

**APPROVED**  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
NORTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

May 24, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the North Orange County Community College District met for its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Anaheim Campus Board Room with a YouTube livestream broadcast.

Board President Jacqueline Rodarte called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**TRUSTEE ROLL CALL:** Present: Ryan Bent, Stephen T. Blount, Jeffrey P. Brown, Barbara Dunsheath, Ed Lopez, Jacqueline Rodarte, Evangelina Rosales, and Student Trustees Erin Lacorte and Meena Pandian. Absent: None.

**RESOURCE PERSONNEL PRESENT:** Byron D. Clift Breland, Chancellor; Fred Williams, Vice Chancellor, Finance & Facilities; Irma Ramos, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources; Cherry Li-Bugg, Vice Chancellor, Educational Services & Technology; Kai Stearns, District Director, Public & Governmental Affairs; Gil Contreras, Interim President, Fullerton College; JoAnna Schilling, President, Cypress College; Valentina Purtell, President, North Orange Continuing Education; Raine Hambly, representing the District Management Association; Jennifer Oo, representing the North Orange Continuing Education Academic Senate; Christie Diep, representing United Faculty; Pamela Spence, representing CSEA; Dash Johnson, representing Adjunct Faculty United; and Alba Recinos, Recording Secretary.

**OTHER ADMINISTRATORS AND EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Jill Bauer, Lori Collings, Angela de Dios, Paul de Dios, Beena Eapen, Jolena Grande, Anthony Hall, Christine Hoang, Donny Jackson, Annette Letcher, Alex Porter, Marc Posner, and Kathleen Reiland from Cypress College; Mohammad Abdel Haq, Albert Abutin, Cristina Arellano Dueñas, Nick Arman, Carlos Ayon, Jodi Balma, Daniel Berumen, Adriana Currie, Nicola Dedmon, Spiridon Dimitratos, Pamela Dunsmore, Rod Garcia, Scott Giles, Mark Greenhalgh, Aline Gregorio, Seung Ji, Jonathan Keller, Jennifer LaBounty, Elisa Latourelle, Elaine Lipiz Gonzalez, Marwin Luminarias, Valentin Macias, Robert Maine, Summer Marquardt, Jose Ramon Nuñez, Wendy Perez, Timothy Ream, Jeanette Rodriguez, Alexandria Rosales, Oscar Saghieh, Bridget Salzameda, Michael Sheehan, Ken Starkman, Jefferson Tiangco, Dana Timmermans, Ana Tovar, Phat Truong, Chad Willis, and Dani Wilson from Fullerton College; Margie Abab, Mary Helen Albrecht, Karen Bautista, Janet Cagley, Jennifer Carey, Dennis Davino, April Fante, Adam Gottdank, Hailie Hurtado, Erika Larsen, Raquel Murillo, Alice Niyondagara, Deb Perkins, Megan Reeves, Erin Sherard, Casey Sousa, Kimberley Stiemke, Alli Stanojkovic, Ivan Stanojkovic, Rosie Vasquez, and Courtnie Voet from North Orange Continuing Education; and Simone Brown Thunder, Danielle Davy, Geoff Hurst, Tami Oh, Chelsea Salisbury, Amita Suhrid, and Rick Williams from the District Office.

**VISITORS:** Diana Barstad, Melissa Bruckner, Alex Burkat, Moshe Cirt, Bill Collins, David Eliezrie, Stella Eliezrie, Paloma Foster, Guy Hopshtein Mali Leitner, Yoni Leitner, Clifford Lester, Sam Letcher, Curtis Paradzick, Joel Salcedo, Roy Schwarz, Robert Simpson,

Christine Willis, Judy Willis, and Christine Zarske. Public participation was provided via YouTube livestream.

**BLOCK VOTE APPROVAL OF NON-PERSONNEL ITEMS:** It was moved by Trustee Jeffrey P. Brown and seconded by Trustee Barbara Dunsheath that the following non-personnel items be approved by block vote:

Instructional Resources: 4.a, 4.b, 4.c

**Motion carried with Trustees Bent, Blount, Brown, Dunsheath, Lopez, Rodarte, and Rosales voting yes, including Student Trustees Lacorte and Pandian's advisory votes.**

**BLOCK VOTE APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS:** It was moved by Trustee Evangelina Rosales and seconded by Trustee Barbara Dunsheath that the following personnel items be approved by block vote:

Human Resources: 5.a, 5.b, 5.c, 5.d, 5.e, 5.f

**Motion carried with Trustees Bent, Blount, Brown, Dunsheath, Lopez, Rodarte, and Rosales voting yes.**

**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT:** Chancellor Byron D. Clift Breland reported on his attendance at the Cypress College and Fullerton College Commencements, congratulated all of the students who recently graduated, and shared that he looked forward to attending the upcoming NOCE graduation. He also expressed his gratitude to faculty and staff for their efforts that helped students with their achievements.

