

The Council and Board also discussed the need for accountability, noting the importance of self-criticality and self-examination. The Council outlined mission, vision and values statements and the structure of the working groups of the Council. The need to examine District policies and procedures through an Anti-Racist lens was discussed because, as constructed, they often have a disproportionate impact on marginalized students.

The Board expressed unanimous support for the work of the Council and asked that professional development opportunities be made available to the Board to educate and coach Trustees on matters of Anti-Racism and equity.

On behalf of the Board, President Nuris thanked the presenters for their outstanding presentation and rich discussion about such critical matters. He asked that regular engagement continue with the Board on policy and personal levels.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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Chancellor Claire mentioned the Board had received an email from a resident asking about the fall and spring semesters and he responded on the Board's behalf

**STATEMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

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***President Nuris:*** Welcomed new Executive Vice Chancellor Richard Storti, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor and Board Candice Bell, and Interim Chief of Human Resources Marie Billie.

***Vice President Holober:*** None.

***Trustee Goodman:*** None.

***Trustee Petrides:*** None.

***Trustee Pimentel:*** He asked if the enrollment numbers that Jennifer Carson inquired about will be provided to the public.

***Student Trustee Garcia:*** None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted by

Michael Claire, Secretary