

**Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees
San Mateo County Community College District
December 13, 2024 – San Mateo, CA**

This meeting was recorded 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 5:04 p.m.

Board Members

Present: President John Pimentel, Vice President Michael Guingona, Trustee Richard Holober, Trustee Lisa Petrides, Trustee Wayne Lee, and Student Trustee Chloe Johnson

Others Present: Chancellor Melissa Moreno

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

No Closed Session held.

DISCUSSION OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

[\(Time Stamp: 7:15\)](#)

No changes to the agenda.

RECOGNITION OF SB 893 FREE COLLEGE CHAMPIONS

[\(Time Stamp: 7:30\)](#)

Recognition of SB 893 Free College Champion California State Senator Josh Becker (2.1)

Chancellor Moreno provided a brief overview on this item, so the community would know the reason for this recognition.

Senator Josh Becker was in attendance, made a brief speech, and was honored with a plaque from the Board of Trustees.

SWEARING IN OF RE-ELECTED AND NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES

[\(Time Stamp: 12:40\)](#)

- **Swearing In of Re-Elected Trustee John Pimentel**
 - Trustee John Pimentel took the oath of office, administered by Senator Josh Becker.
- **Swearing In of Re-Elected Trustee Lisa Petrides**
 - Trustee Lisa Petrides took the oath of office, administered by Senator Josh Becker.
- **Swearing In of Newly Elected Trustee Wayne Lee**
 - Trustee Wayne Lee took the oath of office, administered by Trustee Richard Holober. Trustee Lee is now officially elected as a board member. He was appointed as a board member in November 2022, to fill a board vacancy.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(Time Stamp: 18:44)

4.1 Election of President

Trustee Lee nominated Vice President Guingona for the role of Board President. There were no further nominations. Trustee Petrides seconded. The motion carried unanimously (5-0) by Roll Call Vote.

Vice President Guingona relieved President Pimentel of his duties as Board President and continued the meeting as the new Board President.

4.2 Election of Vice President

Trustee Holoher nominated Trustee Lee for the role of Board Vice President. There were no further nominations. Trustee Petrides seconded. The motion carried unanimously (5-0) by Roll Call Vote.

4.3 Election of Secretary for the Board

Typically, the District Chancellor occupies the role of the Secretary for the Board. Vice President Lee moved and Trustee Pimentel seconded. The motion carried unanimously (5-0) by Roll Call Vote.

4.4 Appointment of Representative of the Board to the County Committee on School District Organization

President Guingona nominated Trustee Holoher for this position. There were no further nominations. Trustee Pimentel seconded. The motion carried unanimously (5-0) by Roll Call Vote.

RECOGNITION OF FORMER PRESIDENT PIMENTEL

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- All Trustees recognized and spoke commendable remarks about Trustee Pimentel as Board President. Newly elected Board President Guingona presented Trustee Pimentel with a plaque.
- Chancellor Moreno gave remarks about Trustee Pimentel.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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No comments.

MEETING OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FINANCING CORPORATION

(Time Stamp: 31:12)

6.1 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:28 p.m.

6.2 Roll Call

All members are present, including Chief Financial Officer Peter Fitzsimmons.

6.3 Approval of Minutes of the December 13, 2023 Meeting

Motion to Approve by: Trustee Holoher

Second by: Trustee Lee

Action: Approved, with all Trustees voting aye by Roll Call Vote.

Summary of Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

6.4 Naming of Officers for 2025

- a. President Guingona for President; Trustee Pimentel moved and Vice President Lee seconded the motion.
- b. Vice President Lee for Vice President; Trustee Pimentel moved and Trustee Holoher seconded the motion.
- c. Chancellor Moreno for Secretary; Trustee Pimentel moved and Vice President Lee seconded the motion.
- d. Peter Fitzsimmons for Treasurer; Trustee Pimentel moved and Vice President Lee seconded the motion.

6.5 Adjournment

The meeting of the San Mateo County Community College Financing Corporation is adjourned at 5:32 p.m. Trustee Petrides moved and Trustee Holoher seconded the motion.

The Board reconvened to Open Session from District Financing Corporation Meeting at 5:33 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications.

STATEMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Trustee Holoher asked to for a public celebration at the next Regular Meeting to honor the board members that were re-elected and elected during the 2025 election year, as well as celebrate former President Pimentel.
- President Guingona announced that the next meeting of the Board will be a Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 to be held at the District Office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

We adjourn tonight's meeting in honor of Quin Thomas White, who was a student at the College of San Mateo attending the Fire Academy. He had a deep passion for firefighting, inspired by his desire to help others and make a meaningful difference. Quin was actively pursuing his associate degree at CSM, with the goal of transferring to a four-year college to study Fire Science, and becoming a paramedic. Quin's dedication to his studies, his positive spirit, and his ability to connect with those around him left a lasting impression on his peers and instructors alike.

Quin's impact on the CSM campus community was immeasurable. We honor the memory of a remarkable student whose aspirations and spirit inspire us all.

On behalf of the San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students we offer our sincerest condolences to his family, loved ones and friends.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Submitted by

Melissa Moreno, J.D., Secretary and Chancellor