

COLLEGE OF THE SEQUIOIAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 13, 2022

CONSENT CALENDAR

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Minutes of Previous Meetings

Status:	Action
Presented by:	Brent Calvin, Ed.D. Superintendent/President

Issue

Minutes of the COS Board of Trustees meetings are being presented for approval.

- May 9, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Recommended Action

Approval of the Board of Trustees minutes is recommended.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
COLLEGE OF THE SEQUIOIAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

Monday, May 9, 2022

4:00 pm – Closed Session

5:00 pm – Regular Session

Location

College of the Sequoias, Visalia Campus
Board Room
915 S. Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277
[Zoom](#)

Board of Trustees

Greg Sherman, Kenneth Nunes, Raymond Macareno, Lori Cardoza, John Lehn,
Brent Calvin, Superintendent/President; Amna Ali, Student Trustee

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Cardoza, John Lehn, Ken Nunes, Amna Ali

MEMBERS ABSENT: Raymond Macareno, Greg Sherman

SENIOR MANAGEMENT: Brent Calvin, Jennifer La Serna, John Bratsch, Ron Perez, Jessica Morrison, Kristin Robinson, Dali Ozturk

CLOSED SESSION

I CALL TO ORDER

President Lehn called closed session to order at 4:00 PM.

II PUBLIC COMMENT

- Public Comments Concerning Items **On** the Closed Session Agenda – None.
- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GC §54957.6)**
 - College of the Sequoias Adjunct Faculty Association (COSAFA)
Chief Negotiator: Brent Calvin
 - California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 408
Chief Negotiator: Brent Calvin
 - College of the Sequoias Teachers Association (COSTA)
Chief Negotiator: Brent Calvin
- 2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
 - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(b): 2 cases
- 3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (GC §54957)**
 - Superintendent/President

III OPEN SESSION

President Lehn called open session to order at 5:05 PM.

- Closed Session Reportable Actions – President Lehn reported that the Board, by unanimous vote (absent Macareno and Sherman), took action to reject the claims for injury or damage filed by Christina Ramirez and Jorge Ramirez, and the board further instructed the District to relay these rejections to the claimants and notify Keenan & Associates for processing.
- Pledge of Allegiance – Trustee Cardoza led the pledge of allegiance.

IV PUBLIC COMMENT

- Public Comments Concerning Items **On** Agenda – None.
- Public Comments Concerning Items **Not** on the Agenda – Professor Erik Armstrong shared his thoughts/comments regarding the board's decision at the April meeting to not approve Christina Lynch's sabbatical request.

V BOARD AND EXECUTIVE STAFF REPORTS

a. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Ali reported the following Student Senate activities:

- April 22 & 29 – End-of-Year Movie Night on Visalia and Hanford campuses.
- May 5 – Scholarship Night
- May 6 - Honors Night

Ms. Ali thanked the board, faculty, and staff for a great academic year.

b. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Cardoza thanked the Theater Dept. and the Foundation for the Beauty and the Beast production and VIP events.

President Lehn reported his attendance at the PACE End-of-Year luncheon.

c. FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. Foster reported the following:

- Scholarship Night 2022-2023 Awarding Outcomes – 416 awards for total of \$497,450. Combine that with Finish Line Scholars Emergency Grants and the ITEP still to be awarded early fall we will break \$550,000 this cycle.
- COS Alumni Increased Presence During Commencement – The Foundation intends to continue with the COS Alumni License Plate and program page. The Foundation will have a greater presence with a booth and other promotional items to encourage our community in attendance to become members of the Alumni Network.

d. ACCREDITATION REPORT

No report.

e. SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Recognition of Student Trustee – Dr. Calvin commended Ms. Ali for all her hard work this past year as Student Trustee.

Dr. Calvin reported the following:

- Congratulated the COS Swim Team – Jillian Lambert placed first, second, and third in her events, Joshy Peters placed second, Ally Briano won coach of the year, and the team placed 8th in the state.
- Attended EOPS, AAC, CHDEV, Honors pre-graduation ceremonies, Scholarship Night with over \$500k awarded, and PACE luncheon honoring the Giant Award Winners.
- Beauty and the Beast – Described the event as surreal and magical. Dr. Calvin thanked Nick Terry, Chris Mangels, James McDonnell, and Michael Tackett for putting it together. He also thanked Tim Foster, Nicole Tudor, and Peighton Sisk for the Foundation events.
- COS Commencement on May 19, 5pm and 8pm.
- Congratulated Professor Larry Owens for his terrific work and outstanding achievements with the Friday Night Lab. The group of students were chosen for a highly-selective program through the University of Colorado and the Colorado Space Grant Consortium. The program is called GLEE – The Great Lunar Expedition for Everyone. Students will be able to conduct science and test technology on the surface of the moon.

VI REPORTS

a. ACADEMIC SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT/ UPDATE

Mr. Arzola announced the faculty awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 11. He reported the revised faculty hiring procedures will be presented this week to District Governance Senate and Academic Senate.

