

Navajo County Community College District Governing Board Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

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

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

Governing Board Member Absent:

Others Present: Michael Jacob; Betsy Wilson; Norvita Charleston; Paul Hempsey; Isaac Hutton; Renee Freese; Eileen Lopez; Frank Pinnell; Harshika Bhatt; Carlos Baki; Tonya Thacker; Lia Keenan; Kathleen Berlyn; Jefferey LeFevre; Rebeccah Sweet; Wei Ma; Michael Broyles; Judy Yip-Reyes; Natalie Kee; Rachel Arroyo-Townsend; Janalda Nash; Xu Xie; Marletha Baloo; Bill Solomon; Jeremy Raisor; Rebecca Hunt; Josh Rogers; Kristin Mackin; Ryan Jones.

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.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. Ms. Laughter motioned to accept the agenda. Mr. Lucero seconded the motion.

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

Agenda Item 3: Call for Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item 4: For Discussion and Possible Action:

4.B.1. Executive Session 1

Chair Robinson asked if there was a motion to enter Executive Session 1. Mr. Lucero motioned to enter Executive Session 1. Ms. Laughter seconded the motion.

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

The Board entered Executive Session 1 at 2:02 p.m.



The Board returned to public session at 2:54 p.m.

4.B.2. Action from Executive Session 2

Chair Robinson asked if there were any motions from Executive Session 1. Mr. Lucero motioned to approve Dr. Michael Solomonson as the Interim President. Ms. Sekayumtewa seconded the motion.

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

4.B.3. Executive Session 2.

Chair Robinson asked if there was a motion to enter Executive Session 2. Mr. Leslie motioned to enter Executive Session 2. Mr. Lucero seconded the motion.

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

The Board entered Executive Session 2 at 3:07 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 3:45 p.m.

4.B.4. Action from Executive Session 2.

Chair Robinson asked if there was a motion from Executive Session 2. Ms. Laughter motioned to direct the College Attorney to work with Chair Robinson and Human Resources on negotiating a contract for the Interim President effective May 1, 2024. Mr. Lucero seconded the motion.

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

4.B.5. Presidential Search and Timeline.

Chair Robinson discussed the ACCT proposal to aid in the Presidential Search.

Mr. Lucero commented that an aggressive timeline may lead to losing quality candidates because they may not be able to end their current contracts until July 1.

Ms. Laughter commented that she liked the aggressive timeline as selecting candidates who weren't first choice at other institutions may lead to more loyalty to NPC. Mr. Lucero responded that some candidates may not be able to get out of their contracts until July 1. Ms. Laughter said the Board would entertain a start date of July 1 if needed.

Mr. Leslie left the meeting at 3:49 p.m.



Chair Robinson asked if there was a motion to accept the ACCT Presidential Search Proposal as presented. Ms. Laughter motioned to accept the proposal as is. Ms. Sekayumtewa seconded the motion.

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

Chair Robinson announced the community items in the next month.

Agenda Item 5: Announcement of Next Regular Meeting

May 21, 2024

Agenda Item 6: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m. upon a motion by Ms. Laughter and a second by Mr. Lucero. The motion carried upon a roll-call vote with Ms. Laughter, Ms. Sekayumtewa, Mr. Lucero, and Chair Robinson voting in favor. Mr. Leslie had to leave the meeting before adjournment. There were no votes against.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary to the Board

