

**SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

ADOPTED MINUTES
Wednesday, May 18, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Solano Community College District Governing Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, in the Denis Honeychurch Board Room, Room 626, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, California 94534, by Board President Chapman.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

At the request of Board President Chapman, Trustee Martin led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the United States of America.

3. ROLL CALL

Sarah Chapman, Ph.D., President
Karimah Karah, J.D., Vice President
Denis Honeychurch, J.D.
Michael A. Martin
Rosemary Thurston
Quinten R. Voyce
A. Marie Young
Ashley Tigue, Student Trustee
Celia Esposito-Noy, Ed.D., Secretary

Others Present:

Salvatore Abbate, Director of Human Resources
James E. Baird, ASSC
Shannon Cooper, Psy.D., Vice President of Student Services
LaNae Jaimez, Academic Senate
Lucky Lofton, Executive Bond Manager
Susan Wheet, Vice President of Finance & Administration
David Williams, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Sandra Therrien, Executive Coordinator

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Karah and seconded by Trustee Honeychurch to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (CLOSED SESSION)

There were no comments on Closed Session items.

6. CLOSED SESSION

President Chapman called the closed session to order at 6:33 p.m.

- (a) Conference with Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54957.6)
Agency Negotiator: Mary Jones, Human Resources
Employee Organization: CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, Operating Engineers—Local 39
- (b) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Govt. Code § 54957)
- (c) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Initiation of Litigation, and Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d) of Govt. Code § 54956.9

7. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

President Chapman reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

8. REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board held Conference with Labor Negotiator and CCA/CTA/NEA, CSEA, and Operating Engineers-Local 39, and no action was taken.

The Board discussed Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release and no action was taken.

The Board held Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation and Initiation of Litigation and no action was taken.

9. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (CONTINUED)

There were no comments from members of the public.

10. REPORTS (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

(a) Associated Students of Solano College (ASSC)

There was no report for ASSC.

(b) Academic Senate

Dr. LaNae Jaimes, Academic President gave the following report:

Good evening Board of Trustees, President Chapman and S/P Esposito-Noy.

The Academic Senate has been busy wrapping up a few things as the spring semester draws to a close.

- At the completion of the full-time faculty hiring this year, we had a total of 17 students participate in 79 interviews. VP Williams and I met with several of the students to gather their input regarding the process. The students expressed their gratitude for being included and provided valuable feedback that will be brought into discussions about how to better include students in hiring at SCC. This discussion will be a part of a larger review of our Faculty Hiring manual.
- I also met with the Senate Full time faculty Hiring Prioritization task force to begin discussions about the hiring prioritization process. We agree that we would like to permanently move the timeline early in the fall semester, evaluate the use of presentations in the process, and consider how to best serve/represent smaller programs. This work will continue in the fall.
- I also attended a meeting led by biology professor, Michelle Smith, Professional Development/Flex Cal Coordinator, where faculty and staff met to discuss the creation of a new “Center” for something yet to be determined, some ideas include a mixture of professional development, equity, DE. Everyone is invited to participate in the creation of this center which will benefit all employees as well as students. The center will be located in our new Library. There are plans to conduct a needs assessment in the Fall through forums with various groups and people across campus. Professor Smith will lead this work.
- Senate is planning a fall Tenure Tea to recognize the newly tenured faculty, the distinguished faculty, and the newly hired faculty. We will be inviting the students who participated in hiring and we hope you will join us too.
- The new AS officers are official
 - AS President will be Josh Scott, English Faculty who will begin his term on June 1st
 - AS Vice President will be Rebecca LaCount , Counseling Faculty
- AS remains committed to College-wide work with Gratitude. I hope to continue my work with VP Williams sharing and spreading gratitude in the fall as the Past President of the AS.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to share the Senate's work with you over the last 4 years. It has been an honor. Thank you.

(c) College Governance Council

Superintendent-President Esposito-Noy thanked Dr. Jaimez for her work and leadership as Senate President.

Student Services has implemented TimelyShare, a great resource for mental health assistant for students.

(d) Superintendent-President

Dr. Esposito-Noy announced that Classified Appreciation week is this week and there will be a lunch tomorrow for classified staff.

She thanked those who worked on the Gala which was held last Saturday.

11. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent-President

- (a) Draft Minutes for the Board Meeting Held on May 4, 2022 (Pending Board Approval)

Human Resources

- (b) Employment 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, Page 6

Finance and Administration

- (c) Warrants, Page 9
(d) Personal Services Agreements, Page 11
(e) Donations, Page 19

It was moved by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

12. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

13. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent-President

- (a) Resolution No. 21/22-39 Findings of the Board of Trustees of the Solano Community College District of Continued Emergency, Page 20

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Voyce to approve Resolution No. 21/22-39 Findings of the Board of Trustees of the Solano Community College District of Continued Emergency as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE: Yes

AYES: Board President Chapman, Trustee Honeychurch, Trustee Karah, Trustee Martin, Trustee Thurston, Trustee Voyce, and Trustee Young

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Human Resources

- (b) Resignation to Retire, Page 22

Sabrina Drake, Interim Director of ELC provided the following comments regarding the resignation of Juwan Vartanian:

Good evening President-Superintendent and Governing Board members, my name is Sabrina Drake and I am the Interim Director of the Early Learning Center. It is my pleasure to share a bit about Juwan Vartanian who is retiring from Solano Community College after an incredible 30-year career. The Director of the Children's Programs in 1992 saw potential in an Early Childhood Education student and recruited her to start working with Infants and Toddlers at SCC. At the time, Juwan was working for Vallejo Unified School District with preschoolers and was reluctant to work with the younger age group, but the Director persevered and Juwan began working with infants and toddlers. Lucky us.

Juwan fell in love with working with infants and toddlers and invested her time and energy into providing the most idyllic environment and individual care for those children to be in while away from their families. Juwan attended West Ed's Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC) and became more of a regional expert. So much so, that PITC itself use photos and videos for their training materials that were later picked up by California Department of Education. I recall attending a northern California meeting shortly after Tony Ayala was hired that he was also present at and I was very excited to share with him that the videos that they were showing to the audience were of Juwan's yard and classroom!

Word of her skill with creating magical environments and activity invitations that were aesthetically appealing and engaging spread widely. An ECE instructor at Napa Valley College used photos of Juwan's environment and her primary care routine in her newest textbook on caring for infants and toddlers and would continue to visit Juwan's space for subsequent editions. Faculty at Consumnes River College took photos of Juwan's invitations for their book "Loose Parts". Juwan was a huge advocate for reusing found materials many of which she would pick up at local thrift stores. We have had many guests come to visit Juwan's natural environment as inspiration for their own classrooms in addition to an annual tour during the ECE Conference.

Most recently again Tony Ayala told me that a trainer for PITC traveled to China to train caregivers and the videos used were of Juwan's space; making Juwan truly a worldwide phenomenon!

As a Mentor Teacher through the Mentor Program she shared her expertise and mentored hundreds of fellow teachers in our community. As a Specialist with the ELC she trained hundreds of practicum students who went into the workforce as aptly prepared infant toddler caregivers.

Juwan wanted every child to have a special experience while in our program. She worked hard to mentor new staff and advocate for changes in the program to improve. She truly made the mundane a special moment. A diaper change was not just a diaper change; it was a bonding experience for a child and their caregiver. Songs and engaging conversations were an expectation. It was how she was trained though PITC and she continued to train others to do the same.

Anytime Juwan and I may have disagreed about how many staff she needed and why the budget would not support her request or equipment that was fabulous and cost prohibitive, I always knew that Juwan argued for what was best for children and she was advocating for what they deserved. Juwan has left a legacy here at the ELC that we will do our best to honor and uphold.

Kathleen Conrad, whose retirement was previously announced, spoke to the Board as follows:

Good evening Board President Chapman, Trustees, Superintendent and Guests,

First, thank you President Esposito-Noy and Governing Board for allowing me to speak at this meeting. So many positive things have happened on campus in the last few years due to the leadership and vision of the President and Board, starting with a major remodel and upgrade to the theater building, a brand-new, state-of-the-art Science building, a brand-new, science/biotech wing to the Vacaville campus, and now a beautiful new Library/Learning Center. I'm sure there were many other projects as well. The entire campus has a new look and feel to it! It is exciting! It has been the leadership of this college that has also seen it through the past two years of unprecedented difficulty due to COVID. Thank you for making those very difficult decisions.

It's important for me to remember and thank some other people as I head into retirement. First and foremost, I want to thank my husband Joe for his love and support, and patiently listening to my many rants. Especially the ones that would start with "Well, if I was Queen ..." or "If I was in charge..."