**Tenure Recognition:** As part of the Chancellor's Report, the following faculty members were recognized for achieving tenure in 2020, 2021, and 2022:

Cypress College

Jill Bauer, English as a Second Language  
Lori Collins, Mortuary Science  
Angela De Dios, Psychology  
Beena Eapen, Nursing  
Anthony Hall, Physics  
Christine Hoang, Nursing  
Donny Jackson, Theater Arts  
Annette Letcher, English

Fullerton College

Mohammad Abdel Haq, Sociology  
Cristina Arellano Dueñas, Counselor  
Adriana Currie, Applied Design  
Spiridon Dimitratos, Biological Sciences  
Pamela Dunsmore, English  
Aline Gregorio, Geography  
Jonathan Keller, Construction Technology  
Elisa Latourelle, Counselor  
Seung Ji, Physics  
Valentin Macias, Librarian

Robert Maine, Automotive Technology  
Wendy Perez, Cosmetology  
Timothy Ream, Librarian  
Jeanette Rodriguez, Speech  
Alexandria Rosales, Counselor  
Michael Sheehan, Art/Computer Graphics  
Jefferson Tiangco, English as a Second Language  
Ana Tovar, Counselor  
Phat Truong, Business  
Chad Willis, Music

North Orange Continuing Education

Jennifer Carey, Literacy Lab  
Megan Reeves, DSPS  
Erin Sherard, AEBG Parenting  
Casey Sousa, Counselor  
Alli Stanojkovic, DSPS  
Kimberly Stiemke, Learning Center

**Recognition of Student Trustees:** As part of the Chancellor's Report, **Cypress College Student Trustee Meena Pandian** and **Fullerton College Student Trustee Erin Lacorte** were recognized upon completion of their student terms on the Board of Trustees.

**ADJOURN TO RECESS:** At 6:23 p.m., Board President Jacqueline Rodarte adjourned the meeting to a ten-minute recess.

**RECONVENE MEETING:** At 6:42 p.m., Board President Jacqueline Rodarte reconvened the meeting in open session.

**Governor's May Revise Update:** As part of the Chancellor's Report, **Fred Williams**, Vice Chancellor of Finance & Facilities, conducted a presentation outlining the Governor's May Revise of 2022-23 Proposed Budget. Highlights included the following:

- Major Takeaways: A final budget is expected by mid-June; a State surplus is expected; caution because the budget was developed prior to the recent stock market declines; and COLA is 6.56%.
- Student Centered Funding Formula: Base increase of \$250 million; a basic allocation of \$125 million; and rates increased by 9.89%. The additional increases will not provide the District with additional revenue, but will instead increase our earned portion while reducing the hold harmless funding. A benefit will materialize when enrollments improve. Allocations were based on the 2021-22 P-2 actual reported FTES.
- Deferred Maintenance: \$1.5 billion in funding, but the budget contains no provision for housing funds, and some may be shifted to address that.
- Discretionary Block Grants: \$750 million in funding and recommended for the buydown of pension liabilities and COVID-19 costs.
- Technology: \$25 million in on-going and \$75 million in one-time funding.
- Part-time Faculty Health Insurance Program: \$200 million in on-going funding. Expect to reach reimbursement cap of 50% of submitted claims; currently submitted claims are only reimbursed at 3%.

- **Capital Outlay:** \$11.18 million for the Anaheim Campus Tower; \$20.89 million for the Cypress College Fine Arts Renovation; \$14.06 million for the Fullerton College Business 300 Building; and \$43.79 million for the Fullerton College Music/Drama Complex.
- **Joint Analysis:** The State Chancellor's Office recommends that Districts adopt policies to maintain sufficient unrestricted reserves with a suggested minimum of two months of general fund operating expenditures or revenues. For the District that would be increase from \$13.5 million to \$23.5 million.

During the discussion, Vice Chancellor Williams responded to inquiries related to Capital Outlay funding, keeping students at the forefront of decision-making, hold harmless funding readjustments, and the focus of the technology funding. Trustees commended the recommendation to have two months of reserves and requested budget scenarios that illustrate what the District budget would look like without hold harmless funding.

Mr. Williams noted that the Tentative Budget will be presented at the June 28 Board meeting which will also include a budget study session.

(See Supplemental Minutes #1298 for a copy of the presentation.)

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Trustee Jeffrey P. Brown and seconded by Trustee Barbara Dunsheath to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2022. **Motion carried with Trustees Bent, Blount, Brown, Dunsheath, Lopez, Rodarte, and Rosales voting yes, including Student Trustees Lacorte and Pandian's advisory votes.**

## **FINANCE & FACILITIES**

**Item 3.a:** It was moved by Trustee Ryan Bent and seconded by Trustee Evangelina Rosales to approve the Change Order 3.2 for the Districtwide Network Refresh Project for a not to exceed cost of \$70,201, bringing the total revised cost to \$22,209,464; the total estimated project cost of \$25,000,000 still stands and further approve the extension of the project completion timeline to January 2023.

