



MIRACOSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING / WORKSHOP

January 16, 2025
(APPROVED February 20, 2025)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District met in a regular meeting/workshop on Thursday, January 16, 2025, in Room OC1054 on the Oceanside Campus. President Cassar called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Board members present:

Rick Cassar

Raye Clendening

Heather Conklin

Ann Crosbie

Frank Merchat

Anna Pedroza

Jacqueline Simon

Administrators present:

Superintendent/President Sunny Cooke

Facilitator: Dr. Helen Benjamin

III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON AND NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

IV. CHANGES IN AGENDA ORDER

None.

V. WORKSHOP

A. Board/CEO Relations

The board engaged Dr. Helen Benjamin, retired Chancellor from Contra Costa CCD, to facilitate a workshop focused on the Trustee Role and effective Board/CEO relations.

Ground rules were reviewed before the board engaged in self-introductions. The board reviewed the care, obedience, and loyalty with which trustees are entrusted. The board also reviewed:

- Relevant law on the role of community college trustees (CA Ed Code 70902)
- Accreditation standards
- Board policy 2200 on board of trustees' roles and responsibilities

Dr. Cooke provided a mid-year update on the college's history, big bets, and linkages with the institutional and board goals. The board also reviewed the MiraCosta College Philosophy of Board CEO Relations and Protocols, which had been developed over the years.

Outcomes of the session were:

- Great understanding of each other
- Midyear state of the college update
- Common understanding of roles and responsibilities
- Information on characteristics of high-performing boards
- Heightened awareness of where MiraCosta College is going and how the board determines and supports the direction.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Rick Cassar
President

Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President