

**SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

ADOPTED MINUTES
Wednesday, March 1, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Solano Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, in the Denis Honeychurch Board Room, Room 626, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, California 94534, by Board President Honeychurch.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Board President Honeychurch led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the United States of America.

Board President Honeychurch announced that two Trustees will be participating remotely: Trustee Karimah Karah is participating remotely due to emergency circumstances. Trustee A. Marie Young is participating remotely due to illness.

3. ROLL CALL

Denis Honeychurch, President
Rosemary Thurston, Vice President
Amber Cargo-Reed
Karimah Karah, J.D.
Amanda Lopez-Lara
Quinten R. Voyce
A. Marie Young
Celia Esposito-Noy, Ed.D., Secretary
Sumiya Ragab, Student Trustee

Absent:

Sumiya Ragab, Student Trustee

Others Present:

Salvatore Abbate, Human Resources
Lucky Lofton, Vice President of Bond
Lisa Neeley, Vice President of Student Services
Susan Wheet, Vice President of Finance & Administration

David Williams, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Sandra Therrien, Executive Coordinator

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (CLOSED SESSION)

There were no comments on Closed Session items.

6. CLOSED SESSION

President Honeychurch called the closed session to order at 6:34 p.m.

- (a) Conference with Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54957.6)
Agency Negotiator: Salvatore Abbate, Human Resources
Employee Organization: CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, Operating Engineers—Local 39
- (b) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Govt. Code § 54957)
- (c) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d) of Govt. Code § 54956.9

7. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

President Honeychurch reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

8. REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board held Conference with Labor Negotiator and CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, and Operating Engineers-Local 39, and no action was taken.

The Board discussed Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and no action was taken.

The Board held Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation and Initiation of Litigation and no action was taken.

9. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (CONTINUED)

There were no comments from members of the public.

10. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent-President

- (a) Draft Minutes for the Meeting Held on February 15, 2023 (Pending Board Approval)

Human Resources

- (b) Employment 2022-2023, Page 6

Finance and Administration

- (c) Personal Services Agreements, Page 7

Bond

- (d) Notice of Completion for Construction Services for the Baseball-Softball Clubhouses Project, Page 11

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Lopez-Lara to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

12. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – ACTION ITEMS

Human Resources

- (a) Resignation to Retire, Page 13

Shirley Lewis, Dean of Vallejo Center gave the following comments regarding the retirement of Rischa Slade:

It is my pleasure to pay tribute to Rischa Slade this evening in light of her pending retirement. Overall, Rischa Slade will be completing a rewarding and wonderful career while serving students at Solano Community College.

I have had the privilege of knowing Rischa Slade as my colleague in Student Services. As I reflect on her contributions to our school and community, I can say that Dr. Slade has achieved much in her successful career. Born in Oakland and raised in El Cerrito, she earned her

Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Stanford University and a Juris Doctor degree from Hastings, UC San Francisco School of Law. Rischa served eight years on Vacaville City Council from 1996-2004, including serving as chairperson of the Solano Transit Authority (STA) in 2000. She also served as the director of a women's shelter in Vacaville for a number of years before coming to work at Solano College in the summer 2014 to work in our Umoja Program. Both of Rischa's daughters earned degrees from Solano College.

In 2015, the College hired Rischa to work in Student Life with the responsibility of serving as advisor to ASSC, our student government, overseeing the Inter-Club Council and student affairs programming, as well as chairing the Graduation Committee. In 2018, she became the advisor for the Community College Pathway to Law School Program (CCPLS) and served as co-Advisor along with myself beginning in Fall 2020. Rischa was instrumental in establishing free bus transportation for our students through our student ID card program. More recently, she supported students through the Early Alert Program and helped establish our Hunger-Free Campus Program. She coordinated curbside food distributions throughout the pandemic, and the reopening of Student Food Pantry this past fall. Rischa was active on the Student Equity and Success Council as well as the Minority Coalition. She served in various capacities, including Secretary; and before leaving the college, helped resurrect our Black Recognition Ceremony to be held later this spring.

Rischa Slade can be proud of the hundreds of students she has served in her welcoming and compassionate way at Solano Community College. On behalf of the college and myself, we thank her for her years of service. She was a valued member of the Academic Services Support Team and they, along with her friends and colleagues at Solano, wish her good health, spiritual wealth, and joy as she pursues her interests and embarks on new adventures. As she leaves Solano Community College, she takes with her our appreciation and many thanks.

It was moved by Trustee Cargo-Reed and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the Resignation to Retire as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

(b) 2023-2024 Classified Work Calendar, Page 14

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Lopez-Lara to approve the 2023-2024 Classified Work Calendar as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Finance and Administration

(c) Resolution No. 22/23-27 Designation and Disposal/Disposition of District Surplus Equipment and Property – Epson Printer, Page 16

It was moved by Trustee Lopez-Lara and seconded by Trustee Cargo-Reed to approve Resolution No. 22/23—27 Designation and Disposal/Disposition of District Surplus Equipment

and Property – Epson Printer as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

AYES: Board President Honeychurch, Vice President Thurston, Trustee Cargo-Reed, Trustee Karah, Trustee Lopez-Lara, Trustee Voyce, and Trustee Young

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Bond

(d) Measure Q Bond Spending Plan Update #24, Page 19

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the Measure Q Bond Spending Plan Update #24 as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

(e) Contract Amendment #2 to Optony Inc. for Additional Professional Services for the District’s Solar Energy Project, Page 22

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Lopez-Lara to approve the Contract Amendment #2 to Optony Inc. for Additional Professional Services for the District’s Solar Energy Project as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Academic Affairs

(f) Athletic Agreement Between Napa Valley College and Solano Community College, Page 26

It was moved by Trustee Cargo-Reed and seconded by Trustee Lopez-Lara to approve the Athletic Agreement Between Napa Valley College and Solano Community College as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Student Services

(g) Resolution No. 22/23-26 Proclaiming March 2023 as Women’s History Month, Page 28

It was moved by Trustee Lopez-Lara and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve Resolution No. 22/23-26 Proclaiming March 2023 as Women’s History Month as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

AYES: Board President Honeychurch, Vice President Thurston, Trustee Cargo-Reed, Trustee Karah, Trustee Lopez-Lara, Trustee Voyce, and Trustee Young

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

(h) Contract Agreement for Community Response Mini Grant with First 5 Solano, Page 31

It was moved by Trustee Cargo-Reed and seconded by Trustee Voyce to approve the Contract Agreement for Community Response Mini Grant with First 5 Solano as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

13. BOARD STUDY SESSION - NO ACTION REQUIRED

Football

*Presented by: Alison Aubert, Sheila Hudson, Lucky Lofton,
Lisa Neeley, Erik Visser, and Susan Wheet*

14. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

17. CLOSED SESSION (CONTINUED IF NECESSARY)

18. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING (IF NECESSARY)

19. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

20. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Cargo-Reed to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.