

**SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

**ADOPTED MINUTES**  
Wednesday, May 15, 2024

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Solano Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 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:

Sal Abbate, Director of 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  
Kiren Wilson, ASSC  
Sandra Therrien, Executive Coordinator

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Voyce 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 6:31 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, Initiation of Litigation, and 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**

**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)**

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 conducted an Awards Show and listed the names of winners.

(b) Academic Senate

Academic Senate President Josh Scott gave the following report:

- Faculty will be voting in a Senate election --revised bylaw to include part time faculty on Senate exec board. We will also be electing our president, vice president, senator at large, part-time at large
- We visited both the Vacaville and Vallejo Centers, and wanted to focus on the following:
  - --transportation—bringing in a shuttle to move students from one campus to the next.
  - --work to improve community relationships, and the appropriate role for Senate
  - --concern about lack of accessibility support at the centers. We are committed to working with Administration to find a solution to this issue
- The Senate passed a joint resolution with the Faculty Association honoring Celia. Erin Farmer (SCFA President) and Josh Scott (Senate President) read the following resolution together:

**Resolution 05.13.2024-a: Honoring Superintendent/President Celia Esposito-Noy**

**WHEREAS**, Celia Esposito-Noy has consistently expressed confidence in, and demonstrated support for, the work of faculty and staff, affirming that support in a number of meaningful ways, including regular salary improvements and collaborative decision making;

**WHEREAS**, Celia Esposito-Noy restored trust between faculty and management, leading the college out of a period marked by low employee morale, accreditation challenges, and fiscal uncertainty, into the glow of a stable, collaborative, inclusive community;

**WHEREAS**, Celia Esposito-Noy led the college through a number of unprecedented crises, including fire, flood, and pestilence, responding to all the little apocalypses with wisdom, grace, and good humor;

**WHEREAS**, Celia Esposito-Noy always shares credit for the College's successes under her leadership with all members of the campus community, rather than promoting her own achievements (even those successes for which she is clearly responsible);

**WHEREAS**, Celia Esposito-Noy holds space for the many opinions, ideas, requests, demands, complaints of a varied group of highly opinionated and vocal faculty;

**WHEREAS**, Celia Esposito-Noy genuinely loves the college and loves her people so much she brought the gift of Mary Jones and IBA;

**WHEREAS**, Celia Esposito-Noy, her professional and dignified demeanor a given, also knows how to have and bring fun to campus events, whether that means leading dance breaks during library study sessions, or bringing a giant gerbil wheel to the library for students and staff to play with, or winning a silver medal in the overall team competition on Solano Olympic Day;

**WHEREAS**, Celia Esposito-Noy’s humane ethos is evident in her stated (and fulfilled) commitment to never preside over any layoffs in her tenure and in her compassionate, yet principled, handling of difficult personnel issues;

**WHEREAS**, Celia Esposito-Noy was an early participant in and promoter of DEIA work, Rising Scholars, LGBTQ+, and DACA students, creating an inclusive campus culture and supporting meaningful professional development opportunities for all campus groups;

**WHEREAS**, Celia Esposito-Noy earned national recognition for her work with the college’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, with two back to back awards:

The *Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction* in 2023 for outstanding efforts in promoting the goals of Phi Theta Kappa and overall student success,

And

The *Michael Bennett Lifetime Achievement Award* in 2024, PTK’s most prestigious award for retiring community college presidents;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Celia Esposito-Noy may now choose whether or not to answer the phone or email (or unplug altogether) and sleep in on weekdays, as well as weekends, take sewing classes, and dance away the nights without a care;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Celia Esposito-Noy, most importantly, has our deepest gratitude and affection and that her years at Solano will be remembered as transformative and simply, golden.

(c) College Governance Council

Superintendent-President Esposito-Noy reported the following:

Wrapping up the semester with a number of events this week and next and Graduation is next Thursday.

(d) Superintendent-President

Dr. Esposito-Noy gave the following report:

We met May 8<sup>th</sup> and received an update on the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter budget from VP Wheat Reviewed and took action on revised board policies 3700- Bookstore; 3710- Income from Bookstore, BP 3910 the new information security policy, and BP 4305- violence-free workplace policy.

