

# Navajo County Community College District Governing Board Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2025 – 2:00p.m.

Painted Desert Campus, Nizhoni Learning Center Room NLC142

2251 East Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook, Arizona

The meeting location will be open to the public at 1:55 p.m. at the latest.

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**Governing Board Members Present:** Chair Everett Robinson, Ms. Rosie Sekayumptewa; Ms. Kristine Laughter; Mr. Derrick Leslie

**Governing Board Member Absent:** Mr. Frank Lucero

**Others Present:** President Von Lawson; VPAS Maderia Ellison Julia Wilson, Rennie Hutton

**Remote Attendees:** IVPHR Nicole Ulibarri; Justin White, Chris Welker

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 2:03p.m.

## **Agenda Item 1: Adoption of Agenda**

*Chair Robinson asked if there was a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Leslie made a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Sekayumptewa seconded the motion.*

*The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, Ms. Laughter and Chair Robinson voting in favor. There were no votes against.*

## **Agenda Item 2: Call for Public Comment**

None.

## **Agenda Item 3: Discussion Items**

### **3.A. Old Business**

None

### **3.B. New Business**

#### **3.B.1 Executive Session 1**

#### **3.B.2 Executive Session 2**

#### **3.B.3 Executive Session 3**

**The Board voted to enter Executive Sessions 1, 2, and 3 at 2:05pm.**



*Mr. Leslie made a motion to enter into Executive Sessions 1, 2, 3. Ms. Sekayumptewa seconded the motion. The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Ms. Laughter, Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, and Chair Robinson voting in favor.*

**The Board returned to public session at 3:43 pm.**

**3.B.4. Action from Executive Sessions 1, 2, 3**

Chair Robinson called for a motion to proceed as directed by legal counsel for Executive Session 1, no action necessary for Executive Session 2, and for staff to proceed as directed from Executive Session 3.

*Mr. Leslie made a motion for the actions from Executive Sessions 1, 2, and 3 as listed by Chair Robinson. Ms. Sekayumptewa seconded the motion. The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Ms. Laughter, Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, and Chair Robinson voting in favor.*

**3.B.5 Request to accept resignation letter from Board Member Frank Lucero**

Chair Robinson recommended accepting the letter of resignation from Board Member Frank Lucero and declaring a vacancy on the Navajo County Community College District Governing Board.

Board Members Leslie, Laughter, and Sekayumptewa all shared memories and thoughts of gratitude for Mr. Lucero's service.

Chair Robinson noted that he will follow up with the Navajo County School Superintendent to begin a search for a new Board Member.

*Mr. Leslie made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Mr. Lucero and declare a vacancy on the Board. ns 1, 2, and 3 as listed by Chair Robinson. Ms. Sekayumptewa seconded the motion. The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Ms. Laughter, Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, and Chair Robinson voting in favor.*

**3.B.6 Discussion on board member attire for commencement**

Chair Robinson led a discussion on the purchase of regalia for the board for NPC commencement ceremonies.

Dr. Lawson commented that it is not mandatory for the Board to wear regalia to commencement, but that it was an option if desired.

Chair Robinson commented that historically the board has not worn regalia and that he would prefer not to wear regalia.

Ms. Laughter commented that she was fine wearing her own clothes.

Ms. Sekayumptewa commented that she is okay with wearing regalia with her traditional clothes under the regalia.

The Board decided against wearing regalia to commencement.



## Agenda Item 4: Announcement of Next Regular Meeting

January 20, 2026

## Agenda Item 11: Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m. upon a motion by Mr. Leslie and a second by Ms. Sekayumptewa. The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Ms. Sekayumptewa, Mr. Leslie, Ms. Laughter and Chair Robinson voting in favor. There were no votes against.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Julia Wilson  
Recording Secretary to the Board

