



MIRACOSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING / WORKSHOP

JUNE 12, 2025
(Approved July 17, 2025)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District met in a regular meeting/workshop on Thursday, June 12, 2025, in the Boardroom on the Oceanside Campus. President Cassar called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Board members present:

Rick Cassar	Frank Merchat
Raye Clendening	Anna Pedroza
Heather Conklin	Jacqueline Simon
Ann Crosbie	

Administrators present:

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Hayley Schwartzkopf
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Tim Flood
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Alketa Wojcik

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

Tim Flood introduced Elba Gomez, who will officially join MiraCosta as the new assistant superintendent/vice president in Administrative Services on June 16. He also introduced as well as Dung Le, the new director of Fiscal Services, and Brian Peeling, who will replace Ed DeJani as Kitchell program manager, as DeJani moves into a new Kitchell role.

IV. CHANGES IN AGENDA ORDER

None.

V. WORKSHOP

A. Tentative Budget Workshop

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Administrative Services Tim Flood provided an overview of the FY2026 tentative budget, and he thanked MiraCostans for their hard work in balancing the budget. Flood noted the tentative budget is a “bridge” budget and sets a broad parameter, while allowing spending to begin as of July 1, even though the final budget is adopted after that in September.

Flood presented a balanced budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and he noted that property tax revenues for 2024/25 came in at 5.31 percent, but will not be finalized until the fiscal year close. The board looked back at budget directives and priorities for FY2024/25 and reviewed board directives and priorities for FY2025/26.

A \$12B deficit is now projected statewide, although Flood noted that community colleges and K-12 have been more fortunate than others with cuts that have taken place. Flood noted that, although the college's instate tuition revenue is up, non-resident revenue is down by \$1M, due to changes in federal policies.

Again this year, funding is not being allocated by the state for equipment or facilities. Scheduled maintenance on buildings continues to be underfunded by the state, and the district has had to use its own funds for a number of maintenance projects. The state legislature is proposing to create a \$80M block grant to provide assistance for potential changes at the federal level relating to grants. This buffer is welcomed. For MiraCosta specifically, Title 5 grants make up the majority of our federal grants.

Fraudulent enrollments have continued, however, due to the hard work of MiraCostans, they have not caused as big of a tuition revenue loss this year.

The district is at a comfortable 84.2 percent in salaries/benefits, which is below the desired threshold of 85 percent. The annual cost of CalSTRS and CalPERS increased some, and they are expected to continue to increase over the next several years.

Board members expressed their gratitude for asked questions and provided input in preparation for being asked to approve the tentative budget on June 26, 2025. The final budget workshop will be held on September 6, 2025, and adoption of the final budget is scheduled for September 11, 2025.

B. Facilities Updates and Five-Year Facilities Plan

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Administrative Services Tim Flood, as well as Facilities Director Tom Macias and Kitchell Project Manager Ed DeJani, provided an overview of the Five-Year Capital Construction Plan, which is driven by the 2016 Facilities Master Plan. Flood reminded trustees of the Capital Improvement Program core values that are considered for all projects to ensure that needs and ethical values of the board are met.

Ed Dajani reviewed the work completed over the last six months and what is coming over the next six months. It was noted that none of our projects thus far have been negatively affected by tariffs. The majority of the \$455M Measure MM funding has been committed.

Facilities Director Tom Macias provided an overview of the projects at the Community Learning Center, noting we are on the home stretch with five out of the six projects completed. A solar project is the one remaining project and is currently in the final approval process, and it should be up and active by fall.

Eleven of the 12 projects slated for the San Elijo Campus are completed. Macias noted a solar project is the only project remaining at the San Elijo Campus, scheduled for completion by December 2025.

Ed Dajani provided an overview of the Oceanside Campus, noting the completion of the Chem/Bio and Media Arts buildings. Work continues on the Social Justice and Equity Village, the Social Sciences Hub, and the Student Life and Leadership project. Additionally, the pedestrian bridge was completed and is now in use. Dajani shared a number of awards that were received for the Chem/Bio Building, which is great recognition and exposure for this new beautiful building.

It was noted the capital construction project information links are available on the district's website with real-time dashboards intended to optimize transparency. Projected cost updates to the solar projects on each of the campuses were reviewed, as well as significant cost savings from a number of projects that are nearing completion. The solar projects are expected to be completed and operational by next spring (SEC by December, and OC by February).

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Rick Cassar
President

Hayley Schwartzkopf
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President