Additionally, Research Dean Nathan Rexford proposed a self-evaluation tool that CGC will use as a model

**11. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS**

Superintendent-President

- (a) Draft Minutes for the Board Meeting Held on May 1, 2024 (Pending Board Approval)

Human Resources

- (b) Employment 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, Page 6

Finance and Administration

- (c) Warrants, Page 8  
(d) Personal Services Agreements and Contracts Under \$50,000, Page 10  
(e) Disposition, Transfer or Trade-In of Campus Equipment, Page 11  
(f) Donations, Page 16

It was moved by Trustee Cargo-Reed and seconded by Trustee Young 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**

#### Governing Board

(a) Approval of New Superintendent-President Contract, Page 19

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Lopez-Lara to approve the Approval of New Superintendent-President Contract as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### Human Resources

(b) Resignation to Retire, Page 27

Sal Abbate read the following comments regarding the retirement of James “Kimo” Calilan:

Kimo's was hired on 1/17/2008. During his time at the college, he held the following positions:  
Manager of Technology Services and Support  
Interim Director of Technology  
Director of Technology Services and Support  
Interim Chief Technology Officer  
Director of Information Services  
Director of Information Security and Special Projects

After 16 plus YEARS of dedicated service to Solano Community College we want to express our deepest gratitude. We are proud of the contributions you made and the impact you had on Solano Community College.

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.

(c) Summer Work Schedule, Page 28

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the Summer Work Schedule as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

(d) Resolution No. 23/24-13 Recognizing Classified School Employee Week at Solano Community College District, Page 29

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Young to approve Resolution No. 23/24-13 Recognizing Classified School Employee Week at Solano Community College District 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

Bond

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Lopez-Lara to approve 13.(e), 13.(f), 13.(i), and 13.(j) in one motion as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (e) Measure Q Bond Spending Plan Update #27, Page 31
- (f) Contract Award to Murray Building, Inc. for Construction Services for the Campus-Wide Interior Refresh (Phase 1) Project, Page 34
- (g) Measure Q Bond Project Initiation – Replacement Substation #5, Page 38

It was moved by Trustee Cargo-Reed and seconded by Trustee Voyce to approve the Measure Q Bond Project Initiation – Replacement Substation #5 as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (h) District Standards Revisions, Page 40

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the District Standards Revisions as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (i) Contract Award to Optima Inspections Incorporated for Project Inspection Services for the Fairfield Campus Building 300 Modernization Project, Page 43
- (j) Contract Award to TYR Inc. for Project Inspection Services for the Campus-Wide Interior Refresh (Phase I) Project, Page 45

Academic Affairs

- (k) Clinical Experience Agreement for Associate Degree Nursing Program with Adventist Health System/West and Solano Community College, Page 47

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Lopez-Lara to approve the Clinical Experience Agreement for Associate Degree Nursing Program with Adventist Health System/West and Solano Community College as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (l) Request for Approval of Curriculum Items as Submitted by the Curriculum Committee, A Subcommittee of the Academic Senate, Page 72

It was moved by Trustee Cargo-Reed and seconded by Trustee Thurston 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

- (m) Cabrillo College District – Workforce Program Regional Fund Agreement, Page 75

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the Cabrillo College District – Workforce Program Regional Fund Agreement as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (n) Amendment to Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Contract, Page 88

It was moved by Trustee Lopez-Lara and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the Amendment to Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Contract as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

- (a) FY 2023-2024 Budget Update and CCFS-311Q Financial Report, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, Page 90

VP Wheet gave a presentation on the first reading of the 2023-2024 budget update.

- (b) First Reading of Revisions of Academic Affairs Board Policies, Page 102

VP Williams presented the first reading of Academic Affairs Board Policies.



- (c) First Reading of Information Security Policy 3910, Page 107

VP Cornelison presented the first reading of BP 3910.

**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee Young informed the public that Superintendent-President Esposito-Noy reviews the agenda which each Trustee prior to meetings which assists board members in being prepared during the meeting.

**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 Thurston to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.