

**COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 2021



**COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MINUTES OF A JOINT MEETING
OF THE
COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
AND
COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 20, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Coconino Community College District Governing Board and Coconino County Board of Supervisors was held in the Commons Area of the Lone Tree Campus of Coconino Community College, 2800 S. Lone Tree Rd., Flagstaff, AZ 86005.

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENT: Eric Eikenberry
Patricia Garcia
Joseph R. Smith
Nat White

COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PRESENT: Lena Fowler
Patrice Horstman
Jeronimo Vasquez
Matt Ryan

ABSENT: Patrick Hurley
Judy Begay

Also Present: Dr. Colleen Smith, CCC President; Mr. Anthony Williams, Ms. April Sandoval, Ms. Ariena Contreras, Ms. Beth Otterstein, Mr. Bob Voytek, Mr. Robert Sedillo, Mr. Brian Harris, Mr. Brian Wilson, Mr. Cheyenne Grabiec, Ms. Colleen Carscallen, Ms. Cydney Boyer, Mr. Dietrich Sauer, Ms. Gail Lowe, Ms. Giovanna Macry, Mr. Gregory Nelson, Mr. Israel Garcia, Dr. Jami Van Ess, Ms. Kay Leum, Mr. Keith Becker, Ms. Kimberly Batty-Herbert, Mr. Kurt Stull, Ms. Louise Becker, Mr. Larry Hendricks, Ms. Lindsay Daly, Ms. Naomi Yazzie-Sloan, Dr. Nate Southerland, Ms. Patty Hansen, Ms. Rose Winkeler, Ms. Sarah Benton, Ms. Siri Mullaney, Ms. Sonjia Jones, Ms. Sonni Marbury, Ms. Staci Avelar, Mr. Steve Peru, Ms. Sue Brown, Ms. Suzzanna Rodriguez, and Mr. Tom Hanecak.

Reports, summaries, background material, and other documents referred to in these minutes can be found in the October 20, 2021 documents file.

Follow Up

- None

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Dr. Colleen Smith talked about the development of the land acknowledgment statement by CCC students and how it was brought forward all the way through the District Governing Board for approval. The statement is read on special occasions like this, so Dr. Smith read it to those assembled.

CALL TO ORDER OF THE COMBINED MEETING OF THE COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD AND THE COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mr. Matt Ryan called the Coconino County Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 4:12 pm. Dr. Nat White called the Coconino Community College District Governing Board meeting to order at 4:13 pm.

Dr. White added that the District Governing Board thanks the Board of Supervisors and appreciates their time. The services of the two boards may differ, but we serve the same people and the same area. The two boards have many of the same challenges, financial and legislative issues, so it is appropriate and valuable to hold a joint meeting in this space to help celebrate the community college's 30th birthday. Dr. White thanked everyone for being here.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. White asked Mr. Eric Eikenberry, as a Marine Veteran, to lead the group in the pledge of allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS – Coconino County Board of Supervisors and Coconino Community College District Governing Board

The members of the Boards introduced themselves.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - CCC

Ms. Patricia Garcia moved to approve the agenda, and Mr. Joseph Smith seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as presented (Mr. Eikenberry, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Smith, and Dr. White voting in favor).

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA – CCC

Approval of the Following Items:

- A. Minutes of a Work Session – September 15, 2021
- B. Minutes of a Regular Meeting – September 15, 2021
- C. Separations/New Hires
- D. Student Technology Purchase – Dell

Mr. Eric Eikenberry moved to approve the agenda, and Ms. Patricia Garcia seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as presented (Mr. Eikenberry, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Smith, and Dr. White voting in favor).

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response to the call to the public.

COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND COCONINO COUNTY COLLABORATION

A. Coconino County Redistricting Update

Mr. Steve Peru gave a presentation on the efforts happening related to redistricting. Both boards share district boundaries, so Mr. Peru gave an update on the process for redistricting for 2021.

Questions on the presentation included what considering the incumbent in the process meant, if all of the priorities would be considered equally, how to influence the draft map and submit input, if people could provide input as individuals or as a board, how this process has split communities in the past, and ways to keep communities whole, ways to consider the clean elections act, the Board of Supervisors and District Governing Board members would be up for election in 2022 and how those elections would be affected by redistricting.

- B. CCC Serving Coconino County**
 - i. Vision and Mission**

- ii. Strategic Planning
- iii. Partnerships Between CCC and Coconino County
- iv. Special Projects
 - 1. NASNTI Grant – Indigenous Student Success Centers
 - 2. P3 Project in Page
 - 3. CCC Higher Education Center – Northern Arizona Higher Education Consortium
- v. Legislation for Career and Technical Education (CTE) One-Time Funding
- vi. New Programs
- vii. Legislation to Reset Primary Property Tax
- viii. Moving Forward

Dr. Smith gave a presentation on the topics mentioned above and how the College serves the County and works collaboratively with Coconino County. Supervisor Lena Fowler talked about the needs the Northern Arizona Higher Education Consortium was formed to serve and how that partnership could be built up with funding and a full-time staff position.

