



PALOMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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Superintendent/President

DECEMBER 14, 2021

SPECIAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

The Governing Board recognized the retirements of the following Palomar College employees: Michael Arguello, James David Jr., Debra Doerfler, Ann Marie Johnston, Donald DeYoung Jr., Richard Rowland, and Alma (Patricia) Alvarado,

President Miyamoto thanked the trustees for their nomination and election as the Board President. She stated her focus will remain on student success. Trustee Miyamoto mentioned her attendance at the virtual Community College League of California (CCLC) conference and her appreciation in doing so. She recognized the many retirees and thanked them for their service. Trustee Miyamoto closed by saluting Palomar College students and those who serve students, and wished them all continued success.

Vice President Roberto Rodriguez recognized the resilience of the District over the last year. He also thanked the employees for establishing and implementing the important work around Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) this past year. Trustee Rodriguez stated his gratitude for Dr. Rivera-Lacey's continued work in both internal and external relations and thanked everyone for their commitment to achieving 2021 goals and objectives. In closing, he wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Secretary Kartik Raju stated his appreciation of the openness and willingness of all employees to meet and educate him on the many initiatives within the District. He recognized the work of the Veterans Resource Center and the philanthropic work done through the Palomar College Foundation. Trustee Raju stated his excitement to continue to serve the District.

Trustee Garcia thanked the faculty and staff unions for meeting with him and the opportunity to collaborate. He stated his appreciation for the time staff spent with him discussing the Puente program. Trustee Garcia included a statement of gratitude for the military appreciation event held during the football game on November 12. In closing he thanked all employees and his fellow trustees for the support provided to him as a new trustee.

Trustee Evilsizer discussed his attendance and presentation at the virtual CCLC conference. He shared his learning of the low 2-year degree completion rates of Hispanic students, and encouraged colleges throughout the state to work diligently to increase completion rates through streamlined processes and academic program support. Trustee Evilsizer mentioned his attendance at the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community College Association (SDICCCA) meeting. He summarized several topics that were discussed including one-time funding available for the critical needs of the CCC system. Trustee Evilsizer stated his anticipation for the return to onsite learning and work at the start of the Spring semester. He also expressed his thanks to the Palomar Faculty Federation (PFF) and Council of Classified Employees for their work in hosting the food distribution event in November. Trustee Evilsizer closed with wishing all a joyous and safe holiday season.

Student Trustee Rachel Alazar encouraged the Governing Board to approve the Associated Student Government (ASG) request for out-of-state travel to attend the American Student Association of Community Colleges in Washington D.C. She thanked the District for making HEERF grants available to all students and stated the meaningful impact on students. Trustee Alazar encouraged the administration to consider wi-fi improvements throughout the campus and an improved food court for Spring semester.

Superintendent/President Dr. Star Rivera-Lacey stated her gratitude to the Governing Board for their dedicated and active service to the College and to employees for their unrelenting focus on supporting the success of Palomar students. She recognized the many donors who have committed funds to support our students through the Palomar College Foundation. Dr. Rivera-Lacey thanked employees who have been working on DEI initiatives throughout the College, and also recognized the outstanding performances presented by the Performing Arts Department. In closing, she remarked on the implementation of the Return to Onsite Work plan set for January 18, and noted that the health and

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SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT

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BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Meetings are scheduled to be held on the 1st Tuesday of the month in 2022.

Due to COVID-19 all meetings are currently held in a hybrid modality.
Closed session 4:00 p.m.
Open session 5:00 p.m.

January 4, 2022
February 1, 2022
March 1, 2022
April 5, 2022
May 3, 2022
June 7, 2022
July 5, 2022
August 2, 2022
September 6, 2022
October 4, 2022
November 1, 2022
December 6, 2022

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safety of employees and students remains a priority. Lastly, Dr. Rivera-Lacey stated the importance of the upcoming virtual ACCJC accreditation visit set for February 28 and wished all a happy and restful winter break.

BOARD ACTIONS

At its meeting on December 14, 2021 the Board of Trustees:

- nominated and elected the following Officers of the Governing Board; Trustee Norma Miyamoto, President; Trustee Roberto Rodriguez, Vice President; and Trustee Kartik Raju, Secretary.
- ratified one Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and CCE, and three Memorandum of Understanding between the District and PFF.
- ratified hourly rates of pay for short-term and student employees to comply with the California minimum wage increase, effective January 1, 2022.
- ratified the California Community College Quarterly Financial Status Report FY 21/22 CCFS-311Q.
- approved an agreement with Chabot-Las Positas Community College District for a grant from the California Department of Education for the purpose of operating an Early Childhood Mentor Program with other California Community Colleges.