



**MIRACOSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

One Barnard Drive, Oceanside, CA

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING / WORKSHOP

MAY 9, 2024
(APPROVED JUNE 20, 2024)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District met in a regular meeting/workshop on Thursday, May 9, 2024, in Room 100 at the Technology and Career Institute (TCI) in Carlsbad. President Cassar called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Board members present:

Rick Cassar	George McNeil
Raye Clendening	Jacqueline Simon
Heather Conklin	

Trustees not present:

Frank Merchat
Anna Pedroza

Administrators present:

Superintendent/President Sunny Cooke

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON AND NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

IV. CHANGES IN AGENDA ORDER

None.

V. WORKSHOP

A. 2022/23 Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation

The board reviewed information from constituent feedback and the board's self-evaluation instruments. The board reviewed and approved the final update to the progress towards 2023/24 priorities and adopted the 2024/25 priorities, as were discussed.

B. Board/CEO Relations

Superintendent/President Cooke reviewed communication protocols, as well as the board chair role, the trustee role, and delegation.

C. TCI Introductions

TCI Director Linda Kurokawa provided the background of community education and an overview of the expanded college offerings, which include non-profit and not-for-credit courses, and an occasional exception of a for-credit class sponsored by a company for its employees. She noted the TCI is self-funded, which means student fees, along with supplemental funding from grants when possible, must cover all costs associated with the expenses of the community education programs. Between 6,000 and 7,000 participants are served per year, many times as a first-time MiraCosta student, and demographics at the TCI match the demographics of the rest of the district.

The TCI prides itself as a place where high school graduates, those who are unemployed or underemployed, as well as veterans can get trained quickly, usually investing just one semester, and transfer right into jobs or continue their education for further advancement. It was noted that MiraCosta is the only college in California that has a community education program with its own GI Bill funding number to support veterans and their dependents.

The TCI also offers a variety of personal development courses, cultural enrichment courses, recreation and excursions, leisure activities, youth outreach, and education that includes driver education and College for Kids.

Kurokawa expressed appreciation for the board’s continued support and promotion of the TCI programs. She shared the vision for the future of the TCI includes purchasing its own building where it could continue and expand the TCI offerings and also include an entrepreneurship center.

D. Team Building Activity

Led by a chef who teaches at the TCI, the board participated in a cooking class/team building activity.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Rick Cassar
Vice President

Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President