

Navajo County Community College District Governing Board Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.
Painted Desert Campus, Tiponi Community Center
2251 East Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook, Arizona

Governing Board Member Present: Mr. Frank Lucero; Mr. Everett Robinson; Mr. Elias Jouen; Ms. Kristine Laughter; Mr. Derrick Leslie.

Governing Board Member Present by Phone:

Governing Board Member Absent:

Staff Present: President Chato Hazelbaker; Interim Vice President for Learning and Student Services (VPLSS) Mike Solomonson; Vice President for Administrative Services (VPAS) Maderia Ellison; Chief Information Officer (CIO) Scott Estes; Director of Institutional Effectiveness Judy Yip-Reyes; Recording Secretary to the Board Paul Hempsey.

Others Present: Norvita Charleston; David Borofsky; David Huish; Terrie Shevat.

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Lucero called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Robinson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Leslie seconded the motion. The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Robinson, Mr. Jouen, Ms. Laughter, Mr. Leslie, and Chair Lucero voting in favor. There were no votes against.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion Items

3.A. Strategic Goal Areas

President Hazelbaker welcomed the Board to the Fall Retreat and provided a recap of the Board approved Strategic Goal Areas and what would come next as the college works towards the identified goals.

3.B. Facilities Master Planning Projects

VPAS Ellison and Director of Facilities and Vehicles addressed the Board and presented an update on current construction at the White Mountain Campus (WMC) plus additional information on potential next steps. VPAS Ellison noted the college may be looking at reprioritization of future projects.

Director Huish went in to detail on new construction, renovations and potential repairs at the White Mountain Campus and Little Colorado Campus, answering questions along the way.



Mr. Robinson asked if the potential new General Education building at White Mountain Campus could be designed with a third story in mind if it were needed in the future. Director Huish noted that it could be designed this way.

Ms. Laughter noted her vision for a collaborative space for students at all locations. President Hazelbaker and Director Huish noted some of the discussions that had already taken place along a similar vein.

VPAS Ellison noted one of the discussion points for the WMC was getting out of the multiple modular buildings currently in use, but these modular still had a five to seven-year life left which gives the college some time to reassess needs.

Mr. Robinson noted that the Small Business Development Center had looked at renting space off campus in the past and that could assist with any remodeling that would take place. Director Huish noted the partnership with Northern Arizona University who have space in the current Learning Center.

Chair Lucero asked if the Board could receive an aerial rendering on the entire Winslow campus with property lines included. Director Huish responded that he could provide that at a future meeting.

Chair Lucero asked for the estimated cost for each renovation or addition at the Little Colorado Campus which Director Huish provided, noting that each were estimated on current costs the college is facing. Chair Lucero asked for details on the expansion of the Blunk Building as opposed to renovating the Multipurpose Building. President Hazelbaker noted that staff could bring details forward in the future to assist the Board in comparing options.

Mr. Leslie noted that the presentation was worthwhile but felt the conversations were premature given the lack of a strategic plan which would link the construction projects to the approved Strategic Goal Areas. President Hazelbaker commented that he would provide those details to the Board at a future meeting.

3.C. District Governing Board Guidelines and Best Practices

Dr. David Borofsky, Director of the Arizona Association of Community College Trustees (AACCT), addressed the Board and introduced himself to the members he had not had a chance to meet. Dr. Borofsky then presented on his history within community colleges, the AACCT, Board Guidelines and Best Practices, before closing with some scenario-based questions to the Board.

3.D. Legislative Priorities

President Hazelbaker provided an overview of the college's legislative priorities, at both the state and federal level.

Mr. Leslie asked for clarification on the one-time funding and rural funding mentioned. President Hazelbaker confirmed they were the same thing.



Mr. Leslie asked for more information on the Out-of-County reimbursement issues which President Hazelbaker provided noting the formula was the main issue.

3.E. Human Resources

President Hazelbaker provided an update on the search for an Interim Chief Human Resources Office (CHRO) and the position in the long-term.

Mr. Leslie asked if the position would remain at the CHRO level in the future. President Hazelbaker responded that he hoped the Interim CHRO identified might be able to help answer that question.

3.F. Board Communication and Informational Needs

Recording Secretary to the Board, Paul Hempsey, addressed the Board and offered the opportunity for Board Members to address any communication and information needs they might have.

Mr. Leslie commented that he appreciated the weekly reports prepared by the President but at times, where possible, a little more detail would be appreciated. Mr. Leslie also noted he would appreciate more information on the college's Strategic Planning efforts in both the weekly reports and on the regular meeting agendas.

VPAS Ellison asked if the Board was satisfied with the Financial Reports they received in Board meetings and if they would like any changes. Board Member Jouen noted that he appreciated the information provided and would like VPAS Ellison to continue with the current format.

Mr. Leslie asked for information on the current legal situation around the pandemic and how recent decisions would affect the college. President Hazelbaker provided a brief update and mentioned that he would continue to update the Board.

Agenda Item 4: Announcement of Next Regular Meeting

Regular District Governing Board meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 10 a.m.

Agenda Item 5: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. upon a motion by Mr. Leslie and a second by Mr. Jouen. The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Robinson, Mr. Jouen, Ms. Laughter, Mr. Leslie, and Chair Lucero voting in favor. There were no votes against.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Hempsey
Recording Secretary to the Board

