

BOARD REPORT

PALOMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

June 23, 2020

SPECIAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Public comment included the topics of guidance from the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) on the continuation of athletics in the 2020-21 school year; the contributions and importance of student athletes and community college athletics; and the Fallbrook Education Center and athletics complex as contained in the list of Prop M projects.

President Hensch administered the oath of office for student trustee, Rachel Alazar.

President Hensch expressed her deep concerns regarding systemic racism and its impact on the lives of people of color. She pledged her commitment to Palomar College faculty, staff and students, to not let another opportunity pass to listen and learn, gain knowledge from our differences, expand our minds, and work collaboratively to shape an anti-racist culture for the College. In a prepared statement, Trustee Hensch indicated that she will not be running for another term of office as a trustee of the District. She will continue to serve through December 2020. She expressed her sincere gratitude and shared her best wishes for the future of the District.

Vice President Nina Deerfield stated that she attended several virtual events, including the Foundation's President's Associates event, and a dance recital. She asked that community colleges use their leverage to eliminate the institutional and systemic racism that exists in our country and to create a United States of America with freedom and justice that is truly for all.

Secretary Norma Miyamoto stated her appreciation for President Hensch and her leadership. She welcomed new student trustee, Rachel Alazar. Trustee Miyamoto also commended Dr. Kahn for the quality of work he and staff are doing. She ended by stating the importance of ending systemic racism.

Trustee Evilsizer expressed his concerns related to recent events and the need for the final end of systemic racism. He stated his hope for the Palomar College community to stand with the black community in denouncing all forms of discrimination. Trustee Evilsizer also welcomed student trustee, Rachel Alazar and congratulated all of the retirees.

Trustee Halcón welcomed student trustee Rachel Alazar. He expressed his desire and passion to see our country make the necessary changes to end institutional racism. Dr. Halcón spoke to the importance of having policy initiatives that will help people achieve what they choose to achieve to be part of the bigger society. Dr. Halcón expressed his thanks to President Hensch for her service to the District.

Student Trustee Rachel Alcazar expressed her gratitude to all of the trustees for their warm welcome and to the students who elected her to the ASG board. She expressed her desire to help rid society of systemic racism and committed to look at policies, work together to make necessary changes.

Acting Superintendent/President Dr. Jack Kahn thanked all those who shared their own experiences and feelings associated with the systemic racism and violence toward African American men and women, during the previous week. He stated that he is prepared to address the necessary changes to develop an anti-racist culture at the College in order to fulfill the institution's commitment to generate opportunities for everyone, for all people. Dr. Kahn expressed his desire to work together to change the systems that create and maintain inequities among diverse populations on the campus. Lastly, he welcomed student trustee Alazar and thanked the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to continue to lead the College.

Board Actions

At its meeting on June 9, 2020 the Board of Trustees:

- recognized the retirement of 40 employees
- approved the appointment of Dr. Jack Kahn to serve as the Interim Superintendent/President of Palomar College
- approved the contract extension of Acting Assistant Superintendent/Vice President for Instruction, Shalya Sivert
- approved the contract extension of Acting Dean, Counseling Services, Olga Diaz



GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

Nancy Ann Hensch, President Nina Deerfield, Vice President Norma Miyamoto, Secretary Mark Evilsizer, Trustee John Halcón, Ph.D., Trustee Rachel Alazar, Student Trustee

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT

Dr. Jack Kahn

BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held in the Governing Board room, SSC-I, Student Services Building, at the San Marcos campus on 2^{nd} Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted.

Closed session 4:00 p.m. | Open session 5:00 p.m.

July 14, 2020 August 11, 2020 September 8, 2020 October 13, 2020 November 10, 2020 December 15, 2020

For more information regarding these meetings please visit the <u>Governing Board web page</u> or call 760-744-1150, Ext. 2104.

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reviewed and accepted the California Community Colleges Quarterly Financial Status Report
 reviewed and accepted the quarterly report of the Director of Fiscal Services
 approved Resolution No. 19-21572 authorizing the Superintendent/President to spend Governing
Board Reserves without advanced Board approval should it be needed during the COVID-19
pandemic.
 approved Resolution No. 19-21573 Affirming the District's Commitment to Student Success for
Black and African American Students.

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