

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 18, 2025

President Alcalá called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office, Board Room, 3801 Market Street, Riverside, California and via videoconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Trustees Present

Jose Alcalá, President
Mary Figueroa, Secretary
Keri Then, Board Member
Bill Hedrick, Board Member
Jose Maya, Student Trustee

Trustee Absent

Virginia Blumenthal, Vice President

Staff Present

Dr. Wolde-Ab Isaac, Chancellor
Mr. Aaron Brown, Vice Chancellor, Business and Financial Services
Dr. Eric Bishop, Interim Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Strategic Planning
Ms. Tammy Few, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources and Employee Relations
Ms. Rebecca Goldware, Vice Chancellor, Institutional Advancement and Economic Development
Mr. Keith Dobyns, General Counsel
Dr. FeRita Carter, Interim President, Moreno Valley College
Dr. Monica Green, President, Norco College
Dr. Claire Oliveros, President, Riverside City College
Dr. Esteban Navas, Academic Senate President, Moreno Valley College
Ms. Kimberly Bell, Academic Senate President, RCCD/Moreno Valley College (Zoom)
Ms. Jo Scott-Coe, Academic Senate President, Riverside City College

Guests Present

Mr. Bradley E. Neufeld, Attorney, Varner & Brandt, LLP
Dr. Rhonda Taube, President, California Teachers Association (CTA)
Mr. Stephen Ashby, President, California Schools Employee Association (CSEA)

Trustee President Alcalá led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A public comment was made by Lorraine Jones and written comment received from Robert Hyers.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Board adjourned to closed session at 6:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:15 p.m. after considering the following closed session item.

CLOSED SESSION

After Attorney Neufeld described the key terms of the 5th amendment, Figueroa/Hedrick moved that the Board of Trustees approve the 5th Amendment to the Chancellor's employment agreement, proposing to take the \$16K that was not able to be placed in the 403(b) 2024 (from the 4th Amendment) and place it in the 403(b) Account for

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator District Designated Representative: Brad Neufeld of Varner & Brandt
Unrepresented Employee: Chancellor

2025; on an going forward basis, the \$62K District contribution will be made to a 401(a) Account on behalf of the Chancellor. Motion carried. (4 ayes/1absent)

Then/Figueroa moved that the Board of Trustees approve the January 7, 2025 Board of Trustees Regular/Committee meeting minutes as prepared. Motion carried. (3 ayes/1 abstain/1absent)

Hedrick/Figueroa moved that the Board of Trustees approve the January 21, 2025 Board of Trustees Regular meeting minutes as prepared. Student Trustee Advisory vote: Aye. Motion carried. (4 ayes/1 absent)

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR/COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR
MEETING OF JANUARY 21,
2025

PUBLIC HEARING

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Isaac commented on the following:

- Expressed concern regarding Washington D.C.'s response to our educational system.
- Conducted a meeting with Sheriff Chad Bianco, who confirmed that none of his deputies will enter our campuses for immigration purposes. Sheriff Bianco also made a public announcement regarding this matter.
- RCCD's General Counsel has been visiting each campus to ensure that all individuals are equally informed. During these visits, guidance is provided on how to respond if they are questioned about their immigration status, as well as an outline of the legal protections available to our students.
- Met with Supervisors Gutierrez and Medina to discuss the immigration issue. They expressed their dedication to supporting our students and share our concern regarding the potential for any of our students to face actions from immigration officials.
- Chancellor, Trustee Hedrick, Trustee Then, Dir. LaShe Rodriguez, and Exec. Dir. Chris Clark attended the ACCT Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington D.C.
 - Met with Congresswoman Young Kim, Congressman Ken Calvert, Congressman Mark Takano, and had a session with Senators Alex Padilla and Adam Schiff that addressed all the community college delegates.
 - The messages from our Republican representatives included to stay calm, it's an audit exercise, and no action is yet to be taken.

Chancellor's Communications

- The messages from the Democratic representatives included that the real recourse was the legal recourse.
- Attended a roundtable discussion with Stuart Knox, Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development; very much committed to community colleges and willing to have a series of meetings to discuss how we can work together and felt that the apprenticeship program is something he wants the community colleges to lead.
- Met with City of Jurupa, City Manager and Assistant Manager on the IETTC project. They expressed strong enthusiasm and commitment to the initiative. Additionally, we explored the possibility of utilizing a building (formerly a church) that the city acquired as a preliminary site for the planned programs associated with IETTC.
- Attended a higher education roundtable meeting with Congressman Mark Takano. Takano is concerned and wanted to see how our schools are reacting and how we are affected.
- Briefly discussed the letter from the Department of Education.
- CCLC will be conducting an emergency meeting on February 7.

No Report.

