



MIRACOSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION MEETING

*DECEMBER 18, 2025
(APPROVED JANUARY 22, 2026)*

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the MiraCosta Community College District met in closed session on Thursday, December 18, 2025, in Room 1054 on the Oceanside Campus. President Rick Cassar called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE / ROLL CALL

Board members present:

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| Rick Cassar | Ann Crosbie |
| Raye Clendening | Frank Merchat |
| Heather Conklin | Anna Pedroza |
| Ann Crosbie | Jacqueline Simon (virtually) |

Administrators present:

Superintendent/President Sunny Cooke
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Administrative Services Elba Gomez
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Administrative Services Denée Pescarmona

Others present:

Legal Counsel Kelly Cauvel (virtually)

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

None.

IV. DECLARE NEED FOR CLOSED SESSION

At 2 p.m., the board announced the need to enter closed session, along with Superintendent/President Sunny Cooke, Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Administrative Services Elba Gomez, Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Hayley Schwartzkopf and legal counsel, to discuss the following topics:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel, Bridge Claim Settlement, Number of Potential Cases: 1

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))

B. Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Number of Potential Cases: 2

(Pursuant to Government Code section 54957)

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

D. 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 3:58 p.m., the board returned to open session to report the following:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel, Bridge Claim Settlement, Number of Potential Cases: 1

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2))
The Board conferred with legal counsel regarding one potential case involving the bridge claim settlement. The Board took reportable action and voted 7–0 to approve settlement of the matter.

B. Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Number of Potential Cases: 2
(Pursuant to Government Code section 54957)

The Board of Trustees approved the suspension of an academic administrator for 5 business days. The vote was 7-0.

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

No report.

D. 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

No report.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Rick Cassar
President

Sunita V. Cooke
Superintendent/President