

Navajo County Community College District Governing Board Meeting Minutes

May 20 – 10:28a.m.

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

Governing Board Member Present: Chair. Everett Robinson, Ms. Kristine Laughter; Mr. Frank Lucero; Ms. Rosie Sekayumtewa; Derrick Leslie

Governing Board Member Absent:

Others Present: President Von Lawson; VPLSS Michael Solomonson; CIO Michael Jacob; Betsy Wilson; VPAS Maderia Ellison; VPHR Nicole Ulibarri; Katie Matott; Justin White; Russell Kupfer; Allison Landy; Becca Hunt; Norvita Charleston; Farah Bughio; Amanda Sutter; Melody Niesen; Michael Broyles; Tabitha Stickel; Talaina Fisher; Erin Pug; Paul Hempsey; Jeremy Raisor; Lia Keenan; Betsy Wilson; Jeese Reeck; Jonathan Lawrence; Angie King; Josh Rogers; Kenneth Coggin; Karen Baker, Olivia Jaquez; Kate Hahn

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:28a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of Agenda

Chair Robinson asked if there was a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Leslie made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. Mr. Lucero seconded the motion.

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

Agenda Item 3: Call for Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item 4: Discussion Items

4.A.1. Financial Position

VPAS Ellison expanded on the report provided in the packet.

No questions.

4.A.2. NPC Student Government Association (SGA)

Art Club President, Vicki Bessinger, recorded a video for the Board.



No questions.

4.A.3. NPC Faculty Association

Faculty Association President, Andi DeBellis, gave the Board an update.

No questions.

4.A.4. Classified and Administrative Staff Organization (CASO)

Melissa Willis gave the Board an update. Kate Hahn gave the Board a presentation on Early College.

Ms. Laughter asked about how program health was evaluated and whether lack of advisors was an issue. Ms. Hahn responded there are program evaluations and program coordinators and that the number of advisors was an issue.

Ms. Laughter asked for the number of students that achieved an AA degree before graduating high school. Ms. Hahn stated she did not have those numbers.

Ms. Laughter expressed her appreciation for Early College and asked President Lawson if there were ways to improve. President Lawson responded yes and that work was being done.

Mr. Leslie asked if there was data on the student and advisor ratio and that he would like to see that at the next meeting.

4.A.5. Compensation Committee

Associate Dean, Allison Landy, gave the Board an update.

No questions.

4.A.6. Northland Pioneer College (NPC) Friends and Family

Betsy Wilson, Director of NPC Friends and Family gave an update on scholarships and NPC Friends and Family.

No questions.

4.A.7. Human Resources

VPHR Nicole Ulibarri elaborated on a report provided in the packet.

No questions.

4.A.8. Construction Report

Director Justin White gave the Board an update on construction projects.

No questions.



4.A.9. Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Implementation Update

Becca Hunt gave the Board an update.

No questions.

6.A.10. Arizona Association of Community College Trustees (AACCT)

Chair Robinson gave the Board an update.

Mr. Leslie asked when and how the college could create its own federal and state priorities to send to representatives. Dr. Lawson responded that, as part of a reorganization effort, a new role of governmental affairs liaison will be created.

Agenda Item 5: President's Report.

President Von Lawson presented his update to the Board.

Mr. Leslie asked if there was any information on coal revitalization. Dr. Lawson responded there was no news yet.

Mr. Leslie requested that Friday reports continue. Dr. Lawson responded that he would, though it would be different from previous Presidents.

Mr. Leslie inquired about DEI and how Tribal identity was a different issue. Dr. Lawson responded that the college hasn't changed anything with regards to Tribal Nations and doesn't intend to violate current initiatives under the current administration.

Break

The Board took a break from 11:51a.m. to 11:58a.m.

Agenda Item 6: Board Requested Update.

Dean Jeremy Raisor gave the Board an update on requested items.

Mr. Lucero asked how much space NPC had behind the skills center at PDC. Dean Raisor and Director White worked to find an answer.

Chair Robinson commented on space owned by NPC at the Silver Creek Campus.

Ms. Laughter commented that the high school in Kayenta had great facilities and would be a great partner.

Agenda Item 7: Consent Agenda

A. April 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes (Farah Bughio)



*Mr. Leslie made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Mr. Lucero seconded the motion. **The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Lucero, Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, Ms. Laughter and Chair Robinson voting in favor. There were no votes against.***

Agenda Item 8: For Discussion and Possible Action

8.A. Old Business

8.B. New Business

8.B.1. Request to Approve Annual Microsoft Volume Licensing for 2025-26

CIO Michael Jacob requested the Board approve the purchase of annual Microsoft volume licensing for 2025 – 26.

Ms. Laughter asked if the college used Google software. CIO Jacob responded that the college has those capabilities, though Microsoft is the preferred software. Ms. Laughter expressed concern about the capabilities being the same between the two.