Cherry Li-Bugg, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services & Technology, and Geoff Hurst, District Director of Enterprise IT Applications Support and Development, conducted a short presentation on the Districtwide Network Refresh which included a progress update, accomplishments, and unforeseen challenges related to COVID-19 and supply chain issues that caused the completion date to be pushed back to January 2023.

Subsequent to addressing questions related to secondary connections and uniform user experiences, the **motion carried with Trustees Bent, Blount, Brown, Dunsheath, Lopez, Rodarte, and Rosales voting yes, including Student Trustees Lacorte and Pandian's advisory votes.**

Further authorization was granted for the Vice Chancellor, Finance & Facilities, or District Director, Purchasing, to execute the agreement and/or related documents on behalf of the District.

**Item 3.b:** It was moved by Trustee Stephen T. Blount and seconded by Trustee Jeffrey P. Brown to enter into an agreement with Westberg White Architects to provide architectural consultant services in the amount of \$1,101,500 to complete the remaining project scope through Project completion/close-out for the Business-Humanities Complex 300 Building

Renovation Project at Fullerton College. **Motion carried with Trustees Bent, Blount, Brown, Dunsheath, Lopez, Rodarte, and Rosales voting yes, including Student Trustees Lacorte and Pandian's advisory votes.**

Further authorization was granted for the Vice-Chancellor, Finance & Facilities or the District Director, Purchasing, to execute the agreement on behalf of the District.

**Item 3.c:** It was moved by Trustee Barbara Dunsheath and seconded by Trustee Stephen T. Blount to enter into an agreement with Pfeiffer Partners Architects, Inc. to provide architectural consultant services for a fee not to exceed \$151,400 plus \$10,000 of reimbursable expenses for the Schematic Design phase through Project completion / close-out for the Wilshire Chiller Relocation Project at Fullerton College.

Vice Chancellor Fred Williams and Rod Garcia, Fullerton College Vice President of Administrative Services, led a presentation outlining the Fullerton College New Performing Arts Project and Ancillary Projects to provide updated project phases, budget projections, budget gap mitigation efforts, and next steps. **Motion carried with Trustees Bent, Blount, Brown, Dunsheath, Lopez, Rodarte, and Rosales voting yes, including Student Trustees Lacorte and Pandian's advisory votes.**

Further authorization was granted for the Vice-Chancellor, Finance & Facilities or District Director, Purchasing, to execute the agreement on behalf of the District.

**Item 3.d:** It was moved by Trustee Jeffrey P. Brown and seconded by Trustee Stephen T. Blount to enter into an agreement with Pfeiffer Partners Architects, Inc. to provide architectural consultant services for a total fee not to exceed \$116,800 plus \$10,000.00 of reimbursable expenses for the Schematic Design phase through Project completion / close-out for the Parking Lot 10 Improvements Project at Fullerton College.

Subsequent to staff providing clarification on the parking improvements, the **motion carried with Trustees Bent, Blount, Brown, Dunsheath, Lopez, Rodarte, and Rosales voting yes, including Student Trustees Lacorte and Pandian's advisory votes.**

Further authorization was granted for the Vice Chancellor, Finance and Facilities or District, Director of Purchasing, to execute the agreement on behalf of the District.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES**

**Item 4.a:** By block vote, authorization was granted to approve the summary of curriculum changes for Cypress College, to be effective Fall 2022 and Fall 2023. The curricula have been signed by the Campus Curriculum Chairperson and the College President, and have been approved by the District Curriculum Coordinating Committee.

**Item 4.b:** By block vote, authorization was granted to approve the summary of curriculum changes for Fullerton College, to be effective Fall 2022 and Fall 2023. The curricula have been signed by the Campus Curriculum Chairperson and the College President, and have been approved by the District Curriculum Coordinating Committee.

**Item 4.c:** By block vote, authorization was granted to approve the Workability III grant augmentation in the amount of \$182,000 and adopt a resolution to authorize the Vice

Chancellor of Finance & Facilities and the District Director of Fiscal Affairs to sign and execute all documents required by the Department of Rehabilitation.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Item 5.a:** By block vote, authorization was granted for the following academic personnel matters, which are within budget:

### CHANGE IN RETIREMENT DATE

Greenhalgh, Mark	FC	Dean, Mathematics/Computer Science From: 06/30/2022 To: 07/01/2022 PN FCM973
Young, Eldon	CC	Dean, Language Arts From: 06/30/2022 To: 07/01/2022 PN CCM982

