



Gila County Community College District
Governing Board Special Meeting
Study Session
Gila Pueblo Campus
February 3, 2020
****APPROVED****

A Special Meeting of the Gila County Community College District Governing Board was held on February 3, 2020, at Gila Pueblo Campus Room 522, 8274 S. Six Shooter Canyon Rd, Globe, Arizona, 85501 pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(B), notice having been duly given.

Governing Board Members Present:

Jay Spehar, President
 Jan Brocker, Vice President and Secretary
 Kurt Knauss, Member
 Samuel I. Moorhead, Member

Governing Board Members Absent:

N/A

Also Present:

Pat Burke, GPC Campus Dean, Pam Butterfield, Payson Campus Dean, Ron Carnahan, Project Coordinator IT Gila County, Susan Gallo, Fiscal Coordinator.

OTHER GUESTS Todd Haynie, EAC President, Heston Welker, VP Operations, Jeanne Bryce, VP Academics and Student Affairs, Jeff B. Larson, Graham County Governing Board Chair, Tena McMaster, Graham County Board Member, Keith Alexander, Special Assistant to the President, Laurie Pennington, Executive Assistant to the President & District Governing Board, Shannon Seballos, Director, Accreditation & Effectiveness, Karen Solinski, Consultant, Nicole Hart and Alexis Kesterson Payson Campus students and Yvette Vargas GPC Campus student.

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

President Spehar called to order the Gila County Community College District Governing Board Special Session meeting at 11:01 a.m. on February 3, 2020. President Spehar called roll. President Spehar asked that the record show that there is a quorum. President Spehar acknowledged there were guests at the Gila Pueblo Campus.

2. Call to the Public

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01 (H) President Spehar read the State Statute. No one approached the Board during the Call to the Public.

3. Special Study Session-----Information/Discussion/Action

A. Student Forum/Question and Idea Exchange

Nursing student Nicole Hart stated that she has had a great experience attending Payson Campus. There have been no issues with teachers or administration. She informed that she started her prerequisites in high school while in the NAVIT program. She explained her knowledge of the EAC/GCC relationship. Questions were asked and the student responded. The one improvement she would like to see is more detailed information on getting into the Nursing Program.

Payson Campus student Alexis Kesterson is also a nursing student attending Block 2. She informed that the new nursing building and the equipment is up to date and great to work with. She provided information regarding the EAC/GCC relationship. She stated that she knows people who have gone through the EAC/GCC nursing program and knew it was great and she didn't have to wait two years to get into the program like students in the valley.

Yvette Vargas is a returning adult student attending the Globe Campus. She has attended classes at Payson Campus as well as EAC. She is hoping and preparing to enter the Dental Hygiene Program at NAU. She is completing the necessary courses at GCC. She stated that she has already completed the Dental Assistant Program at GCC. The student did state that she would like to know the benefits of GCC separating from EAC and being accredited on their

own because the arrangement we have now is working. She would like to see a Dental Hygiene Program here on GCC Campus

President Spehar stated that he believes we should sit down with students once a year.

President called for a motion to recess for lunch.

Motion 02032020 #1

Member Moorhead moved to recess for lunch. Member Knauss seconded the motion. All in favor please signify by saying aye. Opposed please signify by saying nay. Adjourned for lunch at 11:44 a.m. and will reconvene at 12:30 p.m.

President Spehar reconvened the Special Meeting of the Gila County Provisional College District at 12:31 p.m. on February 3, 2020. He asked that the record show there is a quorum.

B. Review Eastern Arizona College/Gila County Provisional Community College District Intergovernmental Agreement; Receive Background and History of the Provisional Community College Districts in Arizona.

President Spehar informed that he is reversing the order of Item 3.B. President Spehar provided very detailed information on the Provisional Community College Districts along with a slide show and information on the history and background of a Provisional Community College Districts starting from 1999 to present. He also provided information on what the future of the College District might be. Several options were discussed but President Spehar stated that we must remain student-centered. Member Moorhead made some comments. There were many questions and much discussion followed.

VP Welker provided some highlights of the EAC/GCPCDD Intergovernmental Agreement. He informed that there are two contracts, the IGA and the Operating Agreement. In regard to the Intergovernmental Agreement EAC has exclusive rights to teaching education in Gila County. Gila County is no longer a part of the contract which makes it easier to work between the two and the new contract is for three years renewable every year. In regard to the Operating Agreement VP Welker informed that there is a list of 21 items mainly dealing with student services. He noted that the students in Gila County receive the same services as the students attending the EAC Campus. He provided bullet point highlights of the Operating Agreement. Questions were asked regarding tuition and budget preparation and discussion followed.

C. Review Enrollment and Completer Measures at Gila Pueblo and Payson Campuses.

President Spehar called on Shannon Seballos to address Item 3.C. (Some of presentation is inaudible due to static and background noise) Shannon provided handouts. She reviewed information on the handouts. The handouts provided GCCPD student profile for fall 2019 along with Comparative County Demographics. President Spehar and Deans from GPC and Payson provided information.

D. Overview of the Consulting Project and Visioning

President Spehar called on Kasey Solinski who provided background information on herself and how she became involved with the project. She informed that she is working on an interesting project with Pima Community College and EAC regarding Provisional Districts partnerships. The objective is to make sure that the Higher Learning Commission's requirements are in order. Many questions were asked and discussion followed. (Some of the presentation is inaudible due to static and background noise.)

President Spehar called for a motion to adjourn.

4. Adjournment

Motion 02032020#2

Action

VP Brocker so moved. Member Knauss seconded the motion. All in favor please signify by saying aye. Opposed please signify by saying nay; there was no response. Ayes have it. Study session meeting adjourned. (Brocker, Knauss, Moorhead and Spehar voting in favor). President Spehar thanked everyone. Meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gallo
Recording Secretary

Jan Brocker
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Vice President - Secretary