



## MIRACOSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2026  
(Approved February 19, 2026)

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District met in closed session on Thursday, January 22, 2026, in Room 1054 on the Oceanside Campus. President Frank Merchat called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

#### II. FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Board members present:

Raye Clendening	Frank Merchat
Heather Conklin	Anna Pedroza
Ann Crosbie	Jacqueline Simon

Trustees Absent:

Rick Cassar

Administrators present:

Superintendent/President Sunny Cooke

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Administrative Services Elba Gomez

Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Human Resources Hayley Schwartzkopf

Others present:

Jared Boigon from Team CivX (virtually)

Tim McLarney from True North Research (virtually)

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

None.

#### IV. DECLARE NEED FOR CLOSED SESSION

At 2:06 p.m., the board announced the need to enter closed session, along with Superintendent/President Sunny Cooke, Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Hayley Schwartzkopf, Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Elba Gomez, representatives from Team CivX and True North Research, to discuss the following topics:

**A. Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Number of Potential Cases:**  
(Pursuant to Government Code section 54957)

**B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation**  
(Pursuant to Government Code section 54957)  
Title: Superintendent/President

**C. Conference with Labor Negotiators**

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Superintendent/President Sunita V. Cooke,  
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President, Human Resources Hayley Schwartzkopf  
Employee organizations: All

**V. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – REPORT ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION**

At 3:50 p.m., the board returned to open session to report the following:

**A. Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Number of Potential Cases:**

(Pursuant to Government Code section 54957)

No report.

**B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation**

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Title: Superintendent/President

No report.

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No report.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

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Frank Merchat  
President

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Sunita V. Cooke  
Superintendent/President