### NEW PERSONNEL

Dower, Kellori	CC	Dean, Fine Arts 12-month Position (100%) Range 32, Column G + Doctorate Management Salary Schedule Eff. 07/01/2022 PN CCM985
Jacobson, David	FC	Anthropology Instructor Second Year Probationary Contract Class B, Step 8 Eff. 08/18/2022 PN FCF630
Kim, Edward	FC	Anatomy & Physiology Instructor First Year Probationary Contract Class B, Step 1 Eff. 08/18/2022 PN FCF577
Ranada, Raymond	CC	Radiology Technology Instructor (Clinical Coordinator) First Year Probationary Contract Class B, Step 1 Eff. 08/18/2022 PN CCF731

### TEMPORARY MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

Fernandez, Margaret	CC	Interim Dean, Career Technical Education/Economic Development 12-month Position (100%) Range 32, Column E Management Salary Schedule Eff. 07/01/2022-12/31/2022 PN CCM970-TR
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ADDITIONAL DUTY DAYS @ PER DIEM

Babad, Bruce	FC	Director of Jazz Ensemble Director of Jazz Band	6 days 11 days
Clasby, Candice	FC	Managing Dir. of Theatre Programming Director of Drama/Musical Production Coord. High School Theater Festival	3 days 6 days 2 days
Clowes, Keven	FC	Theater Technical Director Resident Designer Managing Dir. of Theatre Programming Coord. High School Theater Festival	15 days 13 days 3 days 1 day
Dedmon, Nicola	FC	Director of Concert Choir Director of Chamber Singers	11 days 8 days
Espinosa, Timothy	FC	Managing Dir. of Theatre Programming Director of Drama/Musical Production Coord. High School Theater Festival	3 days 6 days 1 day
Harless, Zachary	FC	Managing Dir. of Theatre Programming Resident Designer Coord. High School Theater Festival	3 days 13 days 1 day
Lopez, David	FC	Director of Concert Band	8 days
Mueller, Michael	FC	Managing Dir. of Theatre Programming Director of Drama/Musical Production Coord. High School Theater Festival	3 days 6 days 1 day
Scott, Michael	FC	Director of Jazz Ensemble Director of Jazz Band	6 days 11 days
Shew, Jamie	FC	Director of Vocal Jazz Ensemble	16 days

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

@01386311	FC	Faculty Family Medical Leave (FMLA/CFRA) (100%) Paid Leave using Regular and Supplemental Sick Leave until Exhausted; Unpaid thereafter Eff. 05/09/2022-05/20/2022
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TEMPORARY ACADEMIC HOURLY-INSTRUCTIONAL-2022 SUMMER INTERSESSION

Carmona, Mirta	NOCE	Column 2, Step 1
Fishman, Robyn	NOCE	Column 2, Step 1
Pena Ramos, Leopoldo	CC	Column 3, Step 1
Rossi, Samantha	FC	Column 1, Step 1
Snyder, Peter	FC	Column 3, Step 1
Wright, Raquel	NOCE	Column 1, Step 1

TEMPORARY ACADEMIC HOURLY-INSTRUCTIONAL-2022 FALL SEMESTER

Smith, Rena	FC	Column 1, Step 1
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TEMPORARY ACADEMIC HOURLY-SUBSTITUTES

Betts, Robert	NOCE	Column 2, Step 1
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TEMPORARY ACADEMIC HOURLY-SPECIAL SERVICES

Carter, Teryn	FC	Mandatory Dual Enrollment Faculty Training Stipend not to exceed \$50.00 Eff. 05/20/2022
Donahue, Dustin	FC	Mandatory Dual Enrollment Faculty Training Stipend not to exceed \$50.00 Eff. 05/20/2022
Eapen, Beena	CC	Nursing Program Curriculum Retreat Stipend not to exceed \$400.00 Eff. 07/15/2022-07/16/2022
Faraci, Michael	CC	Nursing Program Curriculum Retreat Stipend not to exceed \$400.00 Eff. 07/15/2022-07/16/2022
Galich, Jennifer	CC	Nursing Program Curriculum Retreat Stipend not to exceed \$400.00 Eff. 07/15/2022-07/16/2022
Gonzalez, Raylene	FC	Mandatory Dual Enrollment Faculty Training Stipend not to exceed \$50.00 Eff. 05/20/2022
Hartman, Deanna	FC	Mandatory Dual Enrollment Faculty Training Stipend not to exceed \$50.00 Eff. 05/20/2022
Hayner, William	FC	Mandatory Dual Enrollment Faculty Training Stipend not to exceed \$50.00 Eff. 05/20/2022



