

MEETING MINUTES
Arizona Western College
District Governing Board Meeting
Regular Meeting 10 am
Parker Community Center and Via Zoom
January 11, 2022

Board Members Present: Board President Dennis Booth, Richard Lamb; Dr. Kenneth MacFarland

Board Member present by phone, Zoom: Board Secretary Olivia Zepeda; Maria Chavoya

Board Member Absent: none

Others Present within Frances Morris Boardroom: (16)

Dr. Daniel Corr, President	Katheline Ocampo, Associate Dean of La Paz County Services
Ashley Herrington, Chief of Staff	Lori Stofft, Vice President of Advancement
Alan Lopez, Technology Specialist	Lt. Anthony Brown, AWC Police Department
Alfonzo Zavala, Interim Associate Dean of Workforce Development	Michelle Landis, Financial Services Controller
Bryan Doak, Vice President of Student Services	Reetika Dhawan, Vice President of Workforce Development and Career and Technical Education
David Kern, Honors Director, Communications Faculty	Ross Poppenberger, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services
Dr. Diane Carrasco-Jaquez, Vice President of Learning Services	Scott Estes, Chief Information Officer
Jose Lizagarra, Outreach and Student Services Coordinator – La Paz County	Tim Smith, Dean of Career and Technical Education

Others Present by Zoom: (10)

Karen Johnson, Chief Human Resources Officer	Nickzel Lezama, Financial Aid
Renee Munoz, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services	Susanna Zambrano, Associate Dean of South Yuma County
Bobby Lambert, Director of Organizational Development	Steve Eckert, Director of Facilities
Julia Howe, Director of Instructional Quality & Faculty Development	John Hallis, Outgoing Chief Information Officer
Ashli Perez, Talent Recruitment Coordinator	Victor Mata, Technology Services, Satellite Campuses

Community Member Present by Zoom: (0)

No community members in attendance

Community members present in person: (5)

Amy West, Superintendent of WAVE JTED
Paul Olsen, Associate Superintendent of Parker Unified School District
Stephanie McDowell, Community Health Worker Student
Carmen, Community Health Worker Student
David Daley, Principal of Parker High School

Call to Order: Board President Dennis Booth called the Regular Meeting to order at 10:03 am.

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Board President Dennis Booth.

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda for the January 11, 2022 meeting presented for approval.

Motion by Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, seconded by Maria Chavoya

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Richard Lamb, Dr. Kenneth MacFarland and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes: December 15, 2021 Board Regular Meeting Minutes presented for

approval.

Motion by Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, seconded by Richard Lamb

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Richard Lamb, Dr. Kenneth MacFarland and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Election of Board Officers: 2022-2023 Board Officers.

Motion by Richard Lamb of Dennis Booth as **President of Board**, seconded by Olivia Zepeda.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Richard Lamb, Dr. Kenneth MacFarland and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Motion by Richard Lamb of Olivia Zepeda as **Secretary of Board**, seconded by Maria Chavoya.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Richard Lamb, Dr. Kenneth MacFarland and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Motion by Olivia Zepeda of Maria Chavoya as **Board Representative for Arizona Association of District Governing Board (AADGB, formerly AACCT)**, seconded by Dr. Kenneth MacFarland.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Richard Lamb, Dr. Kenneth MacFarland and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Arizona Association of Community College Trustees (AACCT) – Ms. Chavoya noted that she will not be joining the upcoming February 2022 event in Washington, DC in person.

Call to the Audience:

No one approached the call to the audience.

Spotlight: La Paz County - Arizona Western College *Presented by Katheline Ocampo, Associate Dean of La Paz County*

Ms. Ocampo welcomed the Board, guests and students.

Cassandra Maciel is recognized as student of the month. Cassandra is a Honors student with an emphasis with English – in Secondary Education.

Ms. Ocampo shared that space is being used a “Zoom Pods” for students. Zoom pods are fully equipped office spaces that have been made available for students to take Zoom courses; reducing technology or Wi-Fi barriers that students in rural areas may face.