Hedrick/Figueroa moved that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 69-24/25 Riverside Community College District Affirming the Right of All Students to Public Education Regardless of Immigration Status. Student Trustee Advisory vote: Aye. Motion carried. (4 ayes/1 absent)

Hedrick/Then moved that the Board of Trustees adopt the attached Resolution No. 67-24/25 which specifies that trustees be compensated for absences as indicated. Student Trustee Advisory vote: Aye. Motion carried. (4 ayes/1 absent)

The Board of Trustees received information on documents used to monitor and review upcoming action items, information items, and presentations, as well as planning for the monthly Committee and Board meetings.

No report; reminded the Board of past request to discuss the potential extension of the Student Trustee term of office by one or two additional terms.

Healthcare Update

Resolution No. 69-24/25 - Riverside Community College District Affirming the Right of All Students to Public Education Regardless of Immigration Status

Resolution No. 67-24/25 Board of Trustees Absence

Future Monthly Committee Agenda Planner and Annual Master Planning Calendar

STUDENT REPORT

CONSENT ITEMS

Hedrick/Then moved that the Board of Trustees approve items V.I.A. to VII.Y. with exception to VII.R. Out-of-State Travel and VI.W. Resolution No. 65-24/25 Authorizing the General Contractors Prequalification Package for the Norco College Center for Human Performance & Kinesiology Project:	Action
Approve/ratify the listed academic appointments, separations, and assignment, and salary adjustments;	Academic Personnel
Approve/ratify the listed classified appointments, separations, and assignment and salary adjustments;	Classified Personnel
Approve/ratify the listed other personnel appointments, and assignment and salary adjustments;	Other Personnel
Approve/ratify the Purchase Orders and Purchase Order Additions totaling \$7,828,483, and District Warrant Claims totaling \$15,282,436.	Purchase Order and Warrant Report – All District Resources
Approve the budget transfers as presented.;	Budget Adjustments
Approve adding the revenue and expenditures of \$175,768 to the budget;	Resolution No. 57-24/25 - 2024-2025 Military Articulation Platform Summit and Funding
Approve adding the revenue and expenditures of \$37,946 to the budget;	Resolution No. 58-24/25 - 2024-2025 Pathways to Success Grant
Approve adding the revenue and expenditures of \$10,000 to the budget;	Resolution No. 59-24/25 - 2024-2025 Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Student Achievement Program
Approve adding the revenue and expenditures of \$324,200 to the budget;	Resolution No. 60-24/25 - 2024-2025 Zero Textbook Cost Grant
Approve adding the revenue and expenditures of \$5,455 to the budget;	Resolution No. 61-24/25 - 2024-2025 Apprenticeship Apportionment
Approve adding the revenue and expenditures of \$309,178 to the budget;	Resolution No. 62-24/25 - 2024-2025 UMOJA Program
Approve adding the revenue and expenditures of \$1,089,667 to the budget;	Resolution No. 63-24/25 - 2024-2025 English Language Learner Healthcare Pathways Grant
Approve adding the revenue and expenditures of	Resolution No. 64-24/25 - 2024-2025

\$6,220 to the budget;

Approve the award of contract to PlanetBids to provide Procurement Software;

Approve construction management services agreement with C.W. Driver in the total amount of \$1,303,715;

Approve the Inland Empire/Desert Region Round 7a K12 Strong Workforce Program Agreements with Baldy View ROP, Beaumont USD, Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa ROP, Corona-Norco USD, Gateway College and Career Academy, Hemet USD, Jurupa USD, Lake Elsinore USD, Palm Springs USD, River Springs Charter, Riverside County ROP, San Bernardino County ROP, Santa Rosa Academy in the amount of \$16,146,827;

Approve contracts totaling \$495,540 for the period of January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025;

Approve the out-of-state travel;

Approve by unanimous vote: (1) declare the property on the attached list to be surplus; (2) find the property does not exceed the total value of \$5,000; and (3) authorize the property to be consigned to The Liquidation Company to be sold on behalf of the District;

Approve the proposed revised academic calendar for 2025-2026 reflecting the addition of voting information per AB 963 - Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act;

Approve adopting a nonresident tuition fee rate of \$415 per unit and capital outlay surcharge fee rate of \$21 per unit for FY 2025-2026; and direct staff to promulgate these charges via the 2025-2026 catalog, schedule of classes, and other appropriate materials;

Approve Resolution No. 55-24/25 - To enter election results into the minutes and certifying to the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County all proceedings in the November 5, 2024 General Bond Obligation Election;

Adult Education and Family Literacy Grant

Award of PlanetBids to provide Procurement Software

Construction Management Services Agreement with C.W. Driver for the Norco College Center for Human Performance & Kinesiology Project and Secondary Effects Projects

Inland Empire Desert Region Agreements K-12 Strong Workforce Program between Riverside Community College District and Thirteen Local Education Agencies

Contracts and Agreements Report Less Than \$114,500 – All District Resources

Out-of-State Travel

Surplus Property

Proposed Revised Academic Calendar 2025-2026

2025-2026 Nonresident Tuition and Capital Outlay Surcharge Fees

Resolution No. 55-24/25 Entering the Election Results of the November 5, 2024 General Bond Obligation Election for Measure

CC

Approve Resolution No. 68- 24/25, authorizing the Chancellor, or Designee, of the District to layoff and/or reduce the hours of the classified service and send appropriate notification to the impacted employee;

Resolution No. 68-24/25
Authorizing the Chancellor, or
Designee, of the District to Layoff
and/or Reduce Hours of the
Classified Service

Approve closing out the projects listed on the Project Closeout and Reconciliation Report and returning the remaining project budget to the college for re-allocation to other projects in the amount of \$776,657 and net allocated interest income in the amount of \$439,971 through June 30, 2024.