Hoang, Christine	CC	Nursing Program Curriculum Retreat Stipend not to exceed \$400.00 Eff. 07/15/2022-07/16/2022
Ji, Shinah	CC	Nursing Program Curriculum Retreat Stipend not to exceed \$400.00 Eff. 07/15/2022-07/16/2022
Lessing, Angela	FC	Mandatory Dual Enrollment Faculty Training Stipend not to exceed \$50.00 Eff. 05/20/2022
Montero, Vanessa	FC	Mandatory Dual Enrollment Faculty Training Stipend not to exceed \$50.00 Eff. 05/20/2022
McNay, Sally	CC	Nursing Program Curriculum Retreat Stipend not to exceed \$400.00 Eff. 07/15/2022-07/16/2022
Ortega, Ryan	CC	Nursing Program Curriculum Retreat Stipend not to exceed \$400.00 Eff. 07/15/2022-07/16/2022
Pham, Thu	CC	Nursing Program Curriculum Retreat Stipend not to exceed \$400.00 Eff. 07/15/2022-07/16/2022
Putman, Elizabeth	CC	Nursing Program Curriculum Retreat Stipend not to exceed \$400.00 Eff. 07/15/2022-07/16/2022
Terrazas, Cassandra	FC	Mandatory Dual Enrollment Faculty Training Stipend not to exceed \$50.00 Eff. 05/20/2022
Walker, Jane	CC	Nursing Program Curriculum Retreat Stipend not to exceed \$400.00 Eff. 07/15/2022-07/16/2022
Wilkinson, David	FC	Mandatory Dual Enrollment Faculty Training Stipend not to exceed \$50.00 Eff. 05/20/2022
Williams, Marredda	CC	Nursing Program Curriculum Retreat Stipend not to exceed \$400.00 Eff. 07/15/2022-07/16/2022

**Item 5.b:** By block vote, authorization was granted for the following classified personnel matters, which are within budget:

RESIGNATION

Cruz, Jazmin	CC	Special Projects Coordinator, Covid Testing Temporary Management Position (100%) Eff. 05/09/2022 CCT702
Kiesselbach, Kenneth	NOCE	Special Projects Manager, CAEP Temporary Management Position (100%) Eff. 05/27/2022 PN SCT967

NEW PERSONNEL

Mora, Denise	NOCE	Career Center Coordinator II 12-month position (100%) Range 45, Step E Classified Salary Schedule Eff. 06/01/2022 PN SCC829
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PROMOTION

Hoang, Oanh	FC	Library Assistant II 12-month position (100%) PN FCC889  To: FC Library Assistant III 12-month position (100%) Range 39, Step E + 25% Longevity + PG&D Classified Salary Schedule Eff. 06/15/2022 PN FCC889
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REVISION TO CONTRACT

Aiello, Miles	CC	Special Project Coordinator, Covid Tracking Temporary Management Position (100%) From: 11/01/2021 – 06/30/2022 To: 11/01/2021 – 04/08/2022 PN CCT701
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VOLUNTARY CHANGES IN ASSIGNMENT

Cao, Khanh	CC	Instructional Assistant, Business & CIS (50%)  Return To Regular Assignment Eff. 06/01/2022
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Dominguez, Ernesto	CC	Administrative Assistant II (100%) Temporary Increase in Months Employed From: 11 months To: 12 months
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STIPEND FOR ADDITIONAL AMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

Minakha, Wachiraya	CC	Evaluator (100%) Extension of 6% Stipend Eff. 07/01/2022 – 12/31/2022
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LEAVES OF ABSENCE

@01201830	AC	IT Project Leader (100%) SB 114 (SPSL) Paid Leave Using Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Eff. 04/19/2022 – 04/20/2022 (16 hours)
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@00958856	AC	Printer (100%) Family Medical Leave (FMLA/CFRA) Paid Leave Using Regular and Supplemental Sick Leave Until Exhausted; Unpaid Thereafter Eff. 04/19/2022 – 10/19/2022 (Intermittent Leave)
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@01411884	NOCE	Program Coordinator (100%) Family Medical Leave (FMLA/CFRA) Paid Leave Using Regular and Supplemental Sick Leave Until Exhausted; Unpaid Thereafter Eff. 05/11/2022 – 05/10/2023 (Intermittent Leave)
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@01949584	FC	Facilities Custodian I (100%) Unpaid Personal Leave of Absence Eff. 07/16/2022
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@00007934	NOCE	Instructional Assistant, ESL SB 114 (SPSL) Paid Leave Using Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Eff. 04/25/2022 (2.5 hours)
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@01938186	FC	Communications Specialist (100%) SB 114 (SPSL) Paid Leave Using Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Eff. 04/04/2022 – 04/06/2022 (18 hours)
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@00955785	FC	Electrician (100%) SB 114 (SPSL) Paid Leave Using Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Eff. 05/04/2022 – 05/05/2022 (16 hours)
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@00119388	FC	Student Services Technician, CalWORKs (100%) Family Medical Leave (FMLA/CFRA) Paid Leave Using Regular and Supplemental Sick Leave Until Exhausted; Unpaid Thereafter Eff. 06/21/2022 – 07/19/2022 (Consecutive Leave)
@00342535	FC	Facilities Custodian I (100%) Family Medical Leave (FMLA/CFRA) Paid Leave Using Regular and Supplemental Sick Leave Until Exhausted; Unpaid Thereafter Eff. 01/03/2022 – 05/18/2022 (Consecutive Leave)

**Item 5.c:** By the block vote, authorization was granted to approve the assignment of professional expert personnel per the professional expert listing.

