

GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
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SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING NO. 9

The special board meeting of the Glendale Community College District Board of Trustees was called to order by Ms. Ransford at 9:02 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2023 at the GCC Professional Development Center, Room 200.

Trustees Present:

Dr. Sevan Benlian
Ms. Yvette Vartanian Davis
Dr. Armine Hacopian
Ms. Desirée Portillo Rabinov
Ms. Ann H. Ransford
Ms. Natalie Dawoodi, ST

Administrators Present:

Dr. Ryan Cornner
Dr. Brittany Grice
Dr. Ed Karpp
Mr. Amir Nour
Dr. Michael Ritterbrown

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Student Trustee, Natalie Dawoodi.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE – BOARD AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No comments presented.

STUDY SESSIONS

1. Review of Agenda

Cornner opened the meeting and asked Ransford to initiate an activity for the Board and District Administrators to share a best memory from their time at GCC. Each Board member and Administrators shared a significant or memorable moment experienced at GCC.

2. 2022-2023 Budget Updates

Cornner and Nour shared a summary of previous budget trends over the last 5 years, noting differences between budgeted and actual. Administrators are working with the Guild and CSEA with oversight, budget overruns accountability, and seeking out state funding. The District has identified a savings of \$1.51 million with the reduction of technology and facility contract services and will continue assessing contracts.

A taskforce is planned to support students by providing improved registration/ payment plans. Focus will continue to stabilize the budget, pair one-time funding with one-time program improvements and target a 5% cash reserve and strive for a 16.4% unrestricted, general reserve for 2023-2024. Also, a recent hiring freeze was established for new positions but not for vacancy/replacement positions.

STUDY SESSIONS - continued

3. Measure GC Bond Updates and Future Direction

The Board briefly reviewed completed and current bond projects, and those projects with budget deficits. Administration is working with DPR on current projects to check on status, and compensatory and non-compensatory delays. Discussion on the construction progress and plans for the Instruction Building & Conference Center (IBCC) was conducted, noting a deficit for this project.

4. GCC Re-Engagement Strategy for Increased Enrollment and COVID Recovery

Cornner noted re-engagement strategies to include developing a culture of innovation and equity, promoting GCC pathways and building student experiences. Each division emphasized specific details to support the re-engagement strategies.

Grice introduced a Management Program, focus on diversifying and equitizing the hiring process, and improving and building the institutional culture supporting employees.

Schlossman outlined student re-engagement plan (PromisePlus+), active outreach and student success center (in-reach), and improvements in retention, transfer rates and obtaining associate degrees and program certificates.

Ritterbrown presented a summary of intersegmental collaboration (language immersion, English composition, Math readiness and Spring Summit), strategies to accommodate student scheduling, online learning, equitable classroom practice (finding links between equity and success), and determining a student inclusion center to create a sense of belonging (students will be involved in the development of a center).

Cornner presented progress related to a Virtual Reality (VR) Center at GCC. The college is hoping to provide software/hardware facilities (lab pods, haptic pod). A targeted STEM outreach program is planned, instructional programs to teach students program development of VR and virtual classrooms give students greater access to a variety of educational experiences. GUSD is also interested in getting involved and providing their students with VR experiences and access to 2-D at home.

5. Board Operations

Cornner asked if the Board wished to continue video streaming or consider other options. The Board considered a Zoom to YouTube option and to make sure the video is available to the public.

Board Policy 2305 will need to be considered for revision to determine when the annual organizational meeting should be held going forward. Consideration to move the meeting to June was presented. The Board will discuss this matter further at a future Board meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT

No comments presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Ransford adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Board of Trustees President

Board of Trustees Clerk

Board of Trustees Special Meeting, January 20, 2023

Minutes recorded by Debra Kallas, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/President and the Board of Trustees.

Minutes approved at the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, February 21, 2023.