

Navajo County Community College District Governing Board Truth in Taxation Public Hearing Minutes

May 19, 2026 – 10:00a.m.

Northland Pioneer College Painted Desert Campus, Tiponi Community Center Board Room
2251 East Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook, AZ 86025

Governing Board Member Present: Chair Everett Robinson; Mr. Porter Black; Ms. Rosie Sekayumptewa; Ms. Kristine Laughter

Governing Board Members Absent: Mr. Derrick Leslie

Others Present: President Von Lawson; EVPLSS Michael Solomonson; VPAS Maderia Ellison; VPHR Nicole Ulibarri; AVP Michael Jacob; AVP Katie Matott; Dr. Michael Broyles; Horatio Luna; Rennie Gonzales; Julia Wilson; Melody Niesen; Dr. Tabitha Stickel; Dr. Jeremy Raisor; Rebecca Hunt; Andrew Farr; Cynthia Blevins; Alethia Broderick; Josh Rogers; Colleen Marsh; Chelsea Wood; Brynn Chlarson; Justin White; Jesse Reeck; Erika Lord; Jessica Kitchens; Russell Kupfer; NAVIT Superintendent Matt Weber

Remote Attendees: Ben Turner; Rebeccah Sweet; Francis Skibicki; Charity Butler; Alexandria Strittmatter; Kerri Larson; Brynna Johnson; Jeri Lastine; Dr. Farah Bughio; Rachel Townsend; Lia Keenan; Jennifer Brimhall; Candace Morehouse; Carla Wall; Bryan Heasty; Talaina Kor (Painted Desert Tribune); Elizabeth McKey; Andi Debellis; Karen Zimmerman; Staci Alatsis (SPS+ Architects); Sonali Shukia (SPS+ Architects)

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Chair Robinson called the hearing to order at 9:59 a.m.

Agenda Item 2: Public Hearing – Truth in Taxation Publications

Director of Financial Services Russell Kupfer reported that NPC complied with all applicable Arizona Revised Statutes concerning public notification requirements. Notices were published in the White Mountain Independent and the Painted Desert Tribune, press releases were issued, and all required documents were posted on the college website.

Documentation provided included:

- Truth in Taxation hearing notice
- News releases
- Legal notices
- Levy limit worksheets (FY2025 and FY2026)
- Truth in Taxation analysis
- Historical tax levy and tax rate comparison graphs

Agenda Item 3: Public Hearing – Truth in Taxation

Director of Financial Services Russell Kupfer reviewed the levy limit calculations and explained that the college is requesting the maximum allowable levy. Although the tax rate decreased



slightly from the previous year due to increased property valuations, the total levy amount increased in accordance with statutory formulas.

Agenda Item 4: Call for Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item 5: Adjournment

Chair Robinson adjourned the hearing 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Julia Wilson
Recording Secretary to the Board