(See Supplemental Minutes #1298 for a copy of the professional expert personnel listing.)

**Item 5.d:** By the block vote, authorization was granted to approve the hourly listing.

(See Supplemental Minutes #1298 for a copy of the hourly personnel listing.)

**Item 5.e:** By the block vote, authorization was granted for the assignment of volunteers per the volunteer listing.

(See Supplemental Minutes #1298 for a copy of the volunteer listing.)

**Item 5.f:** By block vote, authorization was granted to approve the revised 2022-23 Academic Calendar for Credit and Noncredit.

(See Supplemental Minutes #1298 for a copy of the academic calendar.)

## GENERAL

**Item 6.a:** The Board received and reviewed the 2022 Board assessment summaries.

Trustee Barbara Dunsheath commented that it was easy to compare the results to last year and noted that, as a whole, the Board's self-evaluation reflected lower scores when compared to last year, while the exact opposite was true for scores from the resource table and audience.

Student Trustee Erin Lacorte noted that when the majority of the Board doesn't provide a report it gives the impression that they need to be more active and inquired about the minimum level of professional development required for trustees.

Board President Jacqueline Rodarte stated that the assessment results will be looked at more thoroughly at the Board's upcoming retreat.

**Item 6.b:** It was moved by Trustee Ryan Bent and seconded by Trustee Evangelina Rosales that in lieu of having a COVID-19 vaccine and booster mandate, the Board of Trustees adopt a position of strongly recommending, rather than mandating, boosters for all employees and students, beginning June 1, 2022.

Prior to the discussion, trustees received the following public comments:

**Jodi Balma**, Fullerton College Faculty, stated she was 100% supportive of the COVID-19 vaccine mandate when it was first implemented, but noted that no one anticipated a fourth year of a pandemic. She urged the Board to re-evaluate their policies when neighboring districts are moving in the opposite direction, noted the delays in uploading vaccination records which can impact enrollment, and cautioned that students are going elsewhere due to frustration with the mask mandate.

**Marwin Luminarias**, Fullerton College Staff, advocated on behalf of Veteran students who are at risk of receiving a fraction of their student benefits if they cannot take classes and urged the Board to keep in mind that District mandates and course modality impact the lives of our student veterans.

**Christine Zarske**, Fullerton College Student, addressed the Board and provided a statement for the record, highlighting that students are not willing to get a COVID-19 vaccine booster or endure another semester of daily check-ins, and noted that students will opt to transfer to other community colleges who do not have those requirements. She requested the lifting of the requirements and more online classes for students not comfortable going on campus.

(See Supplemental Minutes #1298 for the full statement.)

During the discussion, it was moved by Trustee Ryan Bent and seconded by Trustee Stephen T. Blount to amend the recommendation to strongly recommend, but not mandate, the COVID-19 vaccine and booster, and mask and testing requirements for all employees and students, beginning June 1, 2022.

Chancellor Cliff Breland noted that a mask requirement has not historically been included in Board action, and that action has already been taken to lift it on June 1.

Trustee Ryan Bent stated that neighboring districts have removed their restrictions, that mandating vaccines is wrong and will cost the District students, and that strongly recommending is the way to go so that we do not create barriers for students.

Trustee Jeffrey P. Brown stated that trustees must balance two things: keeping people safe and not unduly inconveniencing people as to impact student enrollment. He expressed disappointment at not having a reading of what the constituent groups are saying on the matter and cautioned against ignoring how things were three years ago. He also expressed discomfort with doing away with every requirement because people are still getting sick and being hospitalized. A reasonable compromise would be to maintain the vaccine requirement, but not the booster.

Trustee Ed Lopez expressed his continued support for a vaccine and booster requirement and noted that he was not aware of any recommendations that should persuade the District to change course. He reiterated that vaccinations are the strongest tool to prevent death and stop the spread of infection in Orange County. He noted that the South Orange County Community College District is continuing their vaccine requirement through December 31 and has a policy stating that if the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) adds the booster to their recommendations, they will also require it, and suggested that perhaps the District should adopt the same course.

Student Trustee Meena Pandian agreed with Trustees Brown and Lopez, noting that students fear for their safety and want masks and safety measures in place.

Student Trustee Erin Lacorte stated that Fullerton College Associated Students support a booster requirement based on public safety, demographics, and health care access.

Trustee Barbara Dunsheath expressed support for the original recommendation, but not the amendment, noting that it is a middle ground. She stated that infection rates are down because of all of the measures that have been taken and it is important to do anything to help.

Trustee Stephen T. Blount expressed no change to his position.

Trustee Ryan Bent inquired about the vaccination rates for incoming K-12 students and whether they would have enough time to get vaccinated with a mandate in place, whether information about exemptions is shared with students, and cited a recent District survey that notes that 17-18% of current students plan to take fewer classes or not enroll because of the vaccine mandate.