Mr. Peru commented on the list of programs and how the Count relies heavily on the resources provided in the community. The County has already had several employees go through the CDL program and has saved significant funds and time in not having employees go to Phoenix. In looking at professions on the list, as an employer, there is a need for a trained workforce, so having a local resource for that training and is critical. There is a shortage of skilled, trained individuals to serve in key positions.

Mr. Matt Ryan has always supported the College and is supportive of the approach for additional funding. There is a need for additional funding for the College because of the demand for the College in the community. The need has been out there for CDL, and there is a dire need for trucking in the region. That is such a critical program and so very appreciated. Mr. Ryan the presence of Ms. Patty Hansen, who has been working so hard on the redistricting process.

Ms. Patrice Horstman mentioned that the College is a big part of what makes our community great. Not only is it an opportunity for affordable education, including career and technical education, transfer programs, and lifelong learning for residents across the County. Ms. Horstman thanked the College for what we provide to the community under unbelievable circumstances. She also appreciated the wonderful facility opened up to the community for so many events.

Mr. Jeronimo Vasquez reiterated the words of support for the great job CCC does for the community. The College is such an essential part of the pipeline and bridge for students. He greatly appreciated workforce programs, EMT, and the different programs available for those not ready for a university. He mentioned that watching the College grow and expand over the years has been astounding. He also thanked the College for opening up for the Mexican Consulate and other community events.

ACTION ITEMS

CCC 30th Anniversary Resolution

Mr. Matt Ryan took over as this was a County action item. This was a special action item acknowledging the 30th anniversary year of the College, and Mr. Ryan read the proclamation.

Whereas Coconino Community College marks its 30-year anniversary, providing an opportunity for Flagstaff citizens to reflect on its impact on the educational success and economic development of its citizens; and

Whereas more than 100,000 students have attended Coconino Community College since 1991, Coconino Community College’s faculty, students and staff contribute to the overall well-being of our community through affordable and accessible education.

Whereas Coconino Community College offers transferable credits to all Arizona Universities, certificate programs providing the community with well-trained employees and is an educational resource for life-long learning.

Whereas Coconino Community College represents our community’s commitment to supporting education for all ages and ethnicities. Coconino Community College serves as a designated Native American Non-Tribal Serving educational institution.

Whereas Coconino County would like to recognize a year-long celebration in appreciation of the efforts of all the citizens of Coconino County that have made Coconino Community College a reality, including the District Governing Board Members, the College’s Foundation, its faculty and staff, City officials from throughout the County, County Officials, business leaders, and the taxpayers and citizens of Coconino County who have supported the College through their tax dollars and continuing financial support.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that, we the Coconino County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of Coconino Community College, do officially launch Coconino Community College’s 30th Anniversary, and encourage all Citizens to participate in the activities planned here forth in a year-long celebration.

The Coconino County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution in support of the proclamation.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

Legislative Joint Advocacy

In moving forward, Dr. Smith heard last night that the community college promise program for free community college has gone by the wayside, so it is not being considered anymore. Instead, the community colleges will be working on ongoing funding for career and technical education programs and the expenditure limitation laws.

Both the College and the County can approach state and national legislatures. The goal of this discussion is to become more aware of each other’s legislative agendas are to be able to support conversations around them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next DGB Monthly Board Meeting: December 8, 2021 (note date change from November 17, 2021).

The next Regular Foundation Board Meeting: November 30, 2021.

Mr. Eric Eikenberry thanked Mr. Steve Peru for suggesting this first joint meeting and hopes it is not our last. He also complimented the audio-visual setup and stated that it was very well done.

Mr. Matt Ryan gave reciprocal thanks to the College for hosting the meeting. This meeting was important as the two boards often work on issues like workforce housing, and many elements cross over between the boards.

Ms. Patrice Horstman thanked the College for hosting, and it was wonderful to be here in person. There are many connections and partnerships between the boards, and she and looks forward to working closely on a legislative agenda that helps people in our community. Ms. Horstman thanked Mr. Peru and Dr. Smith for their leadership in getting us together.

Ms. Jeronimo Vasquez thanked the College for hosting and remarked on how the community needs this kind of inspiration and drive.

Ms. Lena Fowler commented on how she wished she could be there in person but had to take every precaution related to COVID-19. She commented that Dr. Smith is a blessing for our area and thought everything proposed tonight was wonderful. The CCC Board is great, and she is very supportive of their vision for the community and dedication to having the campus in Page open to help students get their work done.

The CCC Staff, Coconino County Staff, and community members in attendance introduced themselves.

2. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair White and Chair Ryan called the meeting closed at 5:44 pm

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Ms. April Sandoval
Board Recorder

ATTEST and APPROVED:

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

Dr. Nat White
Board Chair