



PALOMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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Rachel Alazar  
Student Trustee



Jack Kahn, *Interim Superintendent/President*

December 22, 2020

## SPECIAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Dr. Jack Kahn administered the Oath of Office to newly elected trustees Christian Garcia, Roberto Rodriguez, and Brian Olson.

Public comment included discussion related to the Palomar College Fallbrook Advisory Council initial meeting and the direction of the Council; a statement from the Empowered Womxn of Palomar College, who stand in solidarity against the misogynistic behavior in our society; the work of the Palomar College Retiree Association, and the need for free Wi-Fi access for students during the ongoing pandemic.

The Governing Board recognized the following retirements, Teresa (Teri) Amavisca – Purchasing, 20 years; Connie Moise – Information Services, 5 years; John Philipps – Facilities, 10 years; Craig Thompson – Faculty, 20 years; and Margie Fritch - Dean, CTE for more than 4 years and a total of 26 years in the Community College system.

Newly elected Board President, Brian Olson, expressed his thanks to his colleagues for nominating and electing him as President of the Governing Board. He also stated his gratitude and excitement to serve the District, the students, and the community at large. He looks forward to continuing the fight for Palomar College success, student success, and community colleges in general.

Vice President, Mark Evilsizer congratulated and welcomed the three newly elected trustees. He stated how he looks forward to working together on important initiatives of the District, including, the hiring of a new superintendent/president for the district; keeping the fiscal recovery of the District on track and eliminating projected budget deficits occurring in the next three to four years; and maintaining a focus on a call to action on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. Trustee Evilsizer stated his optimism for creating an equity minded governing board and institution, as evidenced by the already great work being done at Palomar College. Lastly, he congratulated all five retirees, and reminded his fellow trustees of the upcoming policy academy graduation and pinning ceremony for the nursing program.

Trustee Roberto Rodriguez, thanked Dr. Kahn and the staff for their efforts in on-boarding the trustees. He also stated his appreciation for the recent performing arts events that students and faculty have produced. Trustee Rodriguez stated his agreement with Trustee Evilsizer regarding the priorities coming forward, and the need to increase the diversity on campus.

Trustee Christian Garcia stated his gratitude to all, including staff, faculty and other trustees, who have met with him and assisted with his transition to elected office, and acclimating him to the priorities of the District.

Secretary Norma Miyamoto expressed her thanks to all during this time of transition and stated her agreement with Trustee Evilsizer on the immediate priorities of the Governing Board. She congratulated all of the newly elected officers of the Board, and stated her enthusiasm toward working as a Board. Trustee Miyamoto also recognized the faculty and staff for sharing their talent with students and District on a daily basis.

Student Trustee Rachel Alazar congratulated all of the new trustees and recognized their stated support to the Palomar College community. She also recognized the retirees for their work and years of dedication. Student Trustee Alazar stated her appreciation for all who attended the Phi Beta Kappa antiracism event organized by students and designed for the participation of the entire campus.

Interim Superintendent/President, Dr. Jack Kahn welcomed the new Governing Board members. He recognized the work being done on campus to manage the impact of COVID-19 on the College, and his continued discussions with mayors from throughout the District. He also acknowledged and thanked Yulian Ligioso and Linda Beam for their incredible dedication to the District within the last year. Dr. Kahn announced the merger of our philosophy and religious studies programs into the same department. The new department will be named the philosophy and religious studies department. Lastly, he thanked the faculty and staff for all the wonderful antiracism work they're doing and wished everyone a happy holiday season, and a restful break.

## BOARD ACTIONS

At its meeting on December 15, 2020 the Board of Trustees:

- held its organizational meeting and elected the following officers of the Governing Board, Trustee Brian Olson as President of the Governing Board, Trustee Mark Evilsizer as Vice President, and Trustee Norma Miyamoto Secretary. Dr. Jack Kahn was elected Secretary to the Board.
- established the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. for the closed session of the regular meeting of the Governing Board. The open session will be held at 5:00 p.m.
- reviewed the Trustee On-boarding plan, the Guided Pathways Guided Pathways Scale of Adoption Assessment (SOAA) Plan Year 4, and the Cleary Act report.
- approved the Grant Agreement from the Chancellor's Office and accepted funds for the Military Leadership Apprenticeship Program.

## GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

Brian Olson, *President*  
Mark Evilsizer, *Vice President*  
Norma Miyamoto, *Secretary*  
Christian Garcia, *Trustee*  
Roberto Rodriguez, *Trustee*  
Rachel Alazar, *Student Trustee*

## INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT/ PRESIDENT

Jack Kahn

## BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Meetings are schedule to be held on the 1st Tuesday of the month in 2021. \*\*\*Due to COVID-19 all meetings are being held virtually. \*\*\*  
Closed session 4:00 p.m. Open session 5:00 p.m.

January 5, 2021  
February 2, 2021  
March 2, 2021  
April 6, 2021  
May 4, 2021  
June 1, 2021  
July 6, 2021  
August 3, 2021  
September 7, 2021  
October 5, 2021  
November 2, 2021  
December 7, 2021

For more information regarding these meetings please visit the Governing Board web page:  
<https://www2.palomar.edu/pages/governingboard>

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- approved the Memorandum of Understanding with San Diego State University for a micro-site partnership in order to establish Bachelor's Degree completion opportunities for non-traditional adult learners to receive support provided on nights and weekends at the Rancho Bernardo Education Center for the pilot period of December 16, 2020 to December 15, 2021.
- reviewed and approved a timeline for the Tentative Presidential Search Process Timeline
- reviewed and approved the Superintendent/President Selection Committee Composition

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