

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
OF AUGUST 3, 2021

President Figueroa called the Board of Trustees Special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office, Board Room, 3801 Market Street, Riverside, California. CALL TO ORDER

Trustees Present

Mary Figueroa, President  
Bill Hedrick, Vice President  
Jose Alcala, Secretary  
Virginia Blumenthal, Board Member  
Tracey Vackar, Board Member  
Jack Harris, Student Trustee

Staff Present

Aaron Brown, Acting Chancellor  
Tammy Few, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources and Employee Relations  
Rebecca Goldware, Vice Chancellor, Institutional Advancement and Economic Development  
Dr. Jeannie Kim, Interim Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Strategic Planning  
Dr. Robin Steinback, President, Moreno Valley College  
Dr. Monica Green, President, Norco College  
Dr. Gregory Anderson, President, Riverside City College

President Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Lee Nelson commented on behalf of Jeff Rhyne about the Safe return to in-person instruction

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

OTHER

President Figueroa opened the discussion by explaining that Safe Return was not on the Regular Committee Agenda, so the only way to be able to discuss this topic unless an emergency meeting was called. This is an important issue that needs to be discussed because it is a crisis that affects this district based on the safety of the staff and the fiscal responsibility of this board. It could've been a closed session due to the potential liability. But the demand for the opportunity to openly discuss was much greater. We need to stick together and remain as calm as possible with some of the decisions that are being made. This impacts us as well as our families. We know that these are issues and we are taking them into consideration. This is our first possible opportunity to discuss since passing the first resolution. However, the resolution was based on the climate of what was happening at that time and indicated that if things changed we need to be prepared to go back and readjust to protect all students, faculty, staff and anyone who steps foot on our campuses. This

Discussion regarding Safe Return to in-person instruction on all RCCD campuses in the Fall of 2021 and related issues.

is the first step. There needs to be another meet and confer with union stakeholders to negotiate work conditions. That has not happened yet and will need to take place after the meeting tonight.

Acting Chancellor Brown presented information surrounding resolution 70-20/21 and how the current surge in numbers has affected it.

Trustee Hedrick addressed the resolution and his support of the vaccination within our legal parameters, contingent upon full FDA approval. Apparently, FDA approval is not a stumbling block should we choose to change the policy. He expressed his preference to be in sync with the UC and CSU systems and noted that more and more employees are requiring vaccinations.

Trustee Alcalá affirmed his support of VP Hedrick indicating his agreement with his comments and further noted that even small businesses are adopting a requirement of their employees being vaccinated

Trustee Blumenthal expressed her agreement with the other trustees and requested that an emergency meeting be scheduled to address this topic. She highly recommends that a requirement that all students, staff and faculty be vaccinated. It is that urgent and that important.

Trustee Vackar expressed concurrence with fellow trustees and that everyone needs the opportunity to be heard.

Student Trustee Jack Harris reported that there has been a lot of confusion in the communication coming from the chancellor, and President's at Norco College and Moreno Valley College's conflicting information. Students are not sure which communication to believe. Students have and continue to request additional online courses.

Discussion followed.

Blumenthal/Hedrick moved that the Board of Trustees approve the resolution to direct the Chancellor to require evidence of COVID-19 vaccinations for all students and employees.

Motion passed (5 ayes).

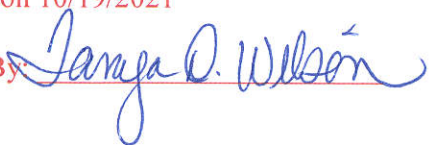
The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Official Minutes

Approved on 10/19/2021

Certified By

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janya O. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned over a horizontal red line.