*Mr. Lucero made a motion to approve the purchase of annual Microsoft volume licensing for 2025 – 26 for \$140,654.26. Mr. Leslie seconded the motion. **The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Lucero, Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, Ms. Laughter and Chair Robinson voting in favor. There were no votes against.***

8.B.2. Request to Approve Cisco Security Enterprise Agreement for 2025 - 26

CIO Michael Jacob requested that the Board approve the purchase of Cisco Security Enterprise Agreement for 2025 – 26

Mr. Lucero asked if the price went down because of the previous item. CIO Jacob responded that it was due to a staff member auditing and eliminating waste.

*Mr. Lucero made a motion to approve the purchase of Cisco Security Enterprise Agreement for 2025 – 26 for \$647, 822.85. Mr. Leslie seconded the motion. **The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Lucero, Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, Ms. Laughter and Chair Robinson voting in favor. There were no votes against***

8.B.3 Request to Approve Purchase of Broadband Technician Training Equipment.

Dean Raisor requested the Board approve the purchase of broadband technician training equipment.

Mr. Lucero asked if we would be training technicians. Dean Raisor responded yes. Mr. Lucero asked when the classes would start. Dean Raisor responded this fall.

*Mr. Lucero made a motion to approve the purchase of Broadband Technician Training Equipment for \$173,688.71. Mr. Leslie seconded the motion. **The motion carried upon a roll-***



call vote with Mr. Lucero, Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, Ms. Laughter and Chair Robinson voting in favor. There were no votes against

8.B.4. Request to Approve Purchase of Surgical Technician Training Equipment.

Dean Raisor requested the Board approve the purchase of surgical technician training equipment.

Chair Robinson asked if the Perkins grant would be used for this. Dean Raisor responded it was in the capital budget.

*Mr. Leslie made a motion to approve the purchase of surgical technician training equipment for \$216,442.50. Ms. Laughter seconded the motion. **The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Lucero, Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, Ms. Laughter and Chair Robinson voting in favor. There were no votes against.***

8.B.5 Request to Approve Kayenta Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Contract

Director White requested the Board approve a CMAR for Kayenta construction.

Mr. Lucero asked how long the design phase would take. Director White responded 4 – 5 months.

Chair Robinson asked if the CMAR did the design. Director White responded that they worked with the architect to design the building for the budget.

*Ms. Laughter made a motion to approve the Kayenta CMAR contract for \$63, 156. Mr. Leslie seconded the motion. **The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Lucero, Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa and Ms. Laughter voting in favor. Chair Robinson voted against.***

8.B.6. Request to Approve Design Fee Contract with SPS+ for Kayenta Center

Director White requested that the Board approve a design fee contract with SPS+ for the Kayenta center.

No questions.

*Ms. Laughter made a motion to approve the design fee contract with SPS+ for the Kayenta center for \$711,388. Mr. Leslie seconded the motion. **The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Lucero, Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa and Ms. Laughter voting in favor. Chair Robinson voted against.***

8.B.7. Request to Approve Proposals for Pavement Projects at NPC

Director White requested the Board approve proposals for pavement projects at NPC.



Chair Robinson inquired about flooding in the SCC parking lot and whether that was normal. Director White stated that it was normal.

*Mr. Lucero made a motion to approve the proposals for pavement projects at NPC for \$145,416. Mr. Leslie seconded the motion. **The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Lucero, Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, Ms. Laughter and Chair Robinson voting in favor. There were no votes against***

8.B.8. Request to Approve Proposal to Upgrade Communication Systems in Show Low.
Director White requested that the Board approve a proposal to upgrade the communication systems in Show Low.

Chair Robinson asked if the upgrade was from Cat 5 to Cat 6. Director White responded yes.

*Mr. Lucero made a motion to approve a proposals to upgrade communication systems in Show Low for \$55,678.30. Mr. Leslie seconded the motion. **The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Lucero, Mr. Leslie, Ms. Sekayumptewa, Ms. Laughter and Chair Robinson voting in favor. There were no votes against***

8.B.9. Request to Approve Purchase of Multi-Year EBSCO Package.
VPLSS Solomonson requested the Board approve the purchase of the multi-year EBSCO package.

Mr. Lucero asked if this would be accessible online or in the library. VPLSS Solomonson responded it should be accessible online.

Agenda Item 9: DGB Agenda Items and Informational Needs for Future Meetings.

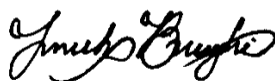
Agenda Item 10: Board Report/Summary of Current and Upcoming Events

Agenda Item 11: Announcement of Next Regular Meeting July 15, 2025

Agenda Item 12: Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m. upon a motion by Mr. Leslie and a second by Mr. Lucero. **The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Ms. Sekayumptewa, Mr. Lucero, Mr. Leslie Ms. Laughter and Chair Robinson voting in favor. There were no votes against.***

Respectfully submitted,



Farah Bughio
Recording Secretary to the Board

Approved

