

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees San
Mateo County Community College District
February 8, 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 5:05 p.m.

Board Members

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(Time Stamp: 1:07)

President Petrides 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: 2; (2) Pursuant of Gov. Code §54957: Public Employment (Chancellor of San Mateo County Community College District); and (3) Conference with Labor Negotiator - Agency Designated Representatives: Richard Storti; Employee Organization: CSEA

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY

(Time Stamp: 2:10)

None.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to closed session at 5:06 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to open session at 6:07 p.m.

Board Members

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

(Time Stamp: 1:04:24)

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

DISCUSSION OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

(Time Stamp: 1:04:35)

There are no changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(Time Stamp: 1:04:53)

None.

NEW BUSINESS

(Time Stamp: 1:05:14)

Interview of Candidates and Selection for Provisional Appointment to Fill Board Vacancy (7.1)

(Time Stamp: 1:05:17)

Motion to Approve by: Vice President Pimentel

Second by: Trustee Guingona

Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting aye.

Summary of Discussion: The Board of Trustees conducted interviews of the five (5) candidates for the Trustee Area 3 Board Vacancy, in order to hopefully make a selection for provisional appointment.

Candidates were interviewed in the following order:

1. Alexander Melendrez
2. Linda Lees Dwyer (not interested in long-term)
3. Marco Durazo
4. Wayne Lee
5. Heywood Mansergh
6. Wilma Lee

Break

(Time Stamp: 2:10:49)

The meeting recessed for Break after candidate, Marco Durazo's interview at 7:15 p.m.

Reconvened to Open Session

(Time Stamp: 2:13:27)

The meeting reconvened from Break at 7:17 p.m., and resumed interviews starting with candidate, Wayne Lee.

Public Comment: The following comments were made in support of the candidates being interviewed for the Trustee Area 3 Board Vacancy.

Comments Made in Person:

1. Jordan Grimes commented in support of Alex Melendrez.
2. Brittney Sneed stated she hopes that the Board selects the candidate that has the District's ultimate goal in mind. She is not endorsing anyone in particular.
3. Lauren Fitzgerald commented in support of Alex Melendrez.
4. Ethan Minsey commented in support of Alex Melendrez.

Comments Made via Zoom:

1. Monica Malamud commented on behalf of AFT 1493 invited all of the candidates for the vacancy for an interview, of which five (5) of those candidates did participate. She explained the Union's interview process. Lastly, she stated that the Union will support and endorse Alex Melendrez to fill the Trustee Area 3 vacancy.
2. Aaron Fontan commented in support of Marco Durazo.
3. Bart Pantoja commented in support of Wayne Lee.
4. Juan Herrera commented in support of Marco Durazo.
5. Uma Krishnan commented in support of Alex Melendrez.
6. Rosalie Johnson commented in support of Marco Durazo.

7. Gilbert Wong commented in support of Wayne Lee.
8. Jordyn Chapman commented in support of Marco Durazo.
9. Ryan Mrsny commented in support of Marco Durazo.
10. Brianna Moya commented in support of Marco Durazo.
11. Paola Cardenas commented in support of Marco Durazo.
12. Clayton Koo commented in support of Alex Melendrez.
13. Katherine Harer commented in support of Alex Melendrez.
14. Stephen Seymour commented in support of Marco Durazo.

Continuation of Summary of Discussion: After a long discussion, deliberation, and voting process, the Board of Trustees has appointed candidate, Wayne Lee.

Break

(Time Stamp: 4:28:35)

The meeting recessed for Break at 9:30 p.m.

Reconvened to Open Session

(Time Stamp: 4:39:24)

The meeting reconvened from Break at 9:40 p.m.

Swearing-In of Newly Appointed Board Member, If Appointed (7.2)

(Time Stamp: 4:39:35)

Motion to Approve by: Vice President Pimentel

Second by: Trustee Guingona

Action: Approved unanimously, with all Trustees voting aye.

Summary of Discussion: The Board of Trustees swore-in Wayne Lee as the new Board Trustee for Area 3 of the San Mateo County Community College District.

Public Comment: None.

COMMUNICATIONS

(Time Stamp: 4:41:30)

Chancellor Claire congratulated newly appointed Trustee Wayne Lee.

STATEMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

(Time Stamp: 4:41:46)

- Newly appointed Trustee Lee thanked the Board of the appointment, and mentioned how the process help save the District from spending a large amount of funds on a special election.
- Vice President Pimentel thanked District staff and administration for their assistance with this appointment process, as it was the first time having to go through it. He's looking forward to moving in harmony.
- President Petrides thanked her fellow Board colleagues for their support and candor in getting through the appointment process, and congratulated Trustee Lee. The next meeting of the Board is a regular meeting on February 22, 2023.
- Student Trustee Ta congratulated Trustee Lee.

RECONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION (if necessary)

(Time Stamp: 4:43:55)

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 9:48 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (if necessary)

(Time Stamp: 5:46:01)

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 10:49 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

There were no actions taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Submitted by

Michael Claire, Secretary