

Navajo County Community College District Governing Board Retreat Minutes

February 26, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

ZOOM

Governing Board Member Present: Mr. Frank Lucero (Joined the meeting at 10:17 a.m.); Mr. Everett Robinson; Ms. Kristine Laughter; Mr. Derrick Leslie; Mr. Elias Jouen.

Governing Board Member Present by Phone:

Staff Present: Interim President Jeanne Swarhout; Interim Vice President for Learning and Student Services (VPLSS) Mike Solomonson; Vice President for Administrative Services (VPAS) Maderia Ellison; Chief Information Officer (CIO) Scott Estes; Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO) Bob Ficken; Director of Institutional Effectiveness Judy Yip-Reyes; Recording Secretary to the Board Paul Hempsey.

Others Present: Deena Gillespie; Ann Hess; Cecilia Cervantes; Xander Henderson; Betsy Wilson; Olivia Jaquez; Matt Weber; Jeremy Raisor; Rebecca Hunt; Colleen Readell; Lia Keenan.

Others Present by Phone:

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Board Secretary Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of Agenda

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

Agenda Item 3: Discussion Items

3.A. Questions to ask Finalists in the Presidential Search

Dr. Cecilia Cervantes, representative from the Association of Community College Trustees, led Board members in discussion on potential questions to ask finalists in the Presidential search process.

Chair Lucero joined the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Board Member Jouen noted that he was uncomfortable discussing questions in a Public Meeting. Recording Secretary to Board stated that there was no applicable exception to Open Meeting Law to discuss questions in an Executive Session. Board Members asked that the college attorney be contacted and the discussion be moved to another date.

3.B. College Enrollment Data and Tuition Information

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VPAS Ellison reviewed the information requested by the Board on College Enrollment and Tuition.

VPAS Ellison clarified the goals of an In-District Tuition rate and offered to bring a proposal to the regular March District Governing Board meeting. VPAS Ellison did note that the college will have to research if it has the ability to definitively log a physical address for all our students.

The Board discussed information needed to begin discussion on growing enrollment and suggested it would be part of the Strategic Goals that would be discussed next.

3.C. Strategic Goals

Interim President Swarthout commended the work already completed within the college on Strategic Goals and asked Director Yip-Reyes to present the data gathered to assist the Board with their discussion on setting the future goals for the college.

Board members discussed the information provided, asked questions which staff provided answers to where possible, and set out a number of potential strategic goals to consider as outlined below.

- Enrollment growth which could include a study on why we are seeing declines
- Financial solvency which will encompass Expenditure Limitation concerns
- Maximizing current facility utilization
- Comprehensive student support from beginning to end
- Student Learning Outcomes

Board Member Leslie exited the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Board members also made additional requests for information to be provided before any decisions are finalized.

Agenda Item 4: DGB Agenda Items and Informational Needs for Future Meetings

Mr. Robinson asked for an agenda item on the utilization of CARES funding.

Agenda Item 5: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m. upon a motion by Mr. Robinson and a second by Ms. Laughter. The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Ms. Laughter, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Jouen, and Chair Lucero, voting in favor. There were no votes against.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Hempsey
Recording Secretary to the Board

