

**GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING NO. 7**

October 17, 2023

Trustees Present:

Dr. Sevan Benlian  
Ms. Yvette V. Davis  
Dr. Armine Hacopian  
Ms. Ann H. Ransford  
Ms. Elin Gharibian, ST

Administrators Present:

Dr. Ryan Cornner  
Mr. Amir Nour

Representatives Present:

Academic Senate: Ms. Cameron Hastings  
Guild: Mr. Richard Kamei

Absent:

Ms. Desirée P. Rabinov  
Dr. Brittany Grice  
Dr. Paul Schlossman  
Dr. Michael Ritterbrown  
CSEA: Mr. Terry Flexser

A copy of this meeting is on file in the Superintendent/President's Office and on the college's website at <http://www.glendale.edu/boardoftrustees>.

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Regular Session was called to order by President Benlian at 5:10 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Leading the Pledge of Allegiance was Tagui Tina Abramyan who is a second-year student at GCC with a major in English and planning to pursue law. She is part of the Scholar's Program, is the current vice-president for Fashion Club, and works as a legal secretary at a law firm. She plans to transfer to a UC and is currently in the application process to transfer next year. During her free time, she enjoys reading books, working out, hanging out with friends, and babysitting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE - BOARD AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

No comments presented.

**STATEMENT BY TRUSTEES – PRESENTED BY DR. ARMINE HACOPIAN AND ANN RANSFORD**

We are witnessing horrific acts of terrorism and violence in the world which are resulting in the loss of lives of innocent infants and children, youth and elderly; and causing massive injuries to many. We are horrified by all these acts of violence that impact innocent people. Therefore, we unite together to condemn these world events.

Our students and employees are being highly impacted by these wars as they have loved ones and family members caught in this global warfare through no fault of their own. Regardless of your personal stance as to which group is to be blamed, we unequivocally stand with those who have become victims.

We strongly believe that mass killings are wrong, causing systematic starvation is wrong, deportation is wrong, imprisonment of hostages is wrong, ethnic cleansing is wrong, complete destruction of homes is wrong. We continue to learn, on hourly basis, that these horrific atrocities are on-going...!

We specifically call attention to the victims of Artsakh, Armenia, Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Syria, and other countries of the world - experiencing the escalation of war which is destroying the very fabric of humanity.

One would think that the Armenian Genocide and the Jewish Holocaust of the last century would have taught us lessons as we kept saying “Never Again!” We were wrong!

What can we do here at Glendale Community College? We are an educational institution providing a safe haven for all of our students, regardless of their ethnic backgrounds, so that they become excellent and contributing members of our society, thus the world. We still believe that education is the best weapon in our world and that education and being well informed is our best path forward.

As board members we appreciate all of the activities and services available to our students. Glendale Community College is steadfast in promoting ethics of care, which is grounded in compassion and empathy for everyone. In the spirit of support, solidarity and compassion for all the victims and their families, we ask that you all rise and take a moment of silence with us to remember all of those brave souls who fought valiantly to save the lives of others.

## **RESOLUTIONS - ACTION**

### 3.1 Resolution No. 10-2023-2024: District Appropriations Limit for 2023-2024

It was moved (Ransford) and seconded (Hacopian) to approve Resolution No. 10-2023-2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

### 3.2 Resolution No. 11-2023-2024: Glendale Community College District Resolution to Order Biennial Governing Board Election

It was moved (Davis) and seconded (Ransford) to approve Resolution No. 11-2023-2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

### 3.3 Resolution No. 12-2023-2024: Resolution to Certify Critically Needed Position in Support of Waiver of 180 Day Waiting Period under CalPERS Retiree Requirements

It was moved (Ransford) and seconded (Davis) to approve Resolution No. 12-2023-2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

### 3.4 Resolution No. 13-2023-2024: Supplementary Retirement Plan (SRP)

It was moved (Hacopian) and seconded (Davis) to approve Resolution No. 13-2023-2024.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS - NO ACTION**

### 4.1 Enrollment Update

### 4.2 Measure GC Funds Balances and Schedule Update

### 4.3 PARS Supplementary Retirement Plan Presentation

Cornner introduced Interim Vice President of Administrative Services, Amir Nour who invited PARS representatives Maureen Toal, Executive Vice President and Rachael Sanders, Vice President of Consulting to present details on the Supplementary Retirement Plan. Board members inquired about the plan design, pay options, eligibility and fiscal impact.

Informational Reports item Nos. 4.1 to 4.3 were duly noted.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR – ACTION**

- 5.1 Approval of Minutes - Regular Board Meeting of September 12, 2023
- 5.2 Approval of Minutes - Special Board Meeting of September 20, 2023
- 5.3 Warrants - District Funds September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023
- 5.4 Contract Listing and Purchase Order Listing – September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023
- 5.5 Declaration of Surplus Computer Equipment
- 5.6 Staffing Report No. 4 – Academic, Classified, Administrators, All Other Temporary Employee Actions and Student Employee Reports

It was moved (Gharibian) and seconded (Hacopian) to approve Consent Calendar item Nos. 5.1 – 5.6.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS REPORTS – ACTION**

- 6.1 Change Order No. 017 – Owner-Controlled Allowance – Buena Vista (BV) Building

It was moved (Ransford) and seconded (Gharibian) to approve Change Order No. 017.

The motion passed unanimously.

- 6.2 Adoption of New Salary Schedule

It was moved (Hacopian) and seconded (Davis) to adopt the new salary schedule for Vice President salary ranges.

The motion passed unanimously.

- 6.3 Use of Construction Contingency Funds for the Buena Vista Building – Construction Contingency and Defined Allowances

It was moved (Hacopian) and seconded (Gharibian) to approve Buena Vista Building – Construction Contingency and Defined Allowances.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **COLLEGE LEADERS REPORTS**

Written reports were included in the meeting agenda materials with additional comments made at the meeting by College leaders concerning college and community related activities, events and issues of interest to the college.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

No request for information.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE - SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF BOARD ONLY**

No comments received.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m. in honor of Glendale community resident and former Glendale Community College counselor, Gladys Kabateck, who passed away on September 27, 2023. Gladys was born Gladys Irene Odian in Chicago, Illinois to parents who were both survivors of the Armenian Genocide. Her family moved to Fresno in 1947, but Gladys was determined that Los Angeles and the Golden Age of Television were her path.

Later, she lived at the Hollywood Studio Club and met Jack Kabateck at KABC television where she worked. She left television in 1961 when her first son Brian was born, and son John followed in 1968. Jack and Glady lived in Glendale and after obtaining her master's degree in education, she became a counselor at Glendale Community College where she began an adult re-entry program for older students, especially women, providing an opportunity to return to school and obtain a degree.

Glady is survived by sons Brian (Roxanne) and John (fiancé Heather) and grandchildren, Lily and Simon. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and the community.

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Board of Trustees President

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Board of Trustees Clerk

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, October 17, 2023

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

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