Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees San Mateo County Community College District
January 10, 2023 – 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 1:37 p.m.

Board Members

Present: President Lisa Petrides, Vice President John Pimentel, and Trustee Richard Holober

Board Members

Absent: Trustee Michael Guingona (absent at time of Roll Call; arrived in person at 1:45 p.m.)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
(Time Stamp: 1:00)

President Petrides stated that during Closed Session, the Board will take up items as listed on the printed agenda, including: (1) Pursuant of Gov. Code §54957: Public Employment (Chancellor of San Mateo County Community College District); and (2) 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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY
(Time Stamp: 1:42)

None.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to closed session at 1:40 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to open session at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members

Present: President Lisa Petrides, Vice President John Pimentel, Trustee Michael Guingona, Trustee Richard Holober, and Student Trustee Lesly Ta

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
(Time Stamp: 6:48)

President Petrides stated that no reportable actions were taken in Closed Session.

DISCUSSION OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA
(Time Stamp: 6:56)

There are no changes.
PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
(Time Stamp: 7:13)
None.

NEW BUSINESS
(Time Stamp: 8:04)
Approval of Personnel Items (7.1)
(Time Stamp: 8:05)

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Holober
Second by: Trustee Guingona
Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting aye.
Summary of Discussion: Student Trustee Ta stated she would like to see the district focus on hiring more STEM faculty.
Public Comment: None.

Adoption of Resolution No. 22-34 to Make Findings Allowing Continued Remote Meetings Under Brown Act (7.2)
(Time Stamp: 10:15)

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Holober
Second by: Trustee Guingona
Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting aye.
Summary of Discussion: Chancellor Claire advised this resolution covers for the remainder of the month of January.
Public Comment: None.

Appointment of Board Members to the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation Board (7.3)
(Time Stamp: 12:07)

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Guingona
Second by: Vice President Pimentel
Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting aye.
Summary of Discussion: Trustee Guingona motioned for the members to be President Petrides and Vice President Pimentel. Trustee Holober seconded the motion. Board appointed and approved President Petrides and Vice President Pimentel to be represent on the SMCCC Foundation Board.
Public Comment: None.

Appointment of Board Member to the Educational Housing Corporation Board (7.4)
(Time Stamp: 14:32)

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Guingona
Second by: Student Trustee Ta
**Action:** Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting aye.

**Summary of Discussion:** Trustee Holober provided a brief overview on what the Housing Corporation Board does and some of the issues that they may face. Trustee Guingona motioned for the member to be President Petrides or Vice President Pimentel. Vice President Pimentel motioned for the member to be Trustee Guingona, and President Petrides seconded the motion. Board appointed and approved Trustee Guingona to be represent on the Educational Housing Corp. Board.

**Public Comment:** None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

(Time Stamp: 17:37)

**Discussion of a Timeline and a Process to Appoint a Board Member for Trustee Area 3 (8.1)**

(Time Stamp: 17:38)

**Summary of Discussion:** Chancellor Claire stated that the Board needs to define their process on how they want to select the next Trustee for Area 3. President Petrides mentioned some of the requirements for this position such as the selection being made in 60 days from the beginning of the vacancy; an advertisement must be made about the vacancy; and the County Elections Office must confirm and approve the eligibility of each candidate (if they live within Area 3 themselves).

The Board has determined the candidates must complete an application with the district, as well as provide a one-page resume and 500-word essay on why the individual wants to serve as a Board Member for the San Mateo County Community College District. The interviews will be held in a public Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

Lastly, Trustee Holober stated he would like the Board to consider making an amendment to BP 1.02 regarding Board Members not being related to an individual that is employed by or works for SMCCCD.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Discussion of Topics for the February 4 Board Retreat (8.2)**

(Time Stamp: 57:43)

**Summary of Discussion:** Chancellor Claire mentioned the retreat is approaching, so the Board needs to briefly discuss the topics they would like to see on the agenda for the retreat for the district administration to adequately prepare. The location of the retreat will be Room 6/101-6/102 at Cañada College.

Chancellor Claire already provided a list to the Board, which is in the packet; however, it was asked if there are any topics to remove or add to the list. Vice President Pimentel stated he would like to hear about Dual Enrollment and CRM Recovery.

**Public Comment:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

(Time Stamp: 1:03:33)

None.
STATEMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS
(Time Stamp: 1:03:48)

President Petrides commended and thanked ITS support staff for their dedication and hard work in making certain the district’s Board Meetings, both in person and Zoom, run as smoothly as possible.

RECONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)
(Time Stamp: 1:04:44)

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 7:28 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (if necessary)
(Time Stamp: 2:36:48)

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 8:58 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There were no actions taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by

Michael Claire, Secretary