

Portland Community College Board of Directors
PO BOX 19000, Portland, Oregon 97280

July 15, 2021
Via remote access

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Mohamed Alyajouri, Laurie Cremona Wagner, Tiffani Penson, Dan Saltzman, Michael Sonnleitner, Kristi Wilson, Serin Bussell, Mohasin Biswas Manab

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board met in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2), (a) employment of a public official, (d) labor negotiations, (k) school safety, and (i) evaluation of the CEO.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alyajouri called the Business Meeting to order at 6:51 pm.

SWEARING IN

President Mitsui swore in Mohasin Biswas Manab (Student Board Member), Laurie Cremona Wagner (Zone 1), Serin Bussell (Zone 4), Dan Saltzman (Zone 5), Mohamed Alyajouri (Zone 6), and Kristi Wilson (Zone 7).

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Director Saltzman made a motion to elect Mohamed Alyajouri as the 2021-2022 Chair for the Board of Directors. Saltzman/Bussell

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| Alyajouri - Yes | Penson – Yes | Wilson – Yes |
| Bussell – Yes | Saltzman – Yes | |
| Cremona Wagner – Yes | Sonnleitner – No | |

Director Saltzman made a motion to elect Tiffani Penson as the 2021-2022 Vice Chair for the Board of Directors. Saltzman/Cremona Wagner

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| Alyajouri - Yes | Penson – Yes | Wilson – Yes |
| Bussell – Yes | Saltzman – Yes | |
| Cremona Wagner – Yes | Sonnleitner – No | |

President Mitsui swore in the newly elected Chair and Vice Chair.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The July 15, 2021 agenda was approved as published. Penson/Cremona Wagner

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| Alyajouri - Yes | Penson – Yes | Wilson – Yes |
| Bussell – Yes | Saltzman – absent | |
| Cremona Wagner – Yes | Sonnleitner – Yes | |

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The May 20, 2021 minutes were approved as published. Sonnleitner/Penson

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| Alyajouri - Yes | Penson – Yes | Wilson – Yes |
| Bussell – Yes | Saltzman – absent | |
| Cremona Wagner – Yes | Sonnleitner – Yes | |

The June 17, 2021 minutes were approved as published. Sonnleitner/Penson

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| Alyajouri - Yes | Penson – Yes | Wilson – Yes |
| Bussell – Yes | Saltzman – absent | |
| Cremona Wagner – Yes | Sonnleitner – Yes | |

INFORMATION SESSIONS

President's Updates – Mark Mitsui

Thanks to PCC employees that have been working with the Multnomah County Health Authority to operate the COVID Vaccine Clinic at the Cascade Campus in NE Portland. The MCHA specifically requested this location in order to improve outreach to marginalized communities.

Also, a thank you to our partners at the Washington County Health Authority for arranging for the vaccine clinic at our Willow Creek Center.

We are also exploring potential partnerships with OHSU to bring vaccinations to BIPOC and immigrant communities. We have discussed ways we can partner, such as possibly bringing bilingual doctors into certain classes to provide vaccination education and identifying financial incentives for vaccination. Angela McMahon connected the OHSU contact with two CRM's to discuss scheduling vaccination clinics on our properties.

More work is underway by health authorities to reach BIPOC communities. The latest Tableau data though does show a 21% disparity for the African American population and a 20% disparity for the Latinx community in Multnomah County.

I had the opportunity to present information on PCC and Oregon's Community Colleges to US Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona and Congresswoman Bonamici this past Tuesday at Southridge High School in Beaverton. Student leader Brea Nazareno did an excellent job of presenting her experience to the Secretary and Representative Bonamici. We also discussed President Biden's America's College Promise.

Welcome to our new PCC Foundation Board Members: Rowena Paz Norman, Jennifer Peet, Brandon Ross, and Ernest Stephens.

Thanks to the caring capacity and culture at PCC, and recent systemic changes, PCC experienced our highest graduation rates in history for the graduating classes of 2018, 2019, and 2020. I want to thank the entire college community for working hard and innovating in order to improve the experience for students.

