# Navajo County Community College District Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2026 – 10:00a.m.

**Northland Pioneer College Painted Desert Campus, Tiponi Community Center Board Room**

**2251 East Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook, AZ 86025**

**Governing Board Members Present:** Chair Everett Robinson; Ms. Rosie Sekayumptewa; Mr. Derrick Leslie (remote); Mr. Porter Black (joined remotely at 10:36 a.m.)

**Governing Board Members Absent:** Ms. Kristine Laughter

**Others Present:** Recording Secretary to the Board Julia Wilson (not present during Executive Session)

**Remote Attendees:** Attorney Jamie Mayrose; Susan Hoffman; Susan Jensen; Beth Giacalone; Chole Fagotti; Daphne Brimhall; Mark Vest; Aaron McCollam; Alethia Broderick; Dr. Alexander Henderson; Dr. Alexandrea Stritmatter; Barbara Dixon; Brenda Silversmith; Brynn Chlarson; Candace Morehouse; Kate Buckhorn; Dr. Jeri Lastine; Colten Hood; Dan Groeneveld; Dawn Blunt; Debra Gibbons; Dora Jaquez; Thyra Jensen; Elzabeth Giacalone; Ruth Zimmerman; Ed Wilson; AVP Dr. Farah Bughio; Forest Fish; Francis Skibicki; Horacio Luna; Janalda Nash; Janice Childers; Jeanette Hancock; Jefferson Hunt; Jennifer Brimhall; Jessica Guzman; Jessica Kitchens; Jodie Humphrey; Josh Rogers; Julius Marshall; Karen Baker; Kelsey Cox; Kenneth Coggin; Kimberly Reed; Libby James; Maragaret Deming; Melissa Willis; AVP Michael Jacob; Dr. Michael Broyles; Muriel Metcalf; Natalie Kee; VPHR Nicole Ulibarri; Norvita Charleston; Pamela Dominguez; Eileen Lopez; Rebecca Diggs; Rhonda Paladino; AVP Rich Chanick; Rickey Jackson; Ryan Jones; Samuel Terry; Tamora Herring; Tia Owens; Tiffani Martin; Thyra Jensen; Tonya Thacker

## Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

## Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda

*Ms. Sekayumptewa motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Leslie seconded the motion. Chair Robinson called for a vote to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa and Chair Robinson all voted in the affirmative. There were no votes against.*

## Agenda Item 3: For Discussion and Possible Action:

### A. Old Business

1. **Executive Session**
   Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38.431.03(A)(1) the Board may vote to enter into Executive Session for discussion or consideration regarding the employment, assignment, promotion, salary, demotion, dismissal, disciplining, or resignation of a public officer and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) consultation with the District's Attorney.

*Chair Robinson called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Leslie motioned to enter Executive Session. Ms. Sekayumptewa seconded the motion. Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa and Chair Robinson all voted in the affirmative. There were no votes against.*





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**The Board entered Executive Session at 10:13 a.m.**

**Board Member Black joined the Executive Session remotely at 10:36 a.m.**

**The Board returned to public session at 12:21 p.m.**

Chair Robinson made the following statement prior to continuing with the remaining agenda items:

All individuals regardless of religion should have the opportunity to equitably engage with, participate in, and benefit from the NPC community. The board also believes that people are entitled to personal expressions of faith. Diversity makes us a stronger community

2. **Action from Executive Session**
   a. **Grievance filed by Dr. Allison Landy:** Mr. Leslie motioned to find the grievance had partial merit and motioned the Board to have a discussion with President regarding the conduct expected of the President. Ms. Sekayumptewa seconded the motion.

*Chair Robinson called for a vote to accept Mr. Leslie's motion. Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, Mr. Black and Chair Robinson all voted in the affirmative. There were no votes against.*

   b. **Grievance filed by Andi De Bellis:** Mr. Leslie motioned to find the grievance had partial merit and motioned the Board to have a discussion with President regarding the conduct expected of the President. Ms. Sekayumptewa seconded the motion.

*Chair Robinson called for a vote to accept Mr. Leslie's motion. Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, Mr. Black and Chair Robinson all voted in the affirmative. There were no votes against.*

   c. **Grievance filed by Autom Christensen:** Mr. Leslie motioned to find the grievance had no merit and no further action be taken. Ms. Sekayumptewa seconded the motion.

*Chair Robinson called for a vote to accept Mr. Leslie's motion. Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, Mr. Black and Chair Robinson all voted in the affirmative. There were no votes against.*

   d. **Grievance filed by Colleen Marsh:** Mr. Leslie commented that this was a clarifying motion on the Board's findings and motioned to find that the grievance had no merit and no further action be taken. Ms. Sekayumptewa seconded the motion.

*Chair Robinson called for a vote to accept Mr. Leslie's motion. Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, Mr. Black and Chair Robinson all voted in the affirmative. There were no votes against.*



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e. **Grievance filed by Pat Lopez:** Mr. Leslie commented that this was a clarifying motion on the Board's findings and motioned to find that the grievance had partial merit and motioned the Board to have a discussion with President regarding the conduct expected of the President. Ms. Sekayumptewa seconded the motion.

*Chair Robinson called for a vote to accept Mr. Leslie's motion. Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, Mr. Black and Chair Robinson all voted in the affirmative. There were no votes against.*

**B. New Business**

1. **Request for Governing Board Review of Administrative Practices, Shared Governance, and Institutional Stewardship:** Mr. Leslie motioned to acknowledge receipt of the request and will address the concerns raised at a future Board meeting. Ms. Sekayumptewa seconded the motion.
   **a.** Mr. Leslie also noted that a complaint filed with the Higher Learning Commission stating similar issues was reviewed and the HLC found that the College was substantively in compliance.

*Chair Robinson called for a vote to accept Mr. Leslie's motion. Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, Mr. Black and Chair Robinson all voted in the affirmative. There were no votes against.*

## Agenda Item 4: Call for Public Comment

Ed Wilson and Rickey Jackson requested and received permission to address the Board. The Board did not comment on the statements, but will consider the matters at a future meeting.

## Agenda Item 5: DGB Agenda Items and Informational Needs for Future Meetings

None.

## Agenda Item 5: Announcement of Next Regular Meeting on August 18, 2026

## Agenda Item 6: Adjournment

Chair Robinson adjourned the special meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Wilson

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Recording Secretary to the Board



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