



MIRACOSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

One Barnard Drive, Oceanside, CA

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING / WORKSHOP

JUNE 15, 2023
(Approved July 21, 2023)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District met in a regular meeting/workshop on Thursday, June 15, 2023, in Room T-200 on the Oceanside Campus. President Merchat called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Board members present:

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

Trustees not present:

Raye Clendening

Administrators present:

Superintendent/President Sunny Cooke (virtually)
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Tim Flood
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Denée Pescarmona

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

None.

IV. CHANGES IN AGENDA ORDER

None.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Report on Student Success Metrics

Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness Dean Chris Tarman presented the most recent metrics and trends from the Student Success Metrics Launchboard (which supports the CCCC Vision for Success), ACCJC Institution-Set Standards, and the leading indicators for the first term of the College's first-time-in-college cohorts (2022/23) in the Guided Pathways dashboard. Statewide metrics are accessible to the public and can be found at <https://www.calpassplus.org/LaunchBoard/Student-Success-Metrics.aspx>. While reviewing ACCJC institution-Set Standards, Tarman focused on marks that were met in spite of the pandemic, as well as the impressive completion rates within cohorts over three years. He noted that MiraCosta is bouncing back with enrollments and in all of our leading indicators, so

we're moving in a positive direction. The college will continue to monitor these leading indicators for subsequent cohorts to be sure that the upward trend continues.

Tarman noted that progress was being made in all categories each year prior to the pandemic. Guided Pathways efforts are continuing with a focus on students obtaining education plans in their first semester, and we are seeing positive results from these efforts.

Tarman reviewed AB705 data as compared to the statewide data, specifically transfer-level English and math, which now have no barriers for enrollment. Data shows many more students are taking these courses, and they are also performing in these courses (e.g., course success rates have remained relatively flat, even though many more students now have access to the transfer-level course). This is outstanding because far more students are now completing transfer-level courses with a passing grade, thus completing that important degree and transfer requirement. Our numbers are 11 percent higher than the statewide metrics, and we continue our efforts to further increase this number.

B. Fiscal Year 2024 Tentative Budget Workshop

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Administrative Services Tim Flood provided an overview of the FY2024 tentative budget. Flood presented a balanced budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and he noted that property tax revenues for 2022/23 came in at 3.6 percent. The board looked back at budget directives and priorities for FY2022/23 and reviewed board directives and priorities for FY2023/24.

Flood reviewed the Governor's May Revise for FY2022/23, which is what the district uses to forecast and build its tentative budget, and he reported there is \$31.5B shortfall overall statewide. The Governor is projecting this year is the down year with the budget and that the economy is going to grow slightly. A downturn in the economy, however, would create additional revenue shortfalls.

Flood reported the district is right on course with revenues and, even though we are no longer receiving CARES dollars, over the last couple of years we were able to use the CARES funding we did receive in areas that were beneficial to our budget. A reduction to the COVID 19 Recovery Block Grant means a \$3.17 reduction to MiraCosta, and the decrease in one-time Physical Plan and Instructional Support (PPIS) funds would result in an estimated of \$4.77M reduction to MiraCosta. Over the last five years, the district has been adding to Fund 41 when possible to help augment the costs of needed facilities projects. In order to help us complete the district's Measure MM facilities projects, \$15M will be moved from Fund 11 to Fund 41 to augment funding needs.

Revised highlights include flexibility among some of the categorical programs, and the increase in retirement costs has leveled out, as was projected would occur. Funding for Guided Pathways in 2022/23 was \$1.2M, and another \$1.3M will be added, raising Guided Pathways funding to \$2.5M in 2023-24.

Board members addressed questions and provided input in preparation for being asked to approve the tentative budget on June 22, 2023. The final budget workshop will be presented on September 7, 2023. Adoption of the final budget is scheduled on September 14, 2023.

C. Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Construction Plan Workshop

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Administrative Services Tim Flood, as well as Facilities Director Tom Macias and Facilities Project Manager Megan Evenary, provided an overview of the Five-Year Capital Construction Plan. Flood reminded trustees of the Capital Improvement Program values that are considered for all projects to ensure that needs and

ethical values of the board are met. Many projects have been accomplished over the last six years.

Facilities Director Tom Macias provided an overview of the projects at the Community Learning Center. In total, five projects have been completed, with just one remaining project.

Eleven of the 13 projects slated for the San Elijo Campus are finished. Macias noted the project involving recycled water from the Olivenhein Water District, as well as installing an ADA compliant path of travel (required by DSA), are the two remaining projects.

Megan Evenary provided an overview of the Oceanside Campus and noted that three projects have been completed, three more are nearing completion. Many projects have been started and are in the works, including the Health and Wellness Hub, the new Student Services Building, the Library renovation, the new Media Arts Complex, the new Bio/Chem Building, and the 3000 Building series project (Communications Hub, Social Justice and Equity Centers, and Student Center).

In reviewing the five year construction plan, Flood noted that funding for 2025-29 projects exceeds the Measure MM bond funds by \$83,510,470. Although the district has been allocating general fund resources each year, there is still a \$46,510.47 shortfall. The district is exploring options to meet this need, including requesting authorization for a \$50M certificate of participation (COP), also known as a lease revenue bond, to bridge the budget shortfall. The Science Building (4500) is in desperate need of a renovation and is included in the projected funding needs, for which the board expressed support.

Board members addressed questions with the superintendent/president and provided input in anticipation of being asked to approve the plan and before the submission of the plan to the Chancellor's Office.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Frank Merchat
President

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