Other Items - Measure C Project
Closeout and Reconciliation and
Interest Income Allocation

Student Trustee Advisory vote: Aye. Motion carried.
(4 ayes/1 absent)

Hedrick/Figueroa moved that the Board of Trustees approve item VII.R. Out-of-State Travel with exception to Revision - Moreno Valley College No. 2 on page 3.
Student Trustee Advisory vote: Aye. Motion carried.
(4 ayes/1 absent)

Information

The Board received the monthly Financial Report for the period January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025.

Monthly Financial Report for
Month Ending – January 31, 2025

The Board received the Capital Program Executive Summary Report (CPES) as of January 31, 2025.

Capital Program Executive
Summary Report as of January 31,
2025

The Board received the CCFS-311Q – Quarterly Financial Status Report for the 2nd Quarter Ended December 31, 2024.

CCFS-311Q - Quarterly Financial
Status Report for the 2nd Quarter
Ended December 31, 2024

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Vice Chancellors

Dr. Carter, Interim President, Moreno Valley College, Dr. Green, President, Norco College, and Dr. Oliveros, President, Riverside City College updated the Board on upcoming events and activities occurring at their colleges.

Presidents

ACADEMIC SENATE REPORTS

Dr. Navas presented the report on behalf of Moreno Valley

Moreno Valley College

College.

Ms. Bell presented the report on behalf of Riverside Community College District/Norco College.

Riverside Community College District/Norco College

Ms. Scott-Coe presented the report on behalf of Riverside City College.

Riverside City College

BARGAINING UNIT REPORTS

Dr. Taube presented the report on behalf of CTA.

CTA – California Teachers Association

Mr. Ashby presented the report on behalf of the CSEA.

CSEA – California School Employees Association

BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Update from Members of the Board of Trustees on Business of the Board

Trustee Hedrick

- Expressed that the visits to Sacramento and especially Washington D.C. were frustrating and essentially nonproductive.
- Read a couple of excerpts from the U.S. Department of Education “Dear Colleague” letter.
- Encouraged for everyone to stay aware, watch what is going on in the community, participate if you feel free to do so, maintain your values, and stand strong against the scare tactics from the federal government.

Trustee Then

- Reflected on their visit to Sacramento; we have deep supporters in the assembly and senate. Many saw value in our workforce development and did support writing a letter for our IETTC project.
- The visit in Washington D.C. was disappointing; no answers, and the representatives have no effort in challenging or dissuading their colleagues; it is alarming.
- Advised that the state of California has its own state laws; Executive Orders are not state laws.
- Proud of our Board for reaffirming our values and making sure that our resolution speaks for itself.
- Commented that it is not a time to stay under the radar; it’s a time to speak your truth.
- Attended some briefs during the ACCT Conference; vast majority of the people did not

applaud because some of the things that were said were complete lies.

- Stated that she reaffirms this Board and our right to education, to educate all, regardless of what your status is, and we will continue to do that as long as we sit here.

Trustee Figueroa

- Thanked fellow Board members for traveling to Sacramento and Washington D.C. and taking on the challenge of being in that environment, and providing their report.
- Expressed concerns regarding the political climate, noting that the community is tired of hearing from officials to stay calm. The community is gradually coming together to voice their concerns, despite the absence of prominent leadership figures. The community is likely to be vocal and engaged, as silence will not contribute to a resolution.
- Will be attending Senator Cervantes Swearing-in event on February 22; hopes Board members can attend.

Trustee Alcala

- Wishing students, faculty, and staff a great semester.
- Thanked Keith Dobyns, General Counsel, for the guidance on immigration.
- Reflected on visit to Sacramento with the Chancellor and Board members.
- Disappointed that ACCT renamed its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee to Impact and Success. Thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve on the DEI Committee; however, with the change in name he does not know if he will still be on the committee.
- Attended Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on Valentines with his family. Looking forward to attending the Seussical performance next month. Love supporting our students at Performance Riverside.
- Advised for all to stay safe and vigilant and if you have the opportunity to be kind to somebody, don't pass it up. If you have the opportunity to show love to somebody, don't pass it up. We need the love right now.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Official Minutes Approved on March 18, 2025

Certified by: Rachelle Gripe