

**SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

UNADOPTED MINUTES

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

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, April 3, 2024, 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.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Others Present:

Salvatore Abbate, Human Resources
Jon Cornelison, Vice President Information Technology
Lucky Lofton, Vice President of Bond
Lisa Neeley, Vice President of Student Services
Susan Wheat, Vice President of Finance & Administration
David Williams, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Sandra Therrien, Executive Coordinator

The following edits and clarifications should be noted in the agenda:

Agenda Item 10.(c) Personal Services Agreements and Contracts Under \$50,000, Page 8:
Irma Sandoval Rodriguez has been removed from the Superintendent-President section.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

There were no comments from members of the public on Closed Session items.

6. CLOSED SESSION

President Honeychurch called the closed session to order at 6:31 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
- (d) Public Employee Appointment (Gov. Code, § 54957)
Title: Superintendent-President

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.

The Board discussed Public Employee Appointment and no action was taken.

9. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (CONTINUED)

Jim DeKloe a faculty member in the Math-Science Division shared an update on exciting developments in the biotechnology/ biomanufacturing program:

The program aided the City of Vacaville during their Bioville celebration. For a week, the Vacaville City Council formally renamed the city “Bioville” and held several activities on the Solano College Vacaville campus.

The biotech and biomanufacturing programs are both undergoing a dramatic expansion and has added second sections of multiple classes. The Bachelors degree just added its 8th cohort of Bachelors degree students and will graduate the 6th cohort at the ceremony in May. The Bachelors degree has negotiated with nine universities for admission into their graduate programs, and several of our graduates will enter a Masters program starting in Fall. Several others were hired recently.

The biotech program has built a complete educational pathway. We are teaching dual enrollment classes in several of the high schools, these lead into several stacked certificates, which with general education classes lead into an Associates degree. The AS flows seamlessly into the Bachelors degree, and again, the students can then go into a graduate program. High School through PhD with multiple entry and exit points. I don’t know of any other field that has achieved this.

We mentored several other colleges gain a Bachelors degree: Moorpark College in Ventura County, Los Angeles Mission College and Los Angeles Pierce College, both in the San Fernando Valley part of Los Angeles.

The stem cell program is completing its second year of the \$2.9 million grant from the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine. (As far as I know, this is the largest grant that the college has gotten. For this year we have placed six of our seven CIRM scholars, and the seventh has an interview this week. Significantly we have placed someone in a summer internship in Stanford University’s Laboratory for Cell and Gene Medicine for the third year. Last year Solano College students occupied two of the three summer internships. This year it’s one of two. Special thanks to VP Susan Wheet for her work with grant management.

We are happy to announce that we have a team that made the finals of the Department of Energy’s AlgaePrize. This prestigious accomplishment means that they will pursue a project

over the next year where they produce a product by growing algae. They will present their research results at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden Colorado in April 2025.

So, our students are doing very well and they are earning us a national, or perhaps even international, reputation.

10. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent-President

- (a) Draft Minutes for the Meeting Held on April 11, 2024 and April 17, 2024 (Pending Board Approval)

Human Resources

- (b) Employment 2023-2024, Page 5

Finance and Administration

- (c) Personal Services Agreements and Contracts Under \$50,000, Page 7
- (d) Disposition, Transfer or Trade-In of Campus Equipment, Page 9

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Thurston 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

Finance and Administration

- (a) Food Services Agreement with PFD Management, Inc., Page 11

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the Food Services Agreement with PFD Management, Inc. as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bond

(b) Lease Agreement Extension to Williams Scotsman, Inc. for Modular Building, Page 24

It was moved by Trustee Cargo-Reed and seconded by Trustee Voyce to approve the Lease Agreement Extension to Williams Scotsman, Inc. for Modular Building as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

(c) Contract Award to Schreder & Brandt Mfg. Inc. for Construction Services for the Fairfield Campus Swing Space Project, Page 26

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Lopez-Lara to approve the Contract Award to Schreder & Brandt Mfg. Inc. for Construction Services for the Fairfield Campus Swing Space as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Academic Affairs

(d) Approval of Revisions to Academic Affairs Board Policies, Page 28

It was moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Cargo-Reed to approve the Approval of Revisions to Academic Affairs Board Policies as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

16. CLOSED SESSION (CONTINUED IF NECESSARY)

17. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING (IF NECESSARY)

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

19. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Thurston to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.