



## MIRACOSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING / WORKSHOP

JUNE 13, 2024  
(Approved July 18, 2024)

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District met in a regular meeting/workshop on Thursday, June 13, 2024, in the Community Room at the Community Learning Center in Oceanside. President Cassar called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

### II. FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Board members present:

Rick Cassar	George McNeil
Raye Clendening	Anna Pedroza
Heather Conklin	Jacqueline Simon

Trustees not present:

Frank Merchat

Administrators present:

Superintendent/President Sunny Cooke  
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Charlie Ng  
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Denée Pescarmona  
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Tim Flood  
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Alketa Wojcik

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

None.

### IV. CHANGES IN AGENDA ORDER

None.

### V. WORKSHOP

#### A. Career Education Program Update

Associate Dean Benjamin Gamboa provided the board with an update to the Center of Excellence's 2018 wage data presentation, including updated data on what constitutes a living wage in North County in 2024. The presentation also included a follow-up on the three programs showcased this year, highlighting existing labor market demand and wage data as they relate to entry-level skills in these areas and the education requirements for upskilled jobs in these professions. Also covered was the way in which

current wage data is used to inform career education pathway development and program improvement.

The middle-skills job living wage in 2017 was \$22.10, and in 2023 this wage was \$30.19, a 36.6 percent increase. Requiring an education of up to a bachelors degree, these middle-skills jobs now make up 38 percent of the jobs in San Diego County. Additionally, the real cost to live in San Diego County is \$110,988 for a household, as compared to the Oceanside household income of \$81,364, leaving a need to increase our local household incomes by 36.4 percent. Disproportionately impacted groups were reviewed, and it was noted that single mothers are among those that exist most below (by 73 percent) the real cost measure.

Associate Dean Gamboa reviewed ways in which the wage information plays out in Career Education programs, and he shared how MiraCosta faculty are digging into the data and exploring ways to reach recommended wage targets. Computer science programs, for example, are redesigned into stackable credentials funneling students into software engineering. In Computer Studies and Information Technology programs, pathways to AI and cybersecurity are emphasized, while entry-level IT occupations are being reorganized. Child Development has created multiple entry and exit points, allowing students to be employed with clear points to return for additional education and growth. In addition, relationships are being developed with community partners to determine industry needs, so we can ensure students are earning certificates that serve the needs of employers, and so students don't get "stuck" as they continue their stackable credentials. This work with partners has led to internships for some of our students, as well as employment opportunities. Furthermore, board members can support these efforts as they engage in conversations with employers in the community as part of their trustee role.

## **B. Tentative Budget Workshop**

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Administrative Services Tim Flood provided an overview of the FY2025 tentative budget, and he thanked MiraCostans for their hard work in balancing the budget.

Flood presented a balanced budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and he noted that property tax revenues for 2023/24 came in at 5.64 percent, a decrease from the earlier 6.42 percent projection. The board looked back at budget directives and priorities for FY2023/24 and reviewed board directives and priorities for FY2024/25.

Flood shared how fraudulent enrollments have increased, which impacts us as we lose tuition revenue and would have to pay back any financial aid that was awarded. In summer alone, 3,800 fraudulent enrollments have been de-registered, a time-consuming, but necessary undertaking.

Flood reviewed the Governor's May Revise for FY2023/24, which is what the district uses to forecast and build its tentative budget, and he reported there is a \$46.1B shortfall overall statewide. He reviewed legislative recommended changes, and he shared the draft board budget directives, noting that a number of things will continue to be monitored.

The cost of CalSTRS and CalPERS continues to increase, however, these costs are anticipated to level out over the next several years.

Board members asked questions and provided input in preparation for being asked to approve the tentative budget on June 20, 2024. The final budget workshop will be held on September 5, 2024. Adoption of the final budget is scheduled for September 12, 2024.

**C. 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. 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. He reviewed the work completed over the last six months and what is coming over the next six months. Of the 42 projects, 17 are active, 22 have been completed, and 3 have not yet started.

Facilities Director Tom Macias provided an overview of the projects at the Community Learning Center. A solar project is the one remaining project and is currently in the design phase.

Eleven of the 14 projects slated for the San Elijo Campus are completed. Macias noted the project involving recycled water from the Olivenhain Water District, as well as the installation of an ADA compliant path of travel (required by DSA) from Manchester to the campus, and a solar project are the only projects remaining at the San Elijo Campus.

Ed Dajani provided an overview of the Oceanside Campus and noted that 4 projects are completed out of the 20 total projects. Over the last six months, construction was completed on the Health and Wellness project phase 3. The Learning Commons is now open, and students are already actively using and enjoying the space.

Work planned for the next six months includes the campus power loop replacement project and the pedestrian bridge replacement project. Pending DSA approval, bridge construction is expected to begin by the end of this year, with a completion date anticipated for early next year. The Student Services Building has been the most challenging project so far, however, completion is anticipated for early fall. The Chem/Bio Building also has an expected completion date in fall with a move-in anticipated during the winter break, and completion of the Media Arts Complex is anticipated during the winter break. Additionally, swing space construction has begun for the 3000 Building series, which is currently in DSA review, and the renovation of Building 4500 Science and Design is under design.

Board members asked questions and provided input in anticipation of being asked to approve the five-year plan before the submission to the Chancellor's Office.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

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Rick Cassar  
Vice President

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