New programs to the area introduced including Medical Assistant and Community Health Worker. Recognition of Community Health Worker Program feature, Ms. Stephanie McDowell and Ms. Carmen Gonzalez from the La Paz County Health Department and students of the Community Health Worker Program shared in their experience as students as well as full-time employees

Ms. Ocampo recognized the growth of Dual Enrollment and Concurrent Courses offered to high school students. Locally, High School and Elementary school district are offered multiple avenues to introduce college courses to students. She welcomed Mr. David Daley, Parker High School Principal, who recognized the classes with Dual-Enrollment at the \$25/credit hour including Criminal Justice, Math, English Honors classes, with many classes’ tuition covered through funding with WAVE JTED. In at last year, 22 students graduating completing at least one college credit course while still in high school. Principal Daley thanked the Board and community partners in their support to continue to grow the programs and integrate the College to the options for students.

Ms. Ocampo welcomed Ms Amy West, WAVE JTED Superintendent. Ms. West updated the Board featuring the opportunity to partner the Elementary School District, High School District, Technical Education District with programs, camps and opportunities for students and those interested to educational opportunities.

Ms. Ocampo shared on the experience of Salome High School students and staff who visited the Yuma Campus last month.

Ms. Ocampo emphasized the role the College plays in building of community and shared a story with a student supporting her during an uncomfortable event on the Parker campus

Ms. Zepeda thanked Ms. Ocampo and her team for their hard work to bring new programs and creative ideas to meet the needs of the La Paz.

Employee Reports

Faculty Senate Association; Presented by Dr. Kevin Kato

No report was given.

Classified Employee Association; Presented by Ashley Macawile

No report was given.

Professional Employee Association

No report was given.

Action Items

Action Item #1 – Human Resources, Consideration to Approve Candidates for Exempt Positions – Presented by Kimberly Johnson

Candidates for Exempt Positions

- Kristen Jones, Professor of Physics
- Lisa Sturgis, KAWC Host/Producer
- Monika Haoui, Professor of Biology

Motion by Maria Chavoya, seconded by Richard Lamb

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Richard Lamb, Dr. Kenneth MacFarland and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The **Board Approved** the New Hires as presented.

Action Item #2 – Consideration to Approve a One-Semester (Spring 2023) Sabbatical for Catherine Hill, Professor of Geosciences – Presented by Dr. Diane Carrasco-Jaquez

Motion by Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, seconded by Maria Chavoya

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Richard Lamb, Dr. Kenneth MacFarland and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The **Board Approved** the sabbatical request during the 2022-2023 academic year for Professor Catherine Hill as presented.

Summary – After completing a review of Sabbatical Leave requests for the 2022-2023 academic year, Dr. Diane Carrasco-Jaquez recommends a sabbatical leave request for Catherine Hill, Professor of Geosciences. The request is for her to spend the Spring, 2023 semester creating geologic and hydrologic virtual

field trips (VFT) to benefit the professor, students, and AWC. The goal is to provide students with an opportunity to learn about the geologic cornucopia in Arizona, which will broaden students' horizons and potentially encourage geoscience as a career choice. This could also lead to an increased number of STEM majors among our minority students within this region, which would then increase the number of students who would pursue a geoscience major at our university partner institutions. Approximately 150 students in a semester will enroll in a geoscience course, and over half of them have never visited sites such as the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, or Glen Canyon Dam. Additionally, the need for virtual instruction continues to expand for our students, and faculty have had to find alternative methods for engaging in the sciences. Adding VFTs to the geoscience's curriculum will provide students and faculty with an innovative approach to learning in this STEM field.

It is recommended that the District Governing Board approve the sabbatical during the 2022-2023 academic year for Professor Catherine Hill.

Action Item #3 – Consideration to Authorize Non-Federal share DSH Payment and Authorize the College to enter into IGA with AHCCCS relating to such payment– Presented by Ross Poppenberger

Motion by Olivia Zepeda seconded by Richard Lamb

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Richard Lamb, Dr. Kenneth MacFarland and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Ms. Zepeda motioned for the Governing Board approve payment by the College of a non-federal share DSH payment, with such payment to be made to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System in an amount not to exceed \$4,463,665, as determined in the President's discretion, and with such payment being designated for the benefit of the Yuma Regional Medical Center; and

She motioned further that, pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2903.01, President Corr be authorized to enter into documents necessary to implement the College and federal government's DSH payments, including a required intergovernmental agreement with the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS).

