

# Navajo County Community College District Special Board Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.  
Painted Desert Campus, Tiponi Community Center  
2251 East Navajo Boulevard, Holbrook, Arizona

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**Governing Board Member Present:** Mr. Frank Lucero; Mr. James Matteson; Mr. Derrick Leslie.

**Governing Board Member Absent:** Mr. George Joe; Mr. Daniel Peaches.

**Staff Present:** President Jeanne Swarhout; Vice President Mark Vest; Chief Business Officer (CBO) Maderia Ellison; Chief Operations Officer (COO) Jason Foutz; Chief Information Officer (CIO) PJ Way; Recording Secretary to the Board Paul Hempsey.

**Others Present:** Kim Reed; Everett Robinson; Laura Parsons; Betsyann Wilson; Ann Hess; Jeremy Raisor; Peggy Belknap; Stuart Bishop; Randy Hoskins; Pat Lopez; Ryan Rademacher; Cara Joe-Dukepoo; Rickey Jackson; Bill Fee; Ed Gentry; Gail Campbell.

## **Agenda Item 1: Call to Order**

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

## **Agenda Item 2: Request to Approve 2017-2018 Proposed Tax Levy**

CBO Ellison reviewed the Request to Approve the 2017-2018 Proposed Tax Levy stating that there was no changes from the information provided in April and staff recommends approval.

Chair Lucero noted his concern that issues revolving around the closure of Cholla would continue to place more of a tax burden on the remaining property tax payers in the county. Mr. Matteson agreed with Chair Lucero's concern but noted the college was formed to provide educational opportunities to the residents of the county and if we do not provide adequate funding the burden will fall on the students, through tuition rates, and believes it is fair and equitable to spread the burden to property holders and businesses in the area. Chair Lucero noted that, as everyone will be doing, the college should also be tightening its belt for the future. President Swarhout commented that staff were tasked and committed to coming up with three major alternatives to provide cost savings for the college over the summer months.

*Mr. Matteson moved to approve the proposed 2017-2018 property tax levy rate as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leslie. The vote passed upon a roll-call vote, with affirmative votes from Mr. Matteson, and Mr. Leslie. Chair Lucero opposed.*

## **Agenda Item 3: Request to Approve 2017-2018 Proposed Budget**

CBO Ellison reviewed the request to Approve 2016-2017 Proposed Budget with the Board stating there had been no changes since the Board approved the preliminary budget in April.



*Mr. Matteson moved to adopt the proposed 2017-2018 budget as presented. Mr. Leslie seconded the motion. **The motion passed upon a unanimous roll-call vote.***

**Agenda Item 4: Request to Adopt 2017-2020 Proposed Capital Budget**

CBO Ellison reviewed the request to adopt the 2017-2020 Capital Budget stating staff recommends approval.

Mr. Matteson confirmed that there were no changes to our expected revenues in the State Budget. CBO Ellison confirmed there were no changes and the correct amounts were included in the budgets presented.

*Mr. Matteson moved for adoption of the 2017-2020 proposed capital budget as presented. Mr. Leslie seconded. **The motion passed with a unanimous roll-call vote.***

**Agenda Item 5: Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m. upon a motion by Mr. Matteson, a second by Mr. Leslie, and a unanimous affirmative vote.*

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Hempsey  
Recording Secretary to the Board

