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*Student Trustee*



Star Rivera-Lacey, Ph.D.  
*Superintendent/President*

## November 9, 2021

### SPECIAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Public comment included support for resolution 21-2163 designating Pride month in June and the flying of the Progress Pride flag, the importance of the health and safety of employees, and support for the policies requiring vaccination of individuals working and learning onsite.

President Mark Evilsizer provided a status report on state legislation, including the passage of a bill that will allow all community colleges to add baccalaureate degrees to their offerings. He also noted the potential increase of the state budget surplus to nearly \$16 million. Trustee Evilsizer announced the dates for the legislative conferences of the Community College League of California and the Association of Community College Trustees.

Vice President Norma Miyamoto stated her appreciation for the District's medical professionals and those who work every day to keep the campus and education centers safe and healthy. She commended staff for their work in contributing to student success. Trustee Miyamoto closed by wishing a happy Thanksgiving to all.

Secretary Roberto Rodriguez reported on his participation at the recent Association of Community College Trustees annual conference and the valuable diversity, equity, and inclusion work being done across the country. He commended the performing arts department on their recent performances. Trustee Rodriguez stated his gratitude to the Palomar Faculty Federation and the Council of Classified Employees for the food distribution event on November 20.

Trustee Christian Garcia thanked the students that he has had the opportunity to meet and the discussions held to identify their needs and the community for the opportunity to serve them. He also stated his appreciation to Dr. Rivera-Lacey, staff and faculty for their ongoing work. Trustee Garcia closed by recognizing his mentors for their ongoing guidance.

Trustee Kartik Raju reported on his attendance at the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council gala and his participation in a tour of the main campus. He noted that he was interviewed by a student reporter for The Telescope and how impressed he was with the content. Trustee Raju expressed his thanks to Dr. Rivera-Lacey and the executive cabinet for their time and dedication in discussing each area of the college. He closed by stating his appreciation for the student perspectives panel hosted by the Disability Resource Center.

Student Trustee Rachel Alazar stated her appreciation for the financial report on COVID-19 relief funds and the submission of the planning grant for affordable student housing, noting that this is a long-time focus of the Associated Student Government. She encouraged students to register for courses and asked that faculty and staff to actively remind students about registration for spring. Student Trustee Alazar ended with a note of gratitude to the Board for approving resolution No. 21-21613.

Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey recognized her 100th day as Superintendent/President and thanked everyone for their support and dedication to students. She recognized the Veteran's Resource Center for their upcoming events to honor our veterans. Dr. Rivera-Lacey also commended the performing arts and athletics departments for their support and training of extremely talented students. She stated her excitement for the spring semester and Palomar College taking its rightful place in north county in offering so many incredible opportunities for students. Dr. Rivera-Lacey closed her report by stating her appreciation for those working diligently to keep our campus and education centers safe and healthy.

### GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

Mark Evilsizer, *President*  
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### SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT

Star Rivera-Lacey, Ph.D.

### BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Meetings are schedule to be held on the 1st Tuesday of the month in 2021.

December 14, 2021

Due to COVID-19 all meetings are being held in a hybrid modality.

Closed session 4:00 p.m.

Open session 5:00 p.m.

For more information regarding these meetings please visit the Governing Board [web page](#).

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## BOARD ACTIONS

### **At its meeting on November 2 the Board of Trustees:**

- received presentations on the allocation of COVID-19 relief funds from the state and federal governments, affordable student housing planning grant, and enrollment strategies.
- ratified memorandums of understanding to provide pandemic relief related stipends to faculty, staff and administrators.
- approved resolution No. 21-21613 in support of Pride month and the flying of the Progress Pride flag.
- Designated December 14, 2021 as the District's annual organizational meeting.