I want to thank Dean Joe Ryan (and the other Deans before him - 8 Deans in roughly 11 years!) for the daily leadership and guidance. I have not always agreed with the decisions that were

made, but I have always felt that Dean Joe had the students, the faculty's and the college's best interests at heart.

I want to thank my fellow faculty members and colleagues at SCC for your help, and encouragement. Math/Science Division – Thank you for the many “interesting” Division meetings. I soon learned that if the faculty did not quite agree with something that was said at the meeting they were not quiet or shy about expressing themselves! And the many very helpful departments on campus – IT, Graphics, DSP, Facilities, HR, Counseling – you all have made my job so much easier!

Thank you to my dear Chemistry faculty/friends. We have been through a lot together, especially these last years. I always felt we had the students and each other in mind when we would discuss the program and any changes to it. We got to know each other better both on a professional level, but also on a personal level. Oh how I already miss the laughter and the tears we shed together in the hallway in the 300 building! (A lot of college business actually happened in that hallway!)

Finally, I want to especially thank you Celia and the Board for allowing me to serve my community by teaching at this college. It has been a privilege and an honor.

I'm grateful to God to be able to go into retirement with a clear mind and a healthy body. (Though my children and husband may question the “clear mind” sometimes!)

Thank you all! I count you all as my friends and I will miss you.

Joseph Conrad, who's retirement was announced previously gave the following statements:

Good evening, Board President Chapman, trustees, S/P Esposito-Noy and guests:

Since I am retiring at the end of the semester, I just wanted to take a couple of minutes to convey my thanks to you and the college for employing me for the last 28 years. Friday will mark 28 years to the day since I had my first interview here in 1994. I especially thank Trustee Young, who was a member of that hiring committee and a friend and colleague all this time. Less than two weeks prior to that interview, I had become the father to my third child in less than four years. That child, my son, is now serving our country as a captain in the Air Force. He and his sisters all have advanced degrees including our older daughter who has a PhD in Biomedical Physics from USC – how's that for a woman in STEM! This job allowed me to provide for my family which was noteworthy especially in those years when Kathy put her career on hold and was at home doing the much harder work of being a mom. I would like to thank her for her support in all my endeavors.

During my time here, I have worked under many S/P's (I was among Virginia Holten's last group of faculty hires and started the same month as Stan Arterberry.) I have also had many division deans. Not all presidents and deans were great (especially when I was interim dean), but I have to say that S/P Esposito-Noy and Dean Joe Ryan have been exemplary. Needless to say, I have not always agreed with their decisions, but I have respected their desire to better the college and serve our students. I have also

had the pleasure of working with many wonderful and talented faculty and staff. They helped make the job fun!

Over the years, I have participated in many local committees with the department, division and college. I have also been able to contribute to my profession through service with the CA Math Council Community Colleges, aka CMC^3, as well as its national organization, AMATYC, and the MAA which is dedicated to math education for all levels of post-secondary education. CMC^3 recognized me in 2020 with its Distinguished Service Award and I have been recognized by all these institutions for my classroom teaching including Solano College's full-time faculty of the year honor in 2007.

Finally, I would like to say that the greatest honor I have had is the opportunity to teach the thousands of students that I have seen over the years. It has always been my goal to teach the curriculum in a non-threatening, personable way while respecting each student as an individual. I have also done my best to show that math can be useful and, more than that, that it can be beautiful while hoping to see that magic moment when the "light bulb goes off" and someone understands something new – a true joy for any teacher!

Thank you for your time and I wish the best for you and for the future of SCC.

It was moved by Trustee Honeychurch and seconded by Trustee Karah to approve the Resignation to Retire as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

(c) EEO Multiple Method Certification, Page 23

It was moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Martin to approve the EEO Multiple Method Certification as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

(d) New Classified CSEA Job Description: Scheduling Analyst, Page 26

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the New Classified CSEA Job Description: Scheduling Assistant as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Finance and Administration

(e) Bay Area Community College Consortium Strong Workforce Program Regional Fund Agreement Between Cabrillo Community College District and Solano Community College, Page 31

It was moved by Trustee Karah and seconded by Trustee Honeychurch to approve the Bay Area Community College Consortium Strong Workforce Program Regional Fund Agreement Between Cabrillo Community District and Solano Community College District as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (f) Contract Approval with Dannis Woliver Kelley (DWK) for Legal Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2024, Page 44

