

Victor Valley Community College District
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, June 10, 2021
APPROVED MINUTES

1. OPEN SESSION: 5:00 p.m.

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

Board President Wood called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Members Present

Brandon A Wood, Jennifer Tarpley, Dennis Henderson, Joseph W Brady, Sharon Pinkerton
Dr. Daniel Walden

1.3 PUBLIC COMMENTS: The complete written request to address the Board shall be submitted at the beginning of the open session portion of the meeting. Individuals may comment after being recognized by the Board President and before Board discussion of the particular item. (Board Policy 2350)

1.4 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Michelle Painter led the pledge.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATED TO NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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There were no public comments.

3. EVALUATION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3.1 Evaluation Feedback

Guy Lease of PPL, Inc. thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to come back and work with them and see all they have accomplished despite the pandemic. He explained that an executive summary of the progress on their goals was provided to each of them. Mr. Lease reviewed each of the goals with the Trustees, who provided their individual input on their progress as follows:

Goal 1 focused on Nurturing a Culture of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI): Most Trustees felt that progress on this goal has been consistently moving forward. Trustee Pinkerton stated she would like to see more DEI incorporated into the board policies. Trustee Henderson stated he would like to see more involvement in the planning documents. Trustee Brady stated that he spoke with a student who feels there should be more diversity on the board, and expressed his confusion that the Board felt they were advancing in this area when many argued against his request to have the redistricting demographer available to confirm that expanding their membership from 5 to 7 was ill-advised. Trustee Tarpley didn't see the correlation between having the demographer confirm this information and their work on DEI. Trustee Wood agreed with Trustee Tarpley that the two items were unrelated. Lengthy discussion took place between the Trustees on this matter. Trustee Wood called the meeting back to order, bringing the topic of Goal 1 back to the floor. Trustee Wood stated that he feels they have done great work on this goal but that it is a goal that will always require their close attention and work. Trustee Tarpley stated she felt the DEI work is going well and is pleased with the VVC DEI committee being established.

Goal 2 included the adoption of a new Educational Master Plan (EMP) and a review of the new Strategic Enrollment Management Plan (SEMP). Both planning documents have been vetted through the Board, so this goal has been met. The Trustees expressed their satisfaction in completing this goal and felt it was very task oriented and easily measured. Trustee Tarpley wants to ensure that the EMP doesn't just get set up on a shelf. Trustee Wood would like updates on the implementation of the EMP. Dr. Walden stated that they would receive an annual report to inform them what has been accomplished. Trustee Wood expressed concern that if they don't get updates more frequently this might get forgotten. Mr. Lease explained that there are many individuals working on implementation of the EMP who will provide various reports along the way that are relative to progress on the EMP, and these would come to the Board more frequently. Dr. Walden noted that he will ensure that presentations to the Board tie their information to both the EMP and the SEMP implementation to ensure the Board is aware of progress in these areas.

Technology Break: 6:07pm

Reconvene: 6:15pm

Goal 3 pertained to the Trustees building stronger community relations through their attendance at campus and community events and getting the word out about VVC. With the pandemic they had some difficulties on this goal, but were able to continue in connecting Dr. Walden with various community leaders in a limited capacity. Trustee Wood was able to introduce Dr. Walden to Victorville judges and set up partnerships with the courthouse. Board members were able to still attend the ASB retreat, and as the reopening of the college has begun, the Trustees are able to attend graduations. Trustee Tarpley spoke about attending Zoom events like the college Art Show and the One Book-One College event. Trustee Brady commented on meetings he arranged such as the tour of SCLA and meeting with the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board, and stated he'd like to continue making connections with the community. All things considered the Trustees concurred that they felt they did a decent job meeting this goal despite

the pandemic.

Goal 4 pertaining to supporting student access, success and completion was discussed next. Ms. Sugimoto explained that their work on Goal 2 also drives Goal 4 as the EMP and SEMP institutional planning documents strongly focus on improving areas of access, success and completion for VVC students. She asked for the Board's feedback on how they feel they are doing with this goal. Trustee Tarpley feels the goal is important and valid and should remain a goal of the Board for the upcoming year. Dr. Walden expressed the need to figure out how the Board can make their next goals comprised of actionable items the Board can engage in. All Trustees agreed to Dr. Walden's suggestion and felt that this goal has been well-supported.

Goal 5 pertains to the Caring Campus Initiative. Trustee Wood expressed that he feels the Board has done a fabulous job moving forward on this goal. He stated that the feeling on campus, despite the pandemic, and the attitudes and environment that he has witnessed from faculty and staff have been enthusiastic and positive. He expressed that the Board is working well together and with the President, and people see that. People want to come to an institution when they see the leadership working well together. Dr. Walden expressed his appreciation of the Board's level of engagement with him. Trustee Wood said there is a lot more work to be done and wants this goal to continue into the next year and beyond.

4. BOARD GOALS FOR 2021-2022

4.1 Draft Development of Board Goals for 2021-2022

The Board continued discussion of their goals including what items might move on to the next year, nuances to wording, potential new goals, and selecting things that are actionable and easily measured. It was agreed upon that the DEI work and the EMP/SEMP work should roll over with the Board monitoring and supporting the progress and implementation of these institutional plans through frequent reports to the Board that are data driven. It was suggested that Goal 2 collapse/morph into Goal 4. Wording to include the Board will ensure staff have resources necessary for the implementation of these things should be included. Trustee Tarpley would like the EMP/SEMP work to remain as Goal #2 as it is very student focused and should be at the top of their priorities. Determining the Board's role to support moving towards Aspen recognition and the Caring Campus initiative is needed. The Board also felt a major item they should be focusing on is how to come out of the pandemic and recover enrollment and support future growth. They would like a monthly report providing what the college is doing to recoup enrollment. Trustee Wood shared some potential wording for this new goal as follows: Lead the college in a safe and prosperous (he questioned this word) reopening. The Board is committed to safely, fully reopening and recovering from the events of 2020 bigger, stronger and better. The Board will provide support, resources and oversight to ensure the safe, successful and prosperous reopening. Trustee Wood stated they do not want to have too many goals, and feels five (5) is a manageable number. The Board agreed that they should stick with 5 goals. A draft of the 2021-2022 goals will be created by PPL and provided to the Board for their feedback and final adoption.

Trustee Brady left the room at 7:18pm and returned at 7:19pm

5. CLOSED SESSION

5.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATED TO CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no public comments.

5.2 ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

5.3 Mid-Year Performance Review of Superintendent/President - Government Code Section 54957

5.4 Discussion - Superintendent/President Contract: July 2021 to June 2025

Before adjourning to closed session, Dr. Walden provided a quick progress update on his goals for the Board's consideration.

5.5 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Board President Wood adjourned to closed session at 7:50pm.

6. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION SPECIAL MEETING

The board reconvened to open session at 9:03pm.

6.1 CLOSED SESSION REPORT

No action was taken and there was nothing to report.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjourn the June 10, 2021 Special Board of Trustees Meeting

There being no further business to come before the Governing Board, on a Motion by Joseph W Brady, second by Sharon Pinkerton, Board President Wood adjourned the meeting at 9:04pm

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Brandon A Wood, Jennifer Tarpley, Dennis Henderson, Joseph W Brady, Sharon Pinkerton

