

MEETING MINUTES
Arizona Western College
District Governing Board Meeting
Special Meeting, 2:30 pm
Frances Morris Boardroom, Zoom
May 14, 2020

Board Members Present: Board President Dennis Booth

Board Member present by phone, Zoom: Board Secretary Olivia Zepeda, Richard Lamb, Anna Camacho and Maria Chavoya

Board Member Absent: None

Others Present within Frances Morris Boardroom:

Dr. Daniel Corr, President

Ashley Herrington, Chief of Staff

Shahrooz Roohparvar, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services

Others Present by Zoom:

Bryan Doak, Vice President for Student Services

Colton Kempton, Science Faculty

Dr. Ellen Riek, English Faculty

Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson, Vice President for Learning Services

Dr. Nik Byle, Philosophy Faculty

Karen Johnson, Chief Human Resources Officer

Kathy Ocampo, Associate Dean for Parker

Lori Stofft, Vice President of Advancement

Michelle Landis, Director of Financial Services and Controller

Dr. Joann Chang, CIE Director

Community Members Present: Zafer Genc, Parker Community Member; Diane Carrasco-Jaquez, Yuma Community Member

Call to Order: Board President Dennis Booth called the Special Meeting to order at 2:32 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda for the May 14, 2020 meeting presented for approval.

Motion by Olivia Zepeda, seconded by Maria Chavoya

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Richard Lamb, Anna Camacho and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Special Meeting: 2020-2021 College Budgets
(A.R.S. 15-1461 and 15-1461.01)

Dr. Daniel P. Corr welcomed the Board.

He shared the thoughtful planning of the Budget proposed and prepared through the leadership of Shahrooz Roohparvar and Michelle Landis. In light of the local, state and nation challenges from the health pandemic of Covid-19, the proposed budget has been adjusted to allow the College to “do more with less” with prioritization of the commitment to the student experience.

As a college of the community we needed to remain on the forefront of education and support of the Communities we serve though with a 0% tax increase. The College is challenged to maintain and do more with less to continue the tremendous progress to fulfill the Mission and Vision of the College and serve students with the Student Experience Statement. The College can draw from funding reserves as needed, though the budget was created with the ability to be responsive to student needs.

Adoption of Budget: The budget for the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget was presented for approval.

Motion by Anna Camacho, seconded by Maria Chavoya

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Richard Lamb, Anna Camacho and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Board President Dennis Booth noted the increased costs of health care and personel costs with a Faculty Compensation model increasing the investment in faculty plus a 2% salary increase for all employee's of the College. President Corr noted that even during times of uncertainty, in addition to the wage increases, the institution has made the decision to absorb the costs of over \$600,000 of health care premium costs and contintinue to invest in the 'heart and soul' of the college – our faculty and staff.

Board Secretary Olivia Zepeda responded to the discussion point about compensation and increasing costs stating "It's a good move" to continue to support staff even in times of uncertainty.

Roll Call Vote to Adopt the 2020-2021 College Budgets:

Board President Dennis Booth called for the Vote.

Board Member, District 1, Richard Lamb – YES

Board Member, District 2, Anna Camacho – YES

Board President, District 3, Dennis Booth – YES

Board Member, District 4, Maria Chavoya – YES

Board Secretary, District 5, Olivia Zepeda – YES

The motion to adopt the 2020-2021 college budgets as presented carried with a unanimous, 5-0 vote.

Adjourn: The meeting matters were complete.

Motion by Olivia Zepeda, seconded by Richard Lamb.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries


Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Richard Lamb, Anna Camacho and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Ashley B Herrington, Recording Secretary