

# **SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

**ADOPTED MINUTES**  
Wednesday, October 20, 2021

## **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, October 20, 2021, 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**

President Honeychurch led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

## **3. ROLL CALL**

Denis Honeychurch, J.D., President  
Sarah Chapman, Ph.D., Vice President  
Karimah Karah, J.D.  
Michael A. Martin  
Rosemary Thurston  
Quinten R. Voyce  
A. Marie Young  
Jack Flynn, Student Trustee  
Celia Esposito-Noy, Ed.D., Secretary

### Others Present:

Salvatore Abbate, Director of Human Resources  
Shannon Cooper, Psy.D., Vice President of Student Services  
LaNae Jaimez, Academic Senate  
Mary Jones, HR Consultant  
Zaddock Katsche, ASSC Governing Board Senator  
Lucky Lofton, Executive Bond Manager  
Ward Stewart, CBOC  
Brian Travis, Consultant  
David Williams, Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Sandra Therrien, Executive Coordinator

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

Agenda Item 11.(b) Consent Calendar – Human Resources, Page 7. Under the section Short-Term/Temporary/Substitute, the dollar amount for Max Baluyev and Janelle Barrera should read \$400 Stipend

Agenda Item 11.(e) Notice of Completion for Construction Services for the Fairfield Campus Building Exteriors Project Phase 2, has been pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Agenda Item 13.(e) Contract Amendment #2 to Noll & Tam Architects for Professional Services for the Library/Learning Resource Center Project (Building 100 Replacement) has been pulled from the Non-Consent Agenda Items.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Martin 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 6:33 p.m.

- (a) Conference with Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54957.6)  
Agency Negotiator: Mary Jones, 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 7:02 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)**

Superintendent-President Esposito-Noy was asked to read the following comments received via e-mail:

### **Johnicon George, Sr., President, Tri-City Branch NAACP:**

*Greetings Mr. Honeychurch,*

*The Tri-City Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has served as premier advocates for civil rights by conducting voter mobilization, civic engagement, addressing health & education disparities, and monitoring equal opportunity in both the public and private sectors in the Fairfield, Suisun City, and Vacaville communities since March 1976.*

*Our mission is to ensure that the political, educational, social, and economic status of African Americans and ethnic minorities are realized by eliminating race-based discrimination. We envision a society in which all individuals will enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness that is majestically proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence. Moreover, our objective is to eradicate all forms of discrimination through legislation and policies at all levels of government.*

*The Tri-City NAACP was both excited and relieved when Solano County Sheriff Thomas A. Ferrara publicly and in writing announced that he was not going to seek renewal of the contract to provide security for SCC.*

*As you Governing Board “Re-imagining Campus Safety & Security” we are in support of the Hybrid model will consist of three (3) armed public safety officers and seven (7) unarmed public safety officer (PSOs).*

*Our understanding of the model is as follows:*

*The only “armed” officers will be the Chief and two Supervisors. These “armed” officers will mainly be stationed at the Fairfield campus but can respond to other campuses for law enforcement activities as needed. The unarmed Public Safety Officers (PSOs) will be assigned to all three of the college campuses (Vacaville, Vallejo and Fairfield). The unarmed PSOs will be the ones who will interact with students, faculty, staff, and visitors the most and a day-to-day basis.*

*We strongly encourage you to adopt this model as we feel it is aligned with the data the consultant found as well as what the campus community has expressed they would like to see moving forward. If you have any questions, or would like to further discuss our recommendation, feel free to contact me directly.*

**Will Walker:**

*Dear Superintendent/President Esposito-Noy,*

*Unfortunately, I can't call in tonight, but I would still like to submit my comment during the public comment session regarding campus security. Please read my comment to the board of trustees. I feel it is important that the trustees hear from people in the community on this profound subject. As a longtime Fairfield resident, a person of color, and a parent to two adult sons and an adult daughter I was appalled to hear terrifying reports of tacit support of right-wing extremism from within the Solano County Sheriff's Department and from the sheriff himself in February of this year. This was really alarming and scary, especially after what happened at the Capitol insurrection on January 6 by right-wing extremist groups.*

*I was outright angry after hearing a report the sheriff won't investigate these allegations of right-wing extremism from within his ranks. As parents, why would we send our kids to a college where they employ questionable characters in positions of power? Like former board member Pam Keith stated in her email to you back in March and I quote, “As a former board member who voted on that contract, it sickens me to think I may have unknowingly made it possible for white supremacists to prey on our students.”*

*So instead of doing the right thing and investigating the allegation, the sheriff sent the college a letter to terminate the security contract. Leaving the college and the students hung out to dry.*

*I read the article from the Vallejo Sun about the college having hired a firm to look into what stakeholders would like to see for security at Solano College. Apparently, 51% of those polled selected they would like to see a hybrid program with half campus law enforcement officers and half unarmed security officers. I actually agree and support this option. Violence has increased tremendously in recent years so at least the college will have some well-trained officers to protect the students from one of those unimaginable active shooter incidents we have been seeing regularly in the news.*

*I hope that during these perilous and scary times the Solano Community College District Board of Trustees will do the right thing and vote for the hybrid program and keep the Sheriff's Department far away from our students.*

*I am certain the board will do the right thing for our students and for our community.*

*Thank you for your time.*

## **10. REPORTS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)**

### (a) Associated Students of Solano College (ASSC)

Newly-elected ASSC Governing Board Senator, Zaddock Katsche, reported that ASSC students hosted LGBTQIA history month with events on October 26-29. Those who attend at least three of the events are eligible to receive a Starbucks gift card.