Dr. MacFarland noted the value of the use of these restricted funds as part of a long-standing partnership with Yuma Regional Medical Center for the benefit of the Yuma community.

The **Board Approved** the Authorize Non-Federal share DSH Payment and Authorize the College to enter into IGA with AHCCCS relating to such payment as presented.

Summary –

For the benefit of all members of the Yuma community, including College students and employees, the College administration recommends that the Governing Board authorize the College to make a non-federal share DSH payment. DSH (pronounced "dish") is an acronym for disproportionate share hospital. Yuma Regional Medical Center qualifies as a DSH entity. If approved by the Board, the College's non-federal share DSH payment will:

- Be paid to the State of Arizona's Health Care Cost Containment System— commonly referred to as AHCCCS;
- Be in an amount approved by the Governing Board up to a maximum payment of \$4,463,665.00; and
- Result in the payment by the federal government of additional DSH funds totaling more than three times the amount of the College's payment, with 100% of all federal and non-federal DSH funds directly benefitting the Yuma Regional Medical Center and thus the Yuma community.

The administration also requests Governing Board authorization to enter into the required intergovernmental agreement with AHCCCS relating to the College's nonfederal share DSH payment.

The College and the Yuma Regional Medical Center have for years cooperatively offered numerous College healthcare education classes. These cooperative efforts have and will continue to benefit the College Districts, its students, and the Yuma community in general. A College non-federal share DSH payment will be more than tripled by the federal government. Therefore, the President recommends that the District Governing Board (1) approve making the maximum allowable non-federal share DSH payment and (2) direct the administration to enter into the required intergovernmental agreement with the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System relating to such payment.

Action Item #4 – Consideration to Enter into an Agreement between Yuma County and Arizona Western College – Presented by Ross Poppenberger

Motion by Olivia Zepeda seconded by Dr. Kenneth MacFarland

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Richard Lamb, Dr. Kenneth MacFarland and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The **Board Approved** the Agreement between Yuma County and Arizona Western College as presented.

Summary – February of 2019, the District Governing Board approved the College to enter an agreement with the City of Yuma and Yuma County to create a full-time Law Enforcement Training Academy (LETA). Since then, the College has successfully grown the Academy to meet local and state-wide demands for trained cadets. In partnership with the County of Yuma, the College seeks approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for construction of a full-time Law Enforcement Training Academy at the AWC Yuma Campus.

The President recommends the District Governing Board authorize the administration to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Yuma County.

Mr. Alfonzo Zavala noted that this facility will run a minimum of two-full time academy with the goal to offer up to five academy's through the year with this new facility. Since 2019, this has saved the law enforcement agencies over \$2,100,000.00 of funding to remain in use for the agencies.

Action Item #5 – Voucher (December 2021) – Presented by Ross Poppenberger

Motion by Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, seconded by Maria Chavoya

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Richard Lamb, Dr. Kenneth MacFarland and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The **Board Approved** the Voucher for December 2021 as presented.

Summary

The result of fiscal operations for the month ended December 31, 2021, indicated that revenues* exceeded expenses. On December 31, 2021, the cash balance was \$31,851,197 compared to \$25,905,466 on the same date last year.

Operational - Fund "0"

The District received 64% of its anticipated revenues and expended 41% of its budgeted expenditures, compared to 47% and 41%, respectively, last year.

Compared to 12,879 credit hours billed to students last year, this year 11,451 credit hours were 18 and under, active high school students. These students are billed \$25 per credit instead of \$90 per credit. The AWC

community betterment plan has resulted in \$744,284 or 1% of anticipated revenues to support the education of youth in the community.

Capital - Fund "6"

The District does not budget Capital revenues. For the current fiscal year, the District has expended 1% of its budgeted expenditures, compared to 15% last year.

*Yuma/La Paz Counties taxes received through November 30, 2021 at December 31, 2021.

