

# Graham County Community College District Special Governing Board Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2024, 1:00 p.m.  
Student Services Building Governing Board Room - 244

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

Absent: None

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; Laurie Pennington, Director of Enterprise Risk Management; Kris McBride, Director of Marketing and Public Relations; Keith Alexander, Chief Government Affairs Officer; Kenny Smith, Dean of Student Services; Craig O'Donnal, Director of Support Services and Learning Technology, Information Resources; Aaron Burk, Dean of STEM; Pam Woods, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs; David Udall, Executive Director of the Foundation; Gary Sorensen, Dean of Students; Nathan Smith, Director of Budgets and Purchasing; Troy Ainsworth, Director of Fiscal Control/Controller; Pete Chidester, Dean of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences; Eric Bejarano, Director of SBDC Program; and Jodi Keim, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order: Chair Larson called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Those present at the meeting recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: Chair Larson welcomed all in attendance, including guests Mr. Mitchell Beals, Mr. Bob Rivera, and Ms. Shirley Rhoten.

Truth in Taxation Hearing: In compliance with ARS §15-1461.01(A)(4), a Truth in Taxation Hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 budget was conducted. (Report attached and made a part of the official minutes.)

Comments from the audience were received. Mr. Mitchell Beals expressed appreciation to the college administration and board for their work and support. He also shared concerns about the annual increase of the property tax levy, the upward trajectory of the annual budget, and the possibility of the Expenditure Limitation proposition not passing.

Chair Larson noted that no written correspondence either in favor of or against the proposed 2% increase of the tax levy had been received.

Special Board Meeting  
on the Proposed 2024-2025  
Property Tax Levy:

Chair Larson called a Special Meeting on the 2024-2025 Proposed Property Tax Levy as mandated by ARS §15-1461.01.

Mr. Mattice moved, and Mrs. Moody seconded, to approve the District's proposed 2024-2025 property tax levy increase of 2%.

Chair Larson called for a roll call vote to consider the District's proposed 2024-2025 property tax levy increase. Mrs. McMaster voted "yes," Mrs. Moody voted "yes," Mr. Mattice voted "yes," Dr. Montierth voted "yes," and Chair Larson voted "yes." The property tax levy increase passed by a majority vote.

Public Budget Hearing:

Chair Larson announced the Public Budget Hearing for 2024-2025 as mandated by ARS §15-1461(I). (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)

There were no comments from the public regarding the proposed budget.



Special Board Meeting  
to Adopt the 2024-2025  
GCCCD Budget:

Chair Larson called a Special Meeting to adopt the 2024-2025 Graham County Community College District Budget as mandated by ARS §15-1461(J).

Mrs. McMaster moved, and Dr. Montierth seconded, to adopt the 2024-2025 Graham County Community College District Budget as presented. Chair Larson called for a roll call vote to consider adopting the District's proposed 2024-2025 budget. Mrs. McMaster voted "yes," Mrs. Moody voted "yes," Mr. Mattice voted "yes," Dr. Montierth voted "yes," and Chair Larson voted "yes." The 2024-2025 GCCCD Budget was adopted by a majority vote.

Adjournment:

Dr. Montierth moved, and Mr. Mattice seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with McMaster, Moody, Mattice, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 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