It was moved by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Voyce to approve the Contract Approval with Dannis Woliver Kelley (DWK) for Legal Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2024 as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bond

- (g) Contract Award to Aedis Architects for the Fairfield Campus Building 300 Modernization Project, Page 50

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Voyce to approve the Contract Award to Aedis Architects for the Fairfield Campus Building 300 Modernization Project as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (h) Contract Award to Aedis Architects for the Swimming Pool Concrete Deck Replacement Project, Page 52

It was moved by Trustee Honeychurch and seconded by Trustee Karah to approve the Contract Award to Aedis Architects for the Swimming Pool Concrete Deck Replacement Project as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (i) Lease Agreement Extension to Williams Scotsman, Inc. for Modular Building, Page 54

It was moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Martin to approve the Lease Agreement Extension to Williams Scotsman, Inc. for Modular Building as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (j) Approval of Contract Change Order #20 to BHM Construction, Inc. for the Fairfield Library/Learning Resource Center Project, Page 57

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Thurston to approve the Approval of Contract Change Order #20 to BHM Construction, Inc. for the Fairfield Library/Learning Resource Center Project as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board President Chapman announce that the Governing Board will now address matters related to the proposed energy services contract with HOLT Renewables, LLC to implement energy generating facilities and conservation measures at the Fairfield campus, by installing solar photovoltaic energy generating facilities on carports, battery energy storage systems, and electric vehicle chargers in the North Lot parking all pursuant to the terms of Government Code section 4217.10 et seq.

(k) Public Hearing on Energy Service Contract with Holt Renewables LLC, Page 61

Board President Chapman conducted the Public Hearing as follows:

This is the time and place designated for the Public Hearing regarding the District entering into an energy services contract. District staff have informed me that the notice for the Public Hearing was duly and timely posted.

The Public Hearing is now open at 8:04 p.m.

There were no comments from members of the public for or against the proposed energy services contract.

The District has not received any protest from the public relating to the proposed resolution for authorization to enter into the energy services contract either prior to or during the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing is now closed at 8:05 p.m.

(l) Resolution No. 21/22-40 To Enter Into An Energy Service Contract, Page 63

Board President Chapman announced that the Board will now consider adopting Resolution No. 21/22-40 and provided the following comments:

Pursuant to the Resolution, HOLT Renewables, LLC and the District's energy consultant, Optony, Inc., provided the District with information regarding the savings to be achieved via the energy services contract. In compliance with Government Code section 4217.10 et seq., the Board will make findings that the anticipated cost to the District for the energy generating facilities and conservation services provided by the Project will be less than the anticipated marginal cost to the District of electrical energy that would have been consumed by the District in the absence of those purchases and that entering into the energy services contract with HOLT Renewables, LLC is in the best interest of the District. Finally, the Board will approve the energy services contract by adopting the Resolution.

It was moved by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Young to approve Resolution No. 21/22-40 To Enter Into An Energy Service Contract as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY VOTE: Yes

AYES: Board President Chapman, Trustee Honeychurch, Trustee Karah,
Trustee Martin, Trustee Thurston, Trustee Voyce, and Trustee Young

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Matters related to the adoption of Resolution No. 21/22-40 scheduled for tonight are now complete.

Academic Affairs

(m) Contract with Solano County Fleet Management for Rental of Vehicles, Page 70

It was moved by Trustee Thurston and seconded by Trustee Voyce to approve the Contract with Solano County Fleet Management for Rental of Vehicles as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Student Services

(n) 2022-2023 Transfer Opportunity (TOP) Service Level Agreement, Page 83

It was moved by Trustee Honeychurch and seconded by Trustee Karah to approve the 2022-2023 Transfer Opportunity (TOP) Service Level Agreement as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

14. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED

(a) Solano Community College District Bargaining Proposal to the California School Employees Association, Chapter #211, Page 91

(b) California School Employees Association, Chapter #211, Bargaining Proposal to the Solano Community College District, Page 93

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voyce: ECHS last group of 63 Seniors (Listen). Out of 63, 30 are continuing, 27 are staying in SCC. Listen to the other numbers. May 25th @ FF Civic Center.

16. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

17. CLOSED SESSION (CONTINUED IF NECESSARY)

18. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING (IF NECESSARY)

19. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

20. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Honeychurch to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.