Closing Items:

Dr. Corr commended Ms Ocampo and her staff focusing on the emphasis and interest of a ‘connected student experience’ as noted within the Student Experience Statement. He noted the College’s desire to remain a “College of the Community” with partnerships with K-12 institutions, WAVE, Arizona at Work and local agencies such as Law Enforcement.

Dr. Corr recognized the Community Health Care Worker Program which will continue to directly support and serve the communities in La Paz County.

Dr. Corr recognized the success of the Law Enforcement Training Academy (LETA) and its growth since the February 2019 launch of the full-time academy. Through the use of the partnerships with Arizona@Work and state agencies, the additional cost savings enable further service to the local communities. Dr. Corr noted his pride of the great work being done in response to the need by local agencies.

Dr. Corr noted the enrollment for Spring 2022 is strong and has grown since 2021 Spring semester. The ongoing enrollment figures reflect the strong outreach and marketing efforts across the District with a continued emphasis of students in class when and how they want to take classes.

The University Partners continue to bring greater access to higher education. ASULocal started its first cohort Monday January 10 with its ONLY campus site at a Community College. This reflects the shared collaboration of access to higher education with achievement towards the Colleges BHAG.

The Governor’s State of the State address delivered on January 10 notes the continued commitment for community college funding. Dr. Corr working through January and February, as the college’s designated lobbyist, to tell the ‘story’ about AWC and continue to speak to the need of ongoing funding. February 1, 2022 is AWC Day at the State Capitol.

In closing, Dr. Corr noted great enthusiasm about the College and great work happening across the state. He thanked the five Board members for their support and service to the District and students.

Mr. Booth noted the great excitement across the District and recognized the great impact the college makes within our communities.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 22 at 10 am conducted both in-person and via Zoom and at the Wellton Manufacturing Campus.

Adjourn: The meeting matters were complete.

Motion by Dr. Kenneth MacFarland seconded by Olivia Zepeda

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Richard Lamb, Dr. Kenneth MacFarland and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

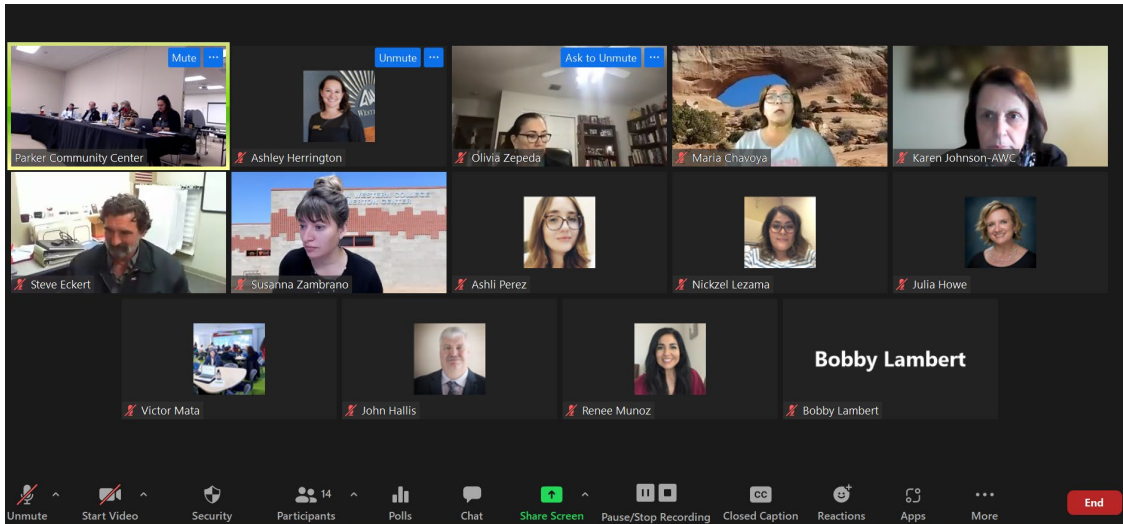
Abstain: None

The Board **Approved** the next meeting date and final matters of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley B. Herrington
Ashley B Herrington, Recording Secretary

Zoom Attendance at 10:09 am –14 attendees



Zoom Attendance at 10:50 am –12 attendees