Mr. Arzola read the Academic Senate’s resolution on sabbaticals. He expressed his concern that the District is in a crisis similar to one that occurred five years ago.

Trustee Cardoza stated that she disagrees with “unknown procedures” in the resolution. Reflecting on five years ago, she argued that the board should not approve funding for things that don’t abide the law. Mr. Arzola argued that AP 7341 does not give the board a separate criteria and should rely on the faculty expertise.

Trustee Nunes shared that he is saddened by negative comments about COS 2.0 because of one disapproval of a sabbatical which does not meet Ed Code. He further stated that the Faculty Enrichment Committee (FEC) was advised of the issues and asked to revise the request; however, FEC refused and pushed the request through. Trustee Nunes is concerned with auditors having a finding.

Dr. Calvin remarked that he does not appreciate the comments that the District does not value its faculty’s work. He continued that FEC was forewarned that the sabbatical would not meet Ed Code. Dr. Calvin shared that he contacted several CEOs and CIOs, and the District’s auditor, all of which said that without direct benefit it would be a gift of public funds. He read the letter from the auditor in regards to this matter.

President Lehn shared that he was struck to the core by this matter and looked at all of the information to understand how it got to this point. He pointed out that the board has always supported sabbaticals during his tenure, and that the board has no intention to evaluate sabbaticals. Additionally, the board has always supported salary increases for all employees, including faculty, even when other districts are facing financial hardships. He challenged the resolution prepared by Academic Senate for having incorrect or non-factual statements. He explained that the board has not constructed additional procedures or evaluation criteria. Furthermore, the board has a fiduciary responsibility to the District’s taxpayers, and that is the only “screen” by which the board reviews sabbaticals, and that is not an “unknown procedure”.

Mr. Arzola argued that the law does not say “direct” impact, but only “impact”.

b. COSTA PRESIDENT’S REPORT/UPDATE

Ms. Redden shared that she believes there was a breakdown in communication in regards to Lynch’s sabbatical request.

c. CSEA PRESIDENT’S REPORT/UPDATE

No report.

d. COSAFA PRESIDENT’S/UPDATE

No report.

VII INFORMATION

1. SABBATICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (IIP) UPDATE

Erik Armstrong, Faculty Enrichment Committee Chair, presented a PowerPoint outlining Katie Beberian’s IIP which increased resources for the Writeability podcast, which offers free multimedia writing resources to all faculty and students. Board members thanked Ms. Beberian for her work and dedication. Mr. Armstrong reported that Jamie Moore will provide a written report to the board next semester.

2. QUARTERLY UPDATE - BUDGET ACCOUNTABILITY (Quarter Ending March 31, 2022)

Mr. Perez presented the reports which reflect changes to revenue and expenditure budgets with descriptions included for the largest components of those changes. He shared that the Governor’s May Revise will be released this week.

3. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT CCFS-311Q 3rd QUARTER FY 2021-2022

Mr. Perez presented the CCFS-311Q Financial Report which shows a projected ending fund balance of \$31,369,996 or 40%. The report also shows a projected surplus for the General Fund.

VIII CONSENT CALENDAR

Trustee Nunes moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented; Trustee Cardoza seconded. AYES: Nunes, Cardoza, Lehn. NOES: None. ABSENT: Macareno, Sherman. Motion carried.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

- April 18, 2022 – Regular Meeting

5. PERSONNEL REPORT 11-2021-2022

6. PAYMENT OF BILLS

7. WORKING BUDGET APPROVAL (July 1, 2021 to April 19, 2022)

8. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT

Amendment Number One to the Central/Mother Lode Regional Consortium Master Agreement No. 2021/23 Between Kern Community College District And College of the Sequoias Community College District.

9. RENEWAL OF LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Agreement for Legal Services with the firm of Lozano Smith until the agreement is terminated. The District may terminate the agreement at any time.

10. APPROVAL OF EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FUND MULTIPLE METHOD ALLOCATION MODEL CERTIFICATION FORM, FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve and certify the attached 2021-22 EEO Fund Certification Form.

IX ACTION

11. CURRICULUM: NEW, MODIFIED, DELETED

Dr. La Serna presented the new curriculum as required by Ed Code and Title 5.

Trustee Cardoza moved to approve the Curriculum: New, Modified, Deleted as presented; Trustee Nunes seconded. AYES: Cardoza, Nunes, Lehn. NOES: None. ABSENT: Macareno, Sherman. Motion carried.

12. CONSOLIDATION OF GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS (RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04)

Dr. Calvin recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 2022-04 ordering elections in Wards 1, 2 and 5 consolidation of the District's election with the general election, and other specifications as required.

Trustee Cardoza moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-04 as presented; Trustee Nunes seconded. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Cardoza, Nunes, Lehn

NOES:

ABSENT: Macareno, Sherman

X ADJOURNMENT

President Lehn adjourned open session at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent Calvin, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board of Trustees