

**Minutes of the Special Closed Session of the Board of Trustees
San Mateo County Community College District
November 16, 2022 – San Mateo, CA**

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

Board Members

Present: President Richard Holober, Trustee Maurice Goodman, and Trustee John Pimentel

Board Members

Absent: Vice President Lisa Petrides (joined at 4:34 p.m.) and Trustee Thomas A. Nuris (joined at 4:37 p.m.)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(Time Stamp: 0:58)

President Holober stated that during Closed Session, the Board will take up items as listed on the printed agenda, including: 1) Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivisions (d)(2), (4) and (h) of Section § 54956.9 - Number of potential cases: 3; 2) Conference with Legal Counsel - Potential Litigation: Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54956.9, Subdivision (d)(4): One case; 3) Conference with Labor Negotiator - Agency Designated Representative: Randy Erickson and Richard Storti Employee Organizations: AFT and CSEA

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

(Time Stamp: 1:45)

- Trustee Maurice Goodman commented on behalf of himself, as follows:

“I regret having to come before this board in our educational community in this fashion, but I do so after numerous attempts to inform my board colleagues of the constant, long going and persistent alleged anti-blackness and bias directed towards me by Board President Richard Holober. The unilateral and inconsistent exclusion of me from the closed session today is just the tip of the iceberg of his alleged personal vendetta and retaliation against me.

Specifically, directly related to a closed session item that allegedly seeks to threaten my wife’s 24 years of employment with our district to force me to resign after numerous attempts to unsuccessfully do so in the past, and to discredit my courageous efforts as the district’s first and only Black and person of color on this Board.

In my role, I have spoken truth to power in every aspect of my role here for the benefit of faculty, staff and students. I have disrupted systems of oppression, white supremacy and bias and listened to staff as I lead the charge to remove an abusive administration and it is my belief that it is nothing more than retaliation for such courageous work.

In conclusion, I believe the matter before the Board should either include me or exclude the entire board as the entire Board is the focus of the claim. This matter should be facilitated by County Counsel to protect the integrity and rights of all involved and keep a focus on fairness and to protect our district from bias, discrimination and retaliatory practices and in my opinion an out-of-control Board President focused more on power, intimidation and unlawful discrimination.”

- Joaquin Rivera commented regarding negotiations.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to closed session at 4:39 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to open session at 10:37 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There were no actions taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Submitted by

Michael Claire, Secretary