

# Graham County Community College District

## Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.  
Student Services Building - District Governing Board Room - 244

Roll Call: Present: Jeff Larson, Chair  
Brad Montierth, Secretary  
Lois Ann Moody, Member  
Tina McMaster, Member

Absent: Richard W. Mattice, Member

Also Present: Todd Haynie, President; Heston Welker, Vice President of Administration; Susan Wood, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs; Phil McBride, Senior Dean of Gila County Campuses; Craig O'Donnal, Director of Support Services and Learning Technology, Information Resources; Pete Chidester, Dean of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences; Pam Woods, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs; David Udall, Executive Director of the Foundation; Kevin Peck, Dean of Business, Computers, & ITE; Craig Hackett, President of Faculty Association; Kenny Smith, Dean of Student Services; Gary Sorensen, Dean of Students; Keith Alexander, Special Assistant to the President, Community and Government Relations; Aaron Burk, Dean of STEM; Kris McBride, Director of Marketing and Public Relations; Eric Bejarano, Director of the Small Business Development Center; and Jodi Keim, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order: Chair Larson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Those present at the meeting stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Chair Larson welcomed all in attendance. Guests included Michael Andazola, Bob Rivera, and Lupe Munoz.

Call to The Public: There were no comments from the public.

Minutes: Mrs. Moody moved, and Mrs. McMaster seconded, to accept the recorded minutes of the Special and Regular meetings from October 19, 2023. The motion passed unanimously (McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor). (Minutes attached and made part of the official minutes.)

Vouchers/

Financial Reports: Vice President Welker presented Financial Reports for the period of July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023. An individual synopsis of all funds was presented. (Financial Reports attached and made part of the official minutes.)

Mrs. McMaster moved, and Dr. Montierth seconded, to accept the following vouchers:

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EXPENSE

#P1	\$2,895,590.72	#1	\$2,104,588.95
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The motion passed unanimously (McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor).

### Reports

Greenlee County: Report attached and made part of the official minutes.

Gila County: Report attached and made part of the official minutes.

Foundation/Alumni: Report attached and made part of the official minutes.



### **Old Business**

2024-2027 Academic Calendars: Vice President Wood presented the 2024-2027 Academic Calendars for adoption. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)

Mrs. Moody moved, and Dr. Montierth seconded, to adopt the 2024-2027 Academic Calendars. The motion passed unanimously (McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor).

### **New Business**

Presentation by Chamber of Commerce:

Graham County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Vance Bryce was not present; no presentation was given.

Presentation by Eastern Arizona Hispanic Heritage Corporation:

Mr. Michael Andazola, Chair; Mr. Lupe Munoz, Treasurer/Secretary; and Mr. Bob Rivera, Vice Chair gave a history of their organization and reported on their recent activities and accomplishments. They expressed their appreciation on behalf of the Hispanic Heritage Corp. to President Haynie and Eastern Arizona College for their support and presented a check for \$15,840 to the Eastern Arizona College Foundation for scholarships.

### **Standing Business**

Courses/Curricula:

Vice President Wood presented six new course proposals, seven course deletions, one new curriculum, and one curriculum modification for consideration. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)

Dr. Montierth moved, and Mrs. Moody seconded, to approve the courses and curricula as presented. The motion passed unanimously (McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor).

Contracts:

There were no contracts presented for consideration.

Policy & Regulations:

There were no policies or regulations presented for consideration.

Personnel:

President Haynie provided an update on personnel openings. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)

### **General Information**

Chair Larson announced that the next District Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

As permitted by A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), President Haynie presented a brief summary of current events. He reported that on November 1, 2023, the ten Arizona community college CEOs and presidents met with Governor Katie Hobbs to discuss their legislative priorities. They discussed five specific legislative agenda items: 1) the protection of formula funding; 2) the dedication of funds to match federal funding of Small Business Development Centers; 3) the implementation of a statewide community college promise scholarship for workforce programs; 4) opportunities for apprenticeships and internships; and 5) challenges with the expenditure limitations of community colleges in the state.

President Haynie reported that two weeks ago, he traveled to Riverside, CA and attended his first Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Meeting. There are three commissioners chosen from each of the western states and the U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States. The two other commissioners from Arizona are John Arnold, Executive Director of the Arizona Board of Regents; and Kathleen Goepfinger, President of Midwestern University. President Haynie serves on the Programs and Services Committee, which oversees the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program. He is honored and thrilled to be a part of that commission that meets twice a year, in one of the western states or on one of the islands.

President Haynie just returned this morning from attending the Higher Education Research and Development Institute (HERDI) West Board Meeting, in which he serves on the advisory board. HERDI West is a subset of the national group that connects educational technology companies with community colleges. These companies present the advisory boards with their technology and ask for feedback from



community colleges to help them improve and modify their projects. There are four other community college presidents from Arizona on the advisory board. President Haynie said it is a fascinating opportunity to connect with the educational technology companies, and the other community college presidents from across the United States.

As of this morning enrollment data shows that headcount and estimated FTSE numbers are still up. Our headcount is up 3.7%, and the overall estimated FTSE is up 6.6%. On the Thatcher Campus, our headcount is up 7%, and our estimated FTSE is up 11.3%.

President Haynie reported that Eastern Arizona College Athletics now has an app that can be downloaded from either Google Play or the Apple Store. The app allows users to view upcoming athletic events and reserve game tickets. To find the app, search for "EAC Athletics" in Google Play or the Apple Store. The formal launch will happen next month.

President Haynie reported that the two bachelor's degrees that were submitted to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) were reviewed by the Institution Actions Council (IAC) this past Monday, and we anticipate hearing their decision within two weeks. The HLC team that visited our campus recommended approval of both bachelor's degrees to the IAC. We anticipate a positive outcome. We were told by our HLC liaison that we can begin promoting and advertising the programs with the caveat that it is pending HLC approval.

Finally, President Haynie invited all to attend the Elaine Robak Imaging Lab Dedication Ceremony at 2:00 p.m., in the Science and Allied Health Building on North Campus.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. McMaster moved, and Dr. Montierth seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously (McMaster, Moody, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor). The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jodi Keim

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Recording Secretary

Attest:

/s/ Jeff Larson

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Jeff Larson, Chair

/s/ Brad Montierth

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Brad Montierth, Secretary

