

**SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

ADOPTED MINUTES
Wednesday, August 2, 2023

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, August 2, 2023, in the Denis Honeychurch Board Room, Room 626, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, California 94534, by Board Vice President Thurston.

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

Board Vice President Thurston led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the United States of America.

3. ROLL CALL

Denis Honeychurch, J.D., President
Rosemary Thurston, Vice President
Amber Cargo-Reed
Karimah Karah, J.D.
Amanda Lopez-Lara
Quinten R. Voyce
A. Marie Young
Celia Esposito-Noy, Ed.D., Secretary

Absent:

Denis Honeychurch, J.D.

Others Present:

Salvatore Abbate, Director of Human Resources
Jon Cornelison, VP of Technology
Lucky Lofton, Vice President of Bond
Lisa Neeley, Vice President of Student Services
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 Voyce and seconded by Trustee Lopez-Lara 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

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

- (a) Conference with Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54957.6)
Agency Negotiator: Salvatore Abbate, 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
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d) of Govt. Code § 54956.9

7. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Vice President Thurston 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. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent-President

- (a) Draft Minutes for the Meeting Held on July 19, 2023 (Pending Board Approval)

Human Resources

- (b) Employment 2023-2024, Page 6

Finance and Administration

- (c) Personal Services Agreements and Contracts Under \$50,000, Page 9
- (d) Disposition, Transfer or Trade-In of Campus Equipment, Page 10
- (e) Notice of Completion for Construction Services for Added Equipment for Library/Learning Resource Center, Page 14

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

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

12. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – ACTION ITEMS

Human Resources

- (a) Resignation to Retire, Page 16

Sal Abbate, Director of Human Resources, read the following comments from staff regarding the retirement of Darcia Tipton:

Darcia Tipton retires tonight as our EOPS Student Services Generalist, a role into which she was “redeployed” during the pandemic. According to Kristin Conner, Dean of Counseling, “Darcia was an integral part of the EOPS program when the pandemic hit. She jumped into a role that was brand-new to her and took it at a run, which meant no interruption in services for students. She was extremely open, caring, and positive in helping our students, and we are grateful for her knowledge of the campus, her positivity, and for her seasonal decorations in the front EOPS lobby.”

In the School of Liberal Arts, Darcia will be remembered for her work as our Theatre Technician and, before that, as a longtime “props mistress” and set designer, and she was instrumental in the visual design and quality of productions at Solano College for decades, for which she won many awards. Dean Neil Glines remembers her ability to work with students without imposing her own sensibility on them: “She was able to impart her many years of experience to students in our stagecraft classes without stifling their creativity or learning process. She wasn’t doing it for them; but allowed them to develop their own style,” he said.

Theatre Arts instructor Christine Mani points out that “at props design, she is known throughout Solano County and beyond at being the absolute best in the business. She won multiple awards for prop and set design, and is also a superb set painter who brings great value—and those amazing finishing touches—to every production she has her hand in.”

George Maguire, Solano College’s longtime Theatre Arts instructor (now retired) and co-founder of the Actor Training Program, remembers well how Darcia got her start at Solano.

“It began with *Carousel*,” he said. “I needed a prop designer and Darcia's twin sons mentioned to me, “Hey, our Mom would be great at that!” I was thinking, ‘Yeah, sure! Someone’s Mom! Right!’”

But I brought her on the journey and Solano College Theatre's life changed. An artist of rare talent and quality, taste and imagination entered our environment. When a few years later, she asked if she could design a production set, I replied ‘Absolutely!’ and another ring on her Carousel of art was grabbed. Darcia is a sheer master, a loving collaborator, and above all a dear friend to all. So... yep... Geoff and Ryan's Mom is magic.”

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Cargo-Reed to approve the Resignation to Retire as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bond

- (b) Measure Q Bond Spending Plan Update #25, Page 17

It was moved by Trustee Voyce and seconded by Trustee Lopez-Lara to approve the Measure Q Bond Spending Plan Update #25 as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- (c) Contract Amendment #1 to Allana Buick & Bers, Inc. for Additional On-Site Monitoring Services for the Vacaville Water Intrusion Project, Page 20

It was moved by Trustee Cargo-Reed and seconded by Trustee Young to approve the Contract Amendment #1 to Allana Buick & Bers, Inc. for Additional On-site Monitoring Services for the Vacaville Water Intrusion Project as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Academic Affairs

- (d) Public Notification of a Peer Review Team Visit and Third-Party Comment, Page 25

It was moved by Trustee Young and seconded by Trustee Voyce to approve the Public Notification of a Peer Review Team Visit and Third-Party Comment as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Student Services

(e) National University Community-Based Counseling Service Agreement, Page 26

It was moved by Trustee Cargo-Reed and seconded by Trustee Lopez-Lara to approve the National University Community-Based Counseling Service Agreement as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

13. BOARD STUDY SESSION - NO ACTION REQUIRED

Veterans Resource Center

*Presented by: Lisa Neeley, Vice President of Student Services and
Amy Kennedy, Veterans Resource Center*

14. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Voyce to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.