Student Trustee Meena Pandian inquired about vaccination and exemption statistics for students, and it was shared that 72% of students districtwide are vaccinated, 4% have exemptions, and the remaining are likely online.

Trustee Ed Lopez referenced a Los Angeles Times article that mentioned a significant increase in infection rates which raised concerns about a significant increase this summer and that hospitalization rates are still relatively low but rising, and that people are still dying. While there may be inconveniences associated with the District mandate, preventing death is more important than enrollment.

Trustee Evangelina Rosales inquired why the K-12 vaccine mandate was pushed back, what the protocol is when someone tests positive or is exposed, and whether testing would still be in place.

Board President Jacqueline Rodarte stated that as we continue to look at the next semester, safety should be the priority and because of that she could not support the amendment.

The Board voted on the motion to amend the original recommendation and the **motion failed with Trustees Bent and Blount voting yes, and Trustees Brown, Dunsheath, Lopez, Rodarte, and Rosales voting no including Student Trustees Lacorte and Pandian's advisory votes.**

Subsequent to clarification that COVID testing will continue and that students are not precluded from registering under the District's vaccine mandate, the Board then voted on the original motion to strongly recommend, rather than mandate, boosters for all employees and students, beginning June 1, 2022. **Motion carried with Trustees Bent, Blount, Dunsheath, Rodarte, and Rosales voting yes, including Student Trustees Lacorte and Pandian's advisory votes, and with Trustees Brown and Lopez voting no.**

**Item 6.c:** Board President Jacqueline Rodarte asked if there were any requests for potential future Board agenda items. Student Trustee Erin Lacorte Proposed a future agenda item to discuss Assembly Bills 705 and 1705 regarding remedial placement tests and policies.

## CHANCELLOR'S STAFF COMMENTS

**Valentina Purtell** reported that NOCE hosted their Classified Appreciation Lunch which was the first in-person gathering after two years and thanked everyone who attended. President Purtell congratulated the Colleges on their successful commencements and shared that NOCE would celebrate their Commencement and Student Success Event on May 27 where 635 graduates would receive high school diplomas and program certificates.

**Gil Contreras** thanked those who attended the Fullerton College Commencement on May 21 and acknowledged those who helped coordinate the event including **Naomi Abesamis** and **Elaine Lipiz-Gonzalez**. Dr. Contreras reported that the President's Advisory Council endorsed naming the 200 Building after the late California Supreme Court Justice **Cruz Reynoso** and extended his thoughts and prayers to those affected by the Ulvalde elementary school shooting in Texas on May 24.

**JoAnna Schilling** extended her appreciation to those who attended the Cypress College Commencement on May 20 and to everyone involved with coordination including **Paul de Dios** and **Marc Posner**. She announced that the campus celebrated its first-ever Lavender Graduation for current, former, and future LGBTQ+ students and that Cypress College is celebrating Classified Appreciation Week with wellness events sponsored by SchoolsFirst Credit Union and an annual luncheon event on May 25.

## RESOURCE TABLE PERSONNEL COMMENTS

**Christie Diep** stated that it was wonderful to see tenured faculty being honored at the Board meeting and reported that United Faculty is working on efforts to prepare faculty to submit applications next semester related to lecture/lab parity that was included in the ratified Tentative Agreement with the District.

**Pamela Spence** expressed gratitude for the Classified Appreciation Week celebrations, announced the upcoming CSEA Breakfast on June 1, and highlighted classified shared governance participation with over 75 members across the District.

## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS

**Student Trustee Erin Lacorte** read a congratulatory thank you statement from the Student Senate for California Community Colleges, congratulated faculty achieving tenure, thanked the campuses for the Commencement ceremonies, and expressed thanks and words of advice to the Board.

**Student Trustee Meena Pandian** reported on the Associated Students General Election, and thanked everyone who supported her over the year, including Associated Students, the Board, and **Cypress College President JoAnna Schilling**.

**Trustee Evangelina Rosales** congratulated the tenured faculty, expressed her appreciation for Classified staff, and wished the Student Trustees the best of luck.

**Trustee Stephen T. Blount** reported that he looked forward to the upcoming Cypress College Foundation Board of Directors meeting.

**Trustee Barbara Dunsheath** congratulated faculty achieving tenure and graduating students—including Student Trustees **Meena Pandian** and **Erin Lacorte**—and reported on her attendance at the Cypress College Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

**Board President Jacqueline Rodarte** congratulated the faculty members who received tenure and thanked the student trustees for their service on the Board.

## **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Rabbi David Eliezrie** addressed the Board to state he was deeply saddened to have to address the Board regarding a letter distributed by the District on behalf of the South West Asian, North African (SWANA) Faculty and Staff Association that included falsehoods, distortions of reality, and antisemitism. He noted that there is nothing wrong with criticizing Israel, but antisemitism goes beyond that and calls for the destruction of Israel. He said that the District has not shared letters for other issues and is holding Israel to a different standard. He demanded the letter be retracted and that the person who sent it should be terminated.

