

Special Joint Board Meeting
Barstow Community College District & Victor Valley Community College District
Thursday, October 29, 2020
APPROVED MINUTES

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The Special Joint Board meeting with Barstow Community College and Victor Valley Community College Districts was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 ROLL CALL - Barstow Community College

Superintendent/President of Barstow College, Dr. Eva Bagg, introduced the Barstow College Trustees, including Student Trustee Alysha Paulino.

Members present

Trustees: Timothy Heiden, Fernando Baca, Paul Wilkey, Philip Harris, & Ted Baca

Student Trustee: Alysha Paulino

Superintendent/President: Eva Bagg

1.3 ROLL CALL - Victor Valley Community College

Superintendent/President of Victor Valley College, Dr. Daniel Walden, introduced the Victor Valley College Trustees.

Members present

Trustees: Joseph W Brady, John Pinkerton, Jennifer Tarpley, Dennis Henderson, & Brandon A Wood

Superintendent/President: Daniel Walden

Members absent

Student Trustee: Bridget Lee

1.4 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1.5 PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: The complete written request to address the Board shall be submitted before the start of the meeting. Individuals may comment after being recognized by the Board President and before Board discussion of the particular item. Public comments are limited to three minutes per individual and a total of 15 minutes per topic. Speakers will be timed.(Board Policy 2350).

1.6 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS DELETED OR CORRECTED FROM THE AGENDA

None

2. Barstow Community College Welcome & Introductions

2.1 Introductions - Dr. Eva Bagg

Dr. Bagg introduced the facilitator of this meeting - Lisa Kiplinger-Kennedy.

2.2 Board President Comments - Timothy Heiden

Trustee Heiden shared his comments.

3. Victor Valley Community Welcome & Introductions

3.1 Introductions - Dr. Daniel Walden

Dr. Walden turned the introductions over to Trustee Brady.

3.2 Board President Comments - Joseph W. Brady

Trustee Brady thanked everyone for being here tonight, expressing the importance of this collaboration for both colleges and their students, and asked the VVC Board to introduce themselves.

4. Barstow College Program Highlights - Presented by Dean Crystal Nasio

4.1 BCC Program Highlights

Dr. Crystal Nasio reported on the collaborative work she and Dr. Scott have already been doing together. She reported on important grants received by Barstow College that support students at no cost, helping them learn skilled trades to get them into the workforce faster. Dr. Nasio continued her report by expressing that both BCC and VVC have strong trade programs, and shared information on Project 16 of the Strong Workforce program, which will assist military veterans by awarding credits based on

time served in the military. Dr. Nasio reviewed the CTE program highlights at Barstow College that include their non-credit trade tech program, allied health, and others.

5. Victor Valley College Program Highlights - Presented by Dean Todd Scott

5.1 VVC Program Highlights

Dr. Scott reported on the non-credit fire and public safety programs at VVC, including a public safety dispatcher certificate.

Dr. Scott reported that he is in a pilot program for virtual CPR training, where participants go to a kiosk where mannequins test and record a students' performance giving CPR. Dr. Scott continued his report on VVC's aviation program located at Southern California Logistics Airport (SCLA). Planned expansion is currently halted due to the pandemic, however some face-to-face labs are able to meet. They are currently in the process of renovating labs, and starting a non-credit community health worker program. Finally, the automotive technician is also working on non-credit programs where students can get certified and go right to the workforce.

6. Innovation Center - Presented by Thomas Hallin

6.1 Innovation Center

Thomas Hallin spoke of the grant for the growing innovation center(s). The pilot is starting in Barstow and there are plans to create more across the region. These will foster collaboration, teaching people about experiential learning. Mr. Hallin continued his presentation on ecosystem building which connects students with each other (peer to peer learning) as well as with mentors. Mr. Hallin also discussed finding a location for an innovation center, stating they have looked all over Barstow and have some options, but have decided to review existing, underutilized spaces, and perhaps looking at VVC as an option. Mr. Hallin completed his presentation discussing how the navy is creating technology bridges for innovation with the hope to do this across all military branches.

7. High Desert Training Center - Presented by Frank Castanos

7.1 High Desert Training Center

Frank Castanos explained his role in working with different community groups and businesses to find out how to offer customized trainings to meet their needs. He reported on the new facilities at the High Desert Training Center, and shared information on the General Atomics apprenticeship, a 2-year earn while you learn program starting at \$20 per hour, full time + benefits. Mr. Castanos shared information on the workforce readiness academy and the Cal State San Bernardino reentry initiative that provides OSHA 30/ CPR/ technical math, employability skills, computer literacy, GED prep and other courses to previously incarcerated individuals. Mr. Castanos completed his presentation discussing the courses offered at the local prison, which include auto, welding, solar and waste management. However, these offerings are currently on hold due to the pandemic.

8. Collaboration Opportunities - Presented by Lisa Kiplinger-Kennedy

8.1 Collaboration Opportunities

Lisa Kiplinger-Kennedy presented on Collaboration for Complement which uses existing programs at each campus to create complementary programs that benefit students at both college campuses. She stated there are great opportunities for the colleges to share strengths and send students from one campus to the other to ensure students get the training they need to get the jobs. Ms. Kiplinger-Kennedy discussed partnerships with local industries, mutual collaboration, innovation and training centers to include non-credit and contract education, as well as a creative space for students. Ms. Kiplinger-Kennedy completed her presentation discussing an entrepreneur mindset general education course to be articulated with Cal States for credit. She feels that BCC and VVC are setting the example for other colleges in our region.

9. High Desert Survey Recap - Presented by Joseph W. Brady

9.1 High Desert Survey Recap

Trustee Joseph W. Brady gave a recap of how the High Desert Survey came about and the initial press conference that was held in July 2018. Trustee Brady stated that the majority of the responses to the survey focused on issues with crime. The recommendations are very clear. Trustee Tim Heiden concurred with Trustee Brady and shared some final words.

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.1 Adjourn October 29, 2020 Special Joint Board Meeting - Barstow Community College and Victor Valley Community College

Closing remarks were made by Dr. Walden and Dr. Bagg. Dr. Walden thanked Barstow College for taking the time and effort to set up this joint Board meeting and expressed his pleasure that all Board members from both colleges were able to be there, and felt the meeting went very well. Dr. Bagg echoed her thanks and expressed her gratitude for all the support that went into the arrangements, particularly with the technology. Dr. Bagg concluded the meeting stating she looks forward to more in the future.

There being no further discussion by the Governing Boards, the meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.