



**Gila County Community College District  
Governing Board Work Session Meeting  
Gila Pueblo Campus  
September 3, 2015  
\*\*APPROVED\*\***

A Work Session Meeting of the Gila County Community College District Governing Board was held via ITV on September 3, 2015 in Room 522 at the Gila Pueblo Campus and Room 209 at Payson Campus, Gila Community College, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(B), notice having been duly given.

**Governing Board Members Present:**

Samuel I. Moorhead, President  
Jerry McCreary, Member  
Jay Spehar, Member  
John Zilisch, Secretary

**Governing Board Members Absent:**

Jan Brocker, Member (Unable to connect via phone)

**Staff Present:**

Dean Burke, GPC and SC Dean, B. Stephen Cullen, Senior Dean, Ron Carnahan, Project Coordinator IT Gila County, Jefferson Dalton, Gila County Attorney's Office, Susan Gallo, Fiscal Coordinator, Steve Giles, IT Support, Trena Grantham, PR Coordinator, L.Q.Harris, Software Support Specialist, and Lisa Nye, Administrative Assistant.

**OTHER GUESTS:** Autumn Giles, Arizona Silver Belt, Michele Nelson, Payson Roundup and Mike Pastor, Gila County Supervisor

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge and Acknowledge Guests**

President Moorhead called the Work Session to order at 9:08 a.m. Secretary Zilisch led the Pledge and he acknowledged that all members of the Board were present and he is attempting to connect via phone with Member Brocker.

**2. New Business**

**A. House Ad Hoc Committee on Provisional Community Colleges/Information/Discussion**

Member Spehar informed the Board that a draft letter prepared by the Legislative Committee was in their packets. This letter outlines several issues and is a position statement for President Moorhead to present to the Ad Hoc Committee meeting. He stated that this Board is not opposed to lowering the FTSE level to qualify for accreditation. However, the letter is designed to educate regarding some of the hurdles that must be resolved first. Questions were asked regarding assessed value and much discussion followed. (Copy attached and made a part of the official minutes.)

**3. Standing Business**

**Update on Accreditation Strategy/Information/Discussion**

Member Jerry McCreary informed the Board that the committee met and reviewed the information that had been submitted to the Higher Learning Commission. Everyone agreed that it needed to be reworked and at the next meeting guidelines/timelines for each process will be identified. It will be a lengthy process possibly five to ten years.

**B. Update on the Enrollment Strategy/Information/Discussion**

Member Brocker was unable to be reached by phone.

**C. Update on the Legislative Strategy/Information/Discussion**

Member Spehar stated that the report was made earlier regarding the letter that was generated for the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting in September. TriAdvocates reviewed the letter and made comments and it was revised accordingly. Secretary Zilisch expressed the need to recognize Member Spehar and the outstanding job he did as the author of the letter.

**D. Update on the Communications Strategy/Information/Discussion**

Secretary Zilisch stated that he gave his full report at the last meeting and since that time he has attended one weekly communications meeting and that information about the school year beginning is going out on radio, newspaper, and a theatre ad. A Career Day will be held on September 11 at the high school and at the College. The committee is waiting for feedback from a survey and will report on the results when it is received. Senior Dean Cullen informed the Board that the Southern part of Gila County will have their Career/College Day on October 19th.

**E. Update on the Partnership Strategy/Information/Discussion**

Senior Dean Cullen reported that the committee has reviewed the existing list and culled out those not participating and strategized on how to bring them back. A short list has been prepared of partners throughout Gila County that will receive our survey asking what their training needs might be. Senior Dean stated that he met with the Department of Corrections and with grant writers and is in the process of writing a grant for Workforce training for the Department of Corrections. The Department has been very helpful identifying the needed programs.

**F. Update on Funding Strategy/Information/Discussion**

President Moorhead informed that the committee did not meet.

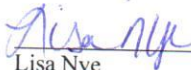
Member Spehar stated that at the Partnership Meeting it was discussed that GCC has a program in place now that provides workforce re-entry skills such as resume writing, and interview skills. He informed that in Southern Gila County there is a large number of suddenly laid off people who may need to take advantage of those course offerings. Supervisor Pastor informed that the County has been contacted by the Arizona Commerce Committee wanting to know what is going on. Local contact Melissa Buzan has a program in place and will be contacting Senior Dean soon to discuss using GCC facilities. The classes will be open to the public and Senior Dean is proposing to provide the open entry/open exit classes pro bono to the laid off people.

**4. Adjournment/Action**

**Motion 09032015#1**

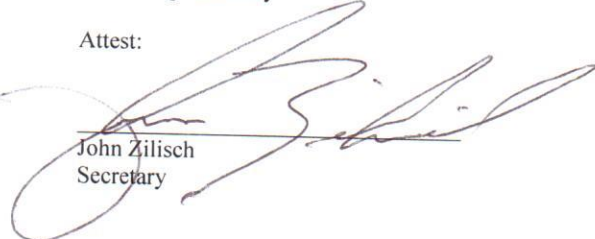
President Moorhead adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m. After a recess the Regular Session will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Nye  
Recording Secretary

Attest:



John Zilisch  
Secretary