



Gila County Provisional Community College District
Special Governing Board Meeting
Payson Campus, Room 301
Tuesday, June 25, 2024
****APPROVED****

1. **The meeting was called to order by President Brocker at 5:38 p.m.**

Board Roll Call – Vice President Nye – present, Treasurer Shipley – not present; Secretary Cockrell – present; Member Knauss – not present; President Brocker – present. A quorum was present.

Also Present: Janice Lawhorn, GCPCCD Interim President; Lauri Avila, HR Specialist; Ron Carnahan, IT; Ann Knights, Associate Director; LQ Harris, IT; Cindy Cook, GCPCCD Accountant; Erin McCord, GCPCCD Administrative Assistant

Guests: Linda Gibson, PUSD Superintendent; Barbara Underwood, Vice-Mayor, Town Council; Jim Semmens, Community Member; and several other members of the community.

2. **Read by President Brocker**

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01 (H), this is an opportunity for the public to comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Gila County Community College Provisional District Governing Board. The Board President may determine reasonable time, space, and manner limitations. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the Board may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Board, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. Members of the Board will not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

3. **Comments**

- Dr. Brocker indicated that the provisional district was created by the Arizona legislature in 1999. Only two provision districts exist in the state – Gila County and Santa Cruz County. Dr. Brocker discussed statue requirements for accreditation, including public meetings. She also indicated that the Board would be presented with a resolution to remove Provisional from the College’s legal title at a Special Board meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2024.
- Dr. Brocker presented provision #6 under ARS 15-1402.01 and declared that the Board has no intention of calling for an election for a tax levy. She also explained the candidacy status outlined under provision #7.
- Dr. Brocker also went over the accreditation timeline that shows the application for candidacy status being submitted in August and the campus visit by ACCJC scheduled for October 7-9. A decision regarding candidacy status could be received in late January or early February 2025.
- Jim Semmens, a Payson resident, asked about possible roadblocks for accreditation.
- Dr. Lawhorn responded by telling him that the College should know if there are any issues before the ACCJC campus visit in October.
- Sue Zen, Photography class instructor, spoke about the needs of retired people that can be supplied by the college.

- A question was asked about the tuition waiver for 55+ and seniors. The answer to that question is it will stay in place.
- Mary Springer, Procurement Specialist and Payson resident discussed the importance of the College and the need for office skill courses.
- Scott Flake, NAVIT Board Member, provides technical courses for small colleges and high schools and looks forward to the future of the College under new accreditation.
- Dr. Lawhorn discussed the process of acquiring state approval of the Nursing Program prior to achieving candidacy status.
- Bill Farrell, Payson resident wanted to commend College representatives for the work on the accreditation process.
- Conclusion by Dr. Lawhorn:
 - Building a Student Information System
 - Building a Catalog System
 - Considering Programs and Sports

4. **Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. by motion of Secretary Cockrell and seconded by VP Nye.**

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Lawhorn

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 Interim President, Gila County Provisional
 Community College District

Attest:

Jan Brocker

President Jan Brocker
 GCPCCD Governing Board President

Attest:

Connie Cockrell

Secretary Connie Cockrell
 GCPCCD Governing Board Secretary