### (b) Academic Senate

Dr. LaNae Jaimez gave the following report:

Good evening Board of Trustees, President Honeychurch and Superintendent/President Esposito-Noy

- We have 22 requests for faculty positions that will be prioritized next Monday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have 7 FT Tenure Track positions funded and 2 additional counseling positions.
- Two work groups met today. One to write the job description for a FT Ethnic Studies Faculty. Senate with the support of administration voted to pull the ES position from the hiring prioritization process and to expedite the posting of the job in hopes of getting as many applicants as possible. We will be intentional about where we post the job to draw more candidates.
- The second group met to write a new statement about who we are and our commitment and progress on DEI work, hoping to encourage diverse faculty to apply for the additional 8 FT positions
- We had a full and informative Flexible Calendar schedule on 10/12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the PD committee for great sessions and another productive Flex day.
- We will be celebrating Tenure Tea and our Distinguished Faculty tomorrow at 4 PM via Zoom.

Thank you

### (c) College Governance Council

Superintendent-President Esposito-Noy gave the following report:

Our most recent College Governance Council meeting was October 13 and we were asked by the ASSC student leaders to update our college governance web page, which we are in the process of doing. VP Wheet provided an update on the Actuarial Study and shared that our OBEP is funded at close to 78%. VP Williams shared that our mid-term report was submitted to ACCJC in advance of the due date and that our full self-evaluation for our next accreditation will be due in 2023 ahead of our 2024 accreditation visit. The CGC also passed the resolution to continue remote meetings due to the state of emergency.

(d) Superintendent-President

This week is Undocumented Student Week of Action and we have a number of virtual workshops scheduled, thanks to dean Shirley Lewis and Beatriz Cadenas, our Undocumented Students Resource Center staff.

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, the S-P Advisory Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion hosted Johnnie Terry. He facilitated a discussion on how to better serve our LGBTQ students and staff including asking us to identify how do we let students and staff know that this is a safe place. He will be one of the featured speakers during the week of October 25<sup>th</sup> when the ASSC and Student Life Office host LGBTQIA+ History Month events.

The deans are working with VP Williams on the spring class schedule and we expect to offer more in-person classes compared to this semester. We recognize that we are creating a class schedule with a lot of uncertainty and we know that many faculty and students want to be back on campus.

And, the vaccinate or test and wear a mask mandate went into effect on October 15<sup>th</sup> and by that date, 201 employees had submitted their proof of vaccine to HR.

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

### Superintendent-President

- (a) Draft Minutes for the Board Meeting Held on October 6, 2021 (Pending Board Approval)

### Human Resources

- (b) Employment 2021-2022, Page 6

### Finance and Administration

- (c) Warrants, Page 8
- (d) Personal Services Agreements, Page 10

- (e) Notice of Completion for Construction Services for the Fairfield Campus Building Exteriors Project Phase 2, Page 12

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

**12. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

- (e) Notice of Completion for Construction Services for the Fairfield Campus Building Exteriors Project Phase 2, Page 12

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

Superintendent-President

- (a) Resolution No. 21/22-07 Findings of the Board of Trustees of the Solano Community College District of Continued Emergency, Page 14

It was moved by Trustee Chapman and seconded by Trustee Karah to approve Resolution No. 21/22-07 Findings of the Board of Trustees of the Solano Community College District of Continued Emergency as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE: Yes

AYES: Board President Honeychurch, Vice President Chapman, Trustee Karah, Trustee Martin, Trustee Thurston, Trustee Voyce, and Trustee Young

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Human Resources

- (b) Resignation to Retire, Page 16

It was moved by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the Resignation to Retire as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bond

- (c) Amendment #5 to Kitchell Capital Expenditure Managers, Inc. for Program Management Services, Page 17

It was moved by Trustee Chapman and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the Amendment #5 to Kitchell Capital Expenditure Managers, Inc. for Program Management Services as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (d) Contract Amendment #1 to Optony Inc. for Additional Professional Services for the District’s Solar Energy Project, Page 19

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the Contract Amendment #1 to Optony Inc. for Additional Professional Services for the District’s Solar Energy Project as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (e) Contract Amendment #2 to Noll & Tam Architects for Professional Services for the Library/Learning Resource Center Project (Building 100 Replacement), Page 21

This item was pulled from the Non-Consent Agenda Items.

- (f) Contract Award to Security & Cabling Solutions, Inc. for Construction Services for the Fairfield Campus Door Hardware Installation Project, Page 24

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Karah to approve the Contract Award to Security & Cabling Solutions, Inc. for Construction Services for the Fairfield Campus Door Hardware Installation Project as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (g) Contract Award to TPA Construction, Inc. for Construction Services for the Vacaville Center Annex Building Corbels Removal Project Phase 3, Page 26

It was moved by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Voyce to approve the Contract Award to TPA Construction, Inc. for Construction Services for the Vacaville Center Annex Building Corbels Removal Project Phase 3 as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

- (a) Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) FY 2019-2020 Annual Report to the Governing Board, Page 28
- (b) Update on Campus Safety Study, Page 39



**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee Karah invited the Trustees to attend the Solano County School Board Association's workshops on equity. The next session is on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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 Martin to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.