

Navajo County Community College District Governing Board Special Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

ZOOM

Governing Board Member Present: Mr. Frank Lucero; Mr. Derrick Leslie; Mr. Everett Robinson; Mr. Elias Jouen.

Governing Board Member Present by Phone:

Governing Board Member Absent: Mr. Daniel Peaches.

Staff Present: Vice President for Learning and Student Services (VPLSS) Jessica Clark; Vice President for Administrative Services (VPAS) Maderia Ellison; Chief Information Officer (CIO) Scott Estes; Interim Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO) Peggy Belknap; Recording Secretary to the Board Paul Hempsey.

Others Present: Matt Weber; Diane Joe; Jessica Kitchens; Rhonda Paladino; Denise Rominger; Jalyn Gerlich; Allison Landy; Susan Jensen; Donna Krieser; Josh Rogers; Tamara Osborne; Deena Gillespie; Colleen Readel; Judy Yip-Reyes; Gail Campbell; Daphne Brimhall; Ann Hilliard; Cassie Dows; Mike Solomonson; Jeremy Raiser; Michael Broyles; Bobbi Sample; Donna Soseman; Lori Carmona; Rebekah Wilson; Rebecca Hunt; Gary Santillanes; Lia Keenan; Jodie Humphrey; Jeanne Swarthout; Jennifer Bishop; Jake Heldt; Robert Johnson; Paul Moffitt; Michael Collier; Curtis Stevens; Ruth Zimmerman; Terrie Shevat; Betsy Wilson; Pamela Dominguez; Kim Reed; Pat Lopez; Chantal Kescoli; Susan Jamison; China Cassidy; Ann Hess; Amber Hill; Karen Baker; Kevin Jones; Kara Belin; Angie King; Tanya Hayes; Kristin Mackin; Lauren Maestas; Eric Bishop.

Others Present by Phone:

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Chair Lucero called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Robinson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Leslie seconded the motion. The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Leslie, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Jouen, and Chair Lucero voting in favor. There were no votes against.

Agenda Item 3: Executive Session:

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(1) – the District Governing Board may vote to enter Executive Session for Discussion of employment with candidates for the position of Interim President



*At 1:01 p.m. Mr. Jouen made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. **The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Jouen, Mr. Robinson, Chair Lucero, and Mr. Leslie voting in favor. There were no votes against.***

*At 1:56 p.m. The Board moved back into regular session and adjourned from executive session upon a motion by Mr. Jouen, seconded by Mr. Robinson. **The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Jouen, Mr. Robinson, Chair Lucero, and Mr. Leslie, voting in favor. There were no votes against.***

Agenda Item 4: Executive Session

Pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(1) – the District Governing Board may vote to enter Executive Session for Discussion of employment with candidates for the position of Interim President

*At 2:03 p.m. Mr. Robinson made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session with the college attorney. Mr. Leslie seconded the motion. **The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Jouen, Mr. Robinson, Chair Lucero, and Mr. Leslie voting in favor. There were no votes against.***

*At 2:40 p.m. The Board moved back into regular session and adjourned from executive session upon a motion by Mr. Jouen, seconded by Mr. Leslie. **The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Jouen, Mr. Robinson, Chair Lucero, and Mr. Leslie, voting in favor. There were no votes against.***

Agenda Item 5: Potential Board Action to Appoint an Interim President

Mr. Robinson made a motion to appoint Dr. Jeanne Swarhout as Interim President of Northland Pioneer College effective at 5pm today, October 27th, 2020, and further direct the college attorney to draft a contract pursuant to the terms discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Jouen seconded.

Board members thanked the candidates who accepted the nomination to serve as Interim President and noted they were all highly qualified and the decision was difficult for the Board to make. They also thanked those who had helped in the process and offered support for Dr. Swarhout as she steps into the role.

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

Mr. Leslie welcomed Dr. Swarhout back to the college and thanked President Mark Vest for his service to the college.

Dr. Swarhout addressed those present and mentioned that, while this had not been part of her retirement plans, she hoped to bring a sense of cohesion to the college, move forward together on finding a new President, and keep moving in the right direction.



Agenda Item 5: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m. upon a motion by Mr. Robinson and a second by Mr. Leslie. The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Mr. Leslie, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Jouen, and Chair. Lucero, voting in favor. There were no votes against.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Hempsey
Recording Secretary to the Board

Approved

