

**COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

WORK SESSION

MARCH 24, 2021



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MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION
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A Work Session of the Coconino Community College District Governing Board was held via interactive videoconferencing (Zoom). Board Chair, Dr. Nat White, called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

PRESENT: Eric Eikenberry
Patricia Garcia
Patrick Hurley
Joseph R. Smith
Nat White

ABSENT: None

Also Present: Dr. Colleen Smith, CCC President; Mr. Anthony Williams, Ms. April Sandoval, Mr. Bob Voytek, Mr. Brian Harris, Dr. David Borofsky, Mr. Dietrich Sauer, Ms. Isabella Zagare, Dr. Jami Van Ess, Ms. Kay Leum, Mr. Kurt Stull, Mr. Larry Hendricks, Dr. Matthew Hernando, Dr. Lisa Blank, Dr. Nate Southerland, Ms. Randi Axler, Ms. Sarah Benton, Mr. Steve Peru, and Ms. Suzzanna Rodriguez.

Reports, summaries, background material and other documents referred to in these minutes can be found in the March 24, 2021 documents file.

Follow Up

- The April Board Meeting will include an agenda item related to the June District Governing Board retreat and agenda items.
- Board members should send any suggestions for agenda items for the retreat to Dr. Colleen Smith or Ms. April Sandoval on March 25, 2021.

1. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Dr. Nat White reviewed the Follow-Up items with the Board.

2. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Page Housing Update and Genterra Contract

Dr. Colleen Smith recapped the work happening surrounding the proposed Page student housing development and the first official meeting with the City of Page. That meeting reviewed the preliminary site plan provided to the Board in the meeting packet for tonight's meeting. That plan is just a starting place for discussions, and there are still many details to be worked out. The City of Page sees this as an opportunity for both the City and the College. There have also been many very positive comments about the work Ms. Kay Leum has been doing in the community. Mr. Steve Peru discussed a recent call with Congressman O'Halleran and other efforts related to community college funding.

Questions related to the project included the following:

- The possibility of building in space for academic uses, childcare, and other student needs

- If the City was involved in the discussion on Phase III and would be open to using that land for this purpose.
- The zoning of the piece of property.
- Various questions on roads and some of the City's suggestions to eliminate four-way stop intersections.

Mr. Rich Bowen joined the meeting and talked to the Board about the various work Genterra is doing to secure funding and apply for grants. Mr. Bowen also talked about the initial meeting with the City of Page. Genterra has been working with the Arizona legislative delegation to secure funding for the project. Mr. Bowen talked about Mayor Diak's support of the project and the City Manager and City staff. Many of the efforts for funding are targeted towards access and attainment for Native American students. The goal of any funding would be to bring the housing costs down to a more affordable rate for students. Genterra is very excited about the project and the many ways it will help increase enrollment and provide more options for education and affordable housing.

Mr. Patrick Hurley suggested using the empty parts of the lot, and Mr. Eric Eikenberry suggested that the College consider a phase four in Williams.

B. June Retreat (June 10-11, 2021)

Dr. Nat White began the discussion on this agenda item by checking on the proposed schedule. The Board would meet for dinner on June 10th followed by a full-day meeting on June 11th. The Board is considering both Zoom and face-to-face options and will make a decision about how the meeting will occur closer to the meeting date.

The discussion moved on to considering a facilitator for the meeting. Board members were supportive of having a facilitator and felt that it allowed the board members, including the Chair, to participate more fully in the meeting. The Board also wanted facilitator be someone who has deep background in community colleges and had a background in diversity discussions. The Board discussed various options for facilitators and whether the person should be from in- or out-of-state. The consensus was to consider Dr. Rufus Glasper from the League for Innovation, Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick, formerly of Maricopa Community Colleges, and Dr. Narcisa Polonio for retreat facilitators.

The Board also discussed possible meeting venues. Dr. White asked board members to send possible agenda topics to Dr. Smith or Ms. Sandoval on Thursday. This item will be on the April Board Meeting agenda to further discuss agenda topics.

C. Procedure 31-01 Agenda Building (Revised)

Dr. Nat White suggested the proposed changes to this policy. He is not suggesting that the fourteen agenda items be updated but is instead suggesting that the agenda items can be considered in any order listed. This change would allow more flexibility for the Board Chair and President to adjust the meeting flow and tailor the schedule to the items being presented. If the Board agrees with this revision, this item has been included in the Consent Agenda for approval at tonight's Regular Meeting.

Mr. Joseph Smith was supportive of allowing flexibility in building the agenda but asked for some history on requiring two board members approval to put an item on the agenda and how communication with the Assistant to the President was part of the Chair/President communication loop.

Mr. Patrick Hurley asked if the board wanted to specify the items that would be included in the consent agenda. The consensus was to keep those items separate in case they change over time.

ADJOURNMENT: The Work Session Adjourned at 5:00 pm.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Ms. April Sandoval
Board Recorder

Mr. Joseph R. Smith
Vice Chair/Secretary of the Board

Dr. Nat White
Board Chair