

# Navajo County Community College District Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2017 – 11:30 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. Daniel Peaches; Mr. James Matteson; Mr. Derrick Leslie; Mr. George Joe.

**Governing Board Member Absent:**

**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; Peggy Belknap; Matt Weber; Ed Gentry; Linda Kor; Gail Campbell; Pat Lopez.

**Others Present by Phone:** Mr. Jesse Thompson; Mr. John Hutchinson.

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

Chair Lucero called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

## **Agenda Item 2: Adoption of Agenda**

*Mr. Peaches moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Joe seconded the motion. **The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.***

## **Agenda Item 3: Call for Public Comment**

None.

## **Agenda Item 4: Old Business**

### **4.A. Presidential Search**

Mr. Jesse Thompson and Mr. John Hutchinson, from the firm RH Perry and Associates, introduced themselves to the Board and offered to answer any questions the Board may have. Mr. Hutchinson stated that he had three main questions he would like the Board to answer. These are:

1. What are the significant challenges facing Northland Pioneer College?
2. What opportunities do you see for Northland Pioneer College in the future?
3. What are the particular skills, experiences, and qualifications would you like to see in your next President?

The Board discussed their answers with the representatives from the search firm.



Mr. Thompson asked when the Higher Learning Commission Accreditation visit was scheduled for. President Swarhout responded that it was due in 2019-20.

Mr. Thompson asked for the breakdown of Revenues within the College which CBO Ellison provided. Mr. Thompson asked for the Trend within State appropriations. CBO Ellison responded that there had been a decline overall but also a shift in funding having had more for maintenance and less in Equalization ten years ago which is now reversed.

Mr. Joe asked what experience the representatives have with Presidential Searches for tribal colleges. Mr. Hutchinson responded that he had a lot of work experience with Tribal colleges but not related to a search for a President.

**Agenda Item 5: Announcement of Next Regular Meeting:** Regular District Governing Board meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

**Agenda Item 6: Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 a.m. upon a motion by Mr. Matteson, a second by Mr. Joe, and a unanimous affirmative vote.*

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Hempsey  
Recording Secretary to the Board

