

**SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

**ADOPTED MINUTES**  
Wednesday, January 17, 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, January 17, 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  
Joshua Scott, Academic Senate  
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 Cargo-Reed 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 from members of the public on Closed Session items.

**6. CLOSED SESSION**

President Honeychurch called the closed session to order at 6:32 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, Initiation of Litigation, and 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. REPORTS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)**

(a) Associated Students of Solano College (ASSC)

Kiren Wilson reported that ASSC has their first meeting which was an EEO Training.

(b) Academic Senate

Joshua Scott gave the following report:

- We're excited to have 7 new hires for Fall 2024 and are working to include students on hiring committees.
- We spent Thursday, 1/11, discussing with academic deans the Importance of integrated planning using IBA, Sal Abbate facilitated. We are focusing on hiring, budgeting, assessment, onboarding this semester...we'll be working on this together.
- We will also continue work focusing on the following:
  - DEIA in the classroom, academic freedom
  - AI taskforce
  - Department chairs

(c) College Governance Council

Superintendent-President Esposito-Noy stated that College Governance will be meeting next week.

(d) Superintendent-President

Dr. Esposito-Noy reported that Convocation went very well and thanked the VPs for planning. Kamal Carter was the keynote speaker and we will continue to work with him throughout the semester.

Enrollment continues to increase along with FTEs. Welcome tables were at all three campuses providing students with snacks and information/services.

On January 31<sup>st</sup>, the ALG meeting will hear from Interact Communications who are putting together a strategic enrollment strategy plan .

## **11. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS**

### Superintendent-President

- (a) Draft Minutes for the Board Meeting Held on December 20, 2023 (Pending Board Approval)

### Human Resources

- (b) Employment 2023-2024, Page 6

### Finance and Administration

- (c) Warrants, Page 8
- (d) Personal Services Agreements and Contract Renewals Under \$50,000, Page 10
- (e) Disposition, Transfer or Trade-In of Campus Equipment, Page 12

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

## **12. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

## **13. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – ACTION ITEMS**

### Human Resources

- (a) Resignation to Retire, Page 15

Sal Abbate read the following comments regarding the retirement of Eddie Del Pilar:

*Eddie Del Pilar began his dedicated service on November 3rd, 1994, and he is now embarking on a well-deserved retirement, and it's an honor to share some reflections on his incredible journey.*

*Eddie's story is one of inspiration and determination. He started his career with Solano Community College as a custodian, diligently ensuring that every nook and cranny of our facilities sparkled with cleanliness. His hard work and commitment did not go unnoticed, and*

*soon he ascended to the role of lead custodian. In this capacity, Eddie continued to shine, demonstrating leadership qualities that set him apart.*

*It was evident to all that Eddie possessed something special. His ability to motivate and guide his team, coupled with an unparalleled dedication to his work, propelled him further up the ranks. Eddie reached the pinnacle of his career as our custodial supervisor—a role he embraced with grace, humility, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.*

*Beyond the floors he waxed and the rooms he meticulously cleaned at Solano Community College, Eddie became a source of inspiration for many. His journey from custodian to lead and finally to custodial supervisor is a testament to his perseverance and the impact he has had on our institution. Eddie's leadership has not only elevated our workspaces but has also lifted the spirits of those who had the privilege of working alongside him.*

*As we bid farewell to Eddie, let's take a moment to express our gratitude for the three decades of hard work, dedication, and leadership he has brought to Solano Community College. Eddie, your legacy is etched not just in the sheen of our facilities but in the hearts of the colleagues you've mentored and inspired.*

*May your retirement be a new chapter filled with joy, relaxation, and exciting adventures. You've earned every moment of it. On behalf of the Solano Community College District, we thank you for your three decades of service, and wish you farewell and well wishes on your next chapter.*

VP Lucky Lofton also gave the following comments:

*Eddie is one of the finest managers, and person that I have ever worked with. I have been working since my junior high days, and in all that time, I have rarely worked with such a fine person. I would echo everything that has been said thus far regarding Eddie, a wonderful manager, wonderful leader, wonderful person. One of the very best I've ever worked with in over 50 years.*

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

#### Finance and Administration

(b) Board Acceptance of District's 2022-2023 Financial Audit Report, Page 16

It was moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the Board Acceptance of District's 2022-2023 Financial Audit Report as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (c) Board Acceptance of Measure Q Bond Financial and Performance Audit for 2022-2023, Page 17

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the Board Acceptance of Measure Q Bond Financial and Performance Audit for 2022-2023 as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

*Bond*

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Lopez-Lara to approve Items 13.(d) through 13.(j) in one motion as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (d) Contract Award to JK Architecture Engineering for the Autotech Vehicle Dynamometer Systems Evaluation and Exhaust System Replacement Project, Page 18
- (e) Change Order #1 to Morgan Fence Co., Inc. for the Vacaville Property Fence Project, Page 20
- (f) Contract Amendment #1 to Geocon Consultants, Inc. for the Fairfield Campus Substation #3 & #4 Replacement Project, Page 22
- (g) Contract Award to Brooktrout Designs for the Building 600 Governing Board Room AV Project, Page 24
- (h) Contract Award to Net Electric, Inc. for Construction Services for Vallejo Center Security Enhancement Project, Page 26
- (i) Contract Award to Optima Inspections, Inc. for Project Inspection Services for the Vallejo Center Security Enhancement Project, Page 28
- (j) Contract Award to Integrity Data & Fiber, Inc. for Construction Services for the District Wide Wireless Access Point and Enclosures Project, Page 30

*Academic Affairs*

- (k) Request for Approval of Curriculum Items as Submitted by the Curriculum Committee, A Subcommittee of the Academic Senate, Page 32

It was moved by Trustee Cargo-Reed and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the Request for Approval of Curriculum Items as Submitted by the Curriculum Committee, A Subcommittee of the Academic Senate as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Student Services

(1) Resolution No. 23/24-05 Proclaiming February 2024 as Black History Month, Page 40

It was moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve Resolution No. 23/24-05 Proclaiming February 2024 as Black History Month as presented. The motion was passed unanimously by the following vote:

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE: Yes

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

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**14. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED**

(a) Measure Q Quarterly Progress Update Report to the Governing Board, Page 43

**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee Karah announced the SCSBA dinner meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Solano College.

**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 Young 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 7:51 p.m.