Compliance Update – Alex Baldino

The board was updated on critical partnerships within the College, the culture and climate change around civil rights and equity matters, as well as the Outreach and Advocacy Project.

Legislative End of Session Update – Emma Kallaway

The board received a 62-page end of session report and was updated on federal and state legislation.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

BUSINESS SESSION

Chair Alyajouri proposed approval of Resolutions 22-001 through 22-006 and 22-008 through 22-011. Sonnleitner/Wilson

Alyajouri - Yes

Penson – Yes

Wilson – Yes

Bussell – Yes

Saltzman – Yes

Cremona Wagner – Yes

Sonnleitner – Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Teri Mills.....COVID-19 Vaccinations for students, staff, and faculty

Prudence F Roberts.....Equity

Lisa Reynolds.....PCC Board's decisions to not require vaccines for students in the fall

Davina Ramirez.....Need for shared governance at PCC

REPORTS

PCC Federation of Faculty and Academic Professionals: Frank Goulard, President

We did not have a Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) meeting the month of July, but we will in early August. Attention will be given to community colleges.

We've had a lot of universities over the last six months with tuition being put under the microscope. One of the HECC duties is to monitor tuition increases at the universities, as well as the university rubric for FTE, which is not the case at community colleges.

We will look at the rubric or criteria for the share of the Community College Support Fund and have a healthy discussion. I see for the next couple of HECC sessions attention to be paid to community colleges. I don't foresee any draconian changes happening, but one never knows and that's why I'm there.

PCC Federation of Classified Employees (AFT Local 3922): Jeff Grider, President

We have been working on negotiating our contract reopener. We are meeting again tomorrow. I'm hopeful that we can get that done before the end of the summer because I'd like to enjoy some vacation time where I don't have meetings during the day. AFT has been very active on the subject of vaccinations. We as a union haven't taken a position, but I assure you that our goal is to encourage people to get vaccinated because it does save lives. Whether or not the decision of the College changes, we are happy to partner with vaccine clinics or availability and we do have some upcoming grant funding coming in from AFT to make that happen.

District Student Council (DSC) – Mohasin Biswas Manab

It's a pleasure to be amongst people that care so deeply about education. This is my first meeting and I don't have much to update you on. I am currently in the process of meeting with key members of PCC and it has been very enjoyable and helpful. There are some ongoing projects PCC has, such as the strategic plan implementation, the campus projects, and the reorganization of the student council. It's a crucial time for PCC and we need to be together and sternly committed to PCC's core values. I'm looking forward to working together with the board, and hopefully giving an insight to the student and being an embodiment of PCC students as a whole.

Board Members:

Director Sonnleitner: I hope that those that are watching may agree that you have a board that is capable of disagreeing with one another respectfully. That is a cultural norm that we all must value these days. With relation to the COVID issue, I might mention briefly that I remain active on the Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee meeting board and we have discussed this at length. The participating community colleges at OCCA are struggling with how to open, mandating masks, requiring vaccinations, and my impression was clear that the boards at those other schools were actively involved in that discussion with their Presidents. It is to everyone's advantage to have the board well-informed and involved in something that is controversial. I remain personally supportive of the President's current declaration without a mandated vaccine. Yesterday was international Gender Nonbinary Day, as many of you know I do consider myself as nonbinary. It's one of the reasons I enjoy listening to all views because there is no binary. Happy International Gender Nonbinary Day.

Chair Alyajouri: I look forward to sharing with our new board members liaison positions that we will discuss in the next meeting. The political heat that we will be getting is across the board. Being in healthcare I am getting a lot of heat, because we are seeing what is happening on the ground. Many people will be surprised to learn that we did not require vaccines within the healthcare community. I did share this with President Mitsui, and the stipulation is that we will do our best to educate, inform creative vaccination opportunities, still mandate distancing and masking, continue with staggered reopening and all of this matters, not so much just the vaccine. I'm open for discussion and I appreciate other points of view.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Mohamed Alyajouri, Chair

Mark Mitsui, President

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Minutes approved on August 19, 2021.