**Alex Burkat** addressed the Board regarding the SWANA letter noting that the reporter's death was a tragic event, but the statement was wrong and hurtful with its claims. He noted that statistics of deaths of journalists in the most dangerous countries are available, but the only statement issued by SWANA is the one associated with Israel because their intent was to single out and malign the Jewish state.

**Nick Arman**, Fullerton College Interim Dean, addressed the Board regarding the SWANA letter that was antisemitic and biased, and which the District had no business propagating. In light of the District's anti-racist efforts and anti-hatred statement, it cannot, and should not tolerate or endorse antisemitic and political propaganda. He urged the Board to retract the letter and apologize for this propagation of hate speech.

**Clifford Lester** addressed the Board and shared that he is the creator of the Cypress College Holocaust Memorial in memory of his mother. He stated that antisemitism is at its highest, that it happens in many ways and manifests when we do nothing, and that it is rearing its ugly head here with the SWANA letter and statement on the District website. He noted that the Board had three options: do nothing, send out letters placating the Jewish community, or take a stand this evening by apologizing and holding those involved accountable. He urged them to be courageous and not be bystanders.

**Moshe Cirt** addressed the Board regarding the SWANA statement to provide context noting when the reporter was killed, Palestinians also shot and killed an Israeli, and that Israel requested an autopsy and to claim responsibility if needed, but there was a refusal to comply.

**Eileen Schneider** read a statement from the Anti-Defamation League of Long Beach in response to the SWANA letter which made many problematic claims and biased assumptions, and urged people to recognize the distinction between Israel's policies and the extinction of the Jewish state. She expressed concern with promotion of the statement by the District, its devastating effect, and the District's responsibility to reflect and send a clear message to support the entire community.

**Melissa Bruckner** addressed the Board and stated that the destruction of Israel seeks to destroy Jewish people and there should be no place for hatred anywhere. She said that



SWANA and the District should be ashamed if this is what they support, and should use this moment as an opportunity for change.

**Yoni Leitner** addressed the Board to express outrage over the SWANA letter that was replete with rhetoric, hatred, and untruths. He urged that the person who sent the letter be held accountable and people boycott SWANA for the lies that are being shared because there is no place for hate speech in our community or country.

**Mali Leitner**, Past President of the Jewish Community Center of Orange County, asked how it is possible for a state-funded organization to send misinformation with hate towards Israel and lies about how the poor journalist was killed. She noted that the Israeli army does not have the authority to just shoot people, and that despite having Muslim members in the Israeli parliament, Israel is still being called an apartheid state. She called the journalist being killed an unbelievable tragedy, and stated that Israel called for a joint investigation, but the Palestinians refused.

**Stella Eliezrie** addressed the Board to share that the Jewish community does not need the love of the world, but they also do not need their hate because they have a long history of being hated. She inquired how SWANA is funded, urged the Board to take her words to heart, and wished the District continued success in their noble work.

**David Halahmy**, Chair of the Cypress College History Department, shared that Jewish history includes persecution, torture, and murder, but also the development of modern-day Israel. He noted that the Holocaust happened because the safe space that is Israel did not exist at that time. The SWANA letter stated that Israel should not exist, and that outrageous message was then shared by the District Diversity Office. He stated that the District now has a duty and responsibility to call out the antisemitic message and not merely respond that the letter should not have been shared.

At the conclusion of the public comments, Board President Jacqueline Rodarte stated that the Board does not typically respond to public comments, but noted that the District does not endorse any antisemitic behavior. She shared that the District is looking into the matter and will follow-up within the next few days, and expressed her appreciation for their patience.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 9:34 p.m., Board President Jacqueline Rodarte adjourned the meeting to closed session per the following sections of the Government Code and stated there would not be a read out:

**Per Section 54957.6: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR IRMA RAMOS, VICE CHANCELLOR, HUMAN RESOURCES; Employee Organizations: United Faculty/CCA/CTA/NEA, Adjunct Faculty United Local 6106, CSEA Chapter #167, and Unrepresented Employees.**

**Per Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**

**Per Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE: Fullerton College President.**

**Per Section 54956.9(d)(2): CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: ANTICIPATED LITIGATION: One (1) Potential Case.**

**Per Section 54957(a): THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES: Consultation with Security Consultant.**

**RECONVENE MEETING:** At 10:57 p.m., Board President Jacqueline Rodarte reconvened the meeting in open session.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 10:57 p.m., it was moved by Trustee Barbara Dunsheath and seconded by Trustee Stephen T. Blount to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried with Trustees Bent, Blount, Brown, Dunsheath, Lopez, Rodarte, and Rosales voting yes.**

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