MIRACOSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
One Barnard Drive, Oceanside, CA

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING / WORKSHOP **September 2, 2021**
(Approved on 10/21/21)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District met in a special meeting/workshop on Thursday, September 2, 2021, via Zoom conference. President Rick Cassar called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Board members present:

David Broad	Frank Merchat
Rick Cassar	Anna Pedroza
William Fischer	Jacqueline Simon
George McNeil	

Administrators present:
Superintendent/President Sunny Cooke
Vice President Tim Flood
Vice President Diane Dieckmeyer
Vice President Charlie Ng (arrived at 4:29 p.m.)
Vice President Alketa Wojcik

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

None.

IV. CHANGES IN AGENDA ORDER

None.

V. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

A. Fiscal Year 2022 Final Budget Workshop

Vice President of Administrative Services Tim Flood reviewed the district's budget priorities for fiscal year 2020/21 and also reviewed projections for fiscal year 2021/22. Funding allocations supported the district's highest-priority goals and objectives (enrollment, programs, and services), consistent with the MCCCD Comprehensive Master Plan, the MCCCD Strategic Plan, and institutional program review activities. Flood noted that $2.1 million in Student Emergency Grants have been provided in 2020/21 to 2,899 students, and over $4 million in emergency grants have been provided to students since the start of the pandemic.

Flood provided the status of the facilities and infrastructure projects at the college, with an overview of projects completed, those in process, and those that have yet to be completed.

Flood provided a synopsis of the 2020/21 revenues and expenditures. He noted that total expenditures for fiscal year 2020/21 came in lower than initial budget projections. This resulted from Federal CARES Act funding and lower expenses due to mostly working remote. As a result, the fiscal year ended on a positive note.

An overview of the 2021/22 state budget, as it pertains to the district, was provided. The Covid support allocations were reviewed, including federal and state block grants, institutional grants, Minority Serving Institution (MSI) grants, and student emergency grants, totaling approximately $43 million. In addition to providing emergency grants to students, these funds have been used for ventilation upgrades, and is also funding technology to increase social distancing. Flood noted that all of the money that was deferred by the state last year, has now been reimbursed to the district.

Flood reviewed the Guided Pathways 3-year budget projection that is implemented in our 5-year plan to ensure it is sustainable and successful. He added that Guided Pathways implementation will receive one-time funding of $50 million, and the Strong Workforce Program will receive ongoing funding of $42.4 million. Instructional Dean Zhenya Lindstrom joined the meeting and provided additional details about the Guided Pathways budget projection. A consulting firm has been secured to help us manage interactions with students via a software program. The technology can bring early alerts, ensure that communication and processes are aligned, and assign students to pathways. An annual comprehensive Guided Pathways update will be provided to the board in spring 2022.

Flood acknowledged the entire college for their efforts made with the budget process. The college is working through retirement and healthcare cost increases, as well as technology and support increases. The property tax revenue growth of 3.9 percent is lower than previous years; this modest growth is anticipated to continue for the next 3-5 years. A COLA was negotiated at three percent, and the cost of CalSTRS and CalPERS is increasing. The district will continue to take a conservative approach with budgeting, which continues to provide a bright future. Flood specifically acknowledged Katie White and the Fiscal Services team, and the board thanked Flood for presenting the budget in a meaningful, comprehensive way. Katie White thanked the board for supporting the implementation of Workday, which is providing a tremendous amount of efficiency in our processes and for our future. Flood added that especially during working remotely, Workday has proven to be especially valuable.

Board members addressed questions with the superintendent/president and provided input. The board will be asked to adopt the final budget on September 9, 2021.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Broad reported the criteria for redistricting trustee electoral areas, as well as demographics of the existing areas, will be reviewed at the September 9, 2021, board meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The board workshop adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Rick Cassar	Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D.
Board Vice President	Superintendent/President