

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

December 16, 2021  
Via remote access

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) the PCC Board of Directors will now meet in Executive Session to discuss (a) employment of a public officer, (d) labor negotiations and (h) litigation

**WORK SESSION**

Facilities Plan Update—Linda Degman, Rebecca Ocken, Saumya Kini, Michael Zilis P&CC, along with the team from Walker Macy presented the completed Facilities Plan for the college's upcoming accreditation visit this spring. A quick overview of each campus and center was provided.

Bond 2022 Campaign Update—Linda Degman and Amy Ruiz  
Updates on the phases of the 2022 bond measure work, timeline and polling questions were provided.

OCCA Update/OSBA Elections—Michael Sonnleitner  
Deferred to a later time due to being behind on the agenda.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Alyajouri called the Business Meeting to order at 6:55 pm. Director Wilson shared the Land Acknowledgement.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The December 16, 2021 agenda was approved as published. Sonnleitner/Bussell

Alyajouri – Absent	Penson – Yes	Wilson – Yes
Bussell – Yes	Saltzman - Absent	
Cremona Wagner - Yes	Sonnleitner – Yes	

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The October 21, 2021 and November 18, 2021 minutes were approved as published.

Wagner/Wilson

Alyajouri – Absent	Penson – Yes	Wilson – Yes
Bussell – Yes	Saltzman – Absent	
Cremona Wagner - Yes	Sonnleitner – Yes	

## **PRESIDENT'S UPDATES**

President Mitsui provided updates on PCC's COVID-19 response, Future Ready Oregon 2022, Student Government Structural Changes, 2022 Remote Legislative Session, PCC Legislative Internship, HB 2590, CCSF Review Process. He congratulated and thanked Lisa Bledsoe and Cheryl Belt on their upcoming retirements.

## **INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Information Session updates were provided on:

- DELIVERY Limelight on Learning: HVAC and the Student Experience—Larry Osborn, Manager, Facilities and HVAC Instructor
- BELONGING Equitable Student Success—Dr. Katy Ho, Vice President, Academic Affairs and Dr. Heather Lang, Interim Vice President, Student Affairs
- Annual Comprehensive Financial Report—Kristin Diggs, Partner, Eide Bailly ENTERPRISE
- Financial Update—Dina Farrell, Associate Vice President, Finance ENTERPRISE

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **BUSINESS SESSION**

Chair Alyajouri proposed approval of Resolutions 22-060 through 22-070.  
Sonnleitner/Saltzman

Alyajouri – Absent	Penson – Yes	Wilson – Yes
Bussell – Yes	Salzman – Yes	
Cremona Wagner - Yes	Sonnleitner – Yes	

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **REPORTS**

PCC Federation of Faculty and Academic Professionals: Frank Goulard  
Thank you Vice Chair Penson, Directors, President Mitsui, friends and colleagues, this is Frank Goulard. When people ask what do I do well, in addition to my unique role as President of our federation, I say I teach students math-and that's different than teaching math. Students in the forefront, we teach students in my case math or other folks teach students history. So, on that note I don't know how many of you in the audience are aware. That Portland State University, Clackamas Community College, Mt. Hood Community College, our sister institutions in the metro area, are in their final's week or last week and then they're on break, we are in finals week right now at PCC so or one week later staggered.

So, I didn't hear that tonight, and I want to keep pushing, of course, the Faculty and academic professionals, along with our classified colleagues that are hard at work,

serving students, whether its face to face some of it. Most of it being remote or web based through the end of this week, a couple more days till the end of finals week here let's not forget them they work hard. Again, all employees work hard, but certainly the ones that are have that tangible constant touch with our students are worn out. It's been tiring for all of us, and so we're grateful for the students and we're grateful that also the end of the finals week I know the students are grateful to for an upcoming winter break.

I wanted to also extend my appreciation to Lisa Bledsoe and Cheryl Belt. My colleagues over in HR who have worked with for many, many years with Lisa for 25 years and Cheryl for 20 years in their capacities. It's been a good relationship we can agree to disagree, but we always agree on behalf of PCC and our PCC mission and our PCC values to be collaborative to be collegial. And to do whatever we can to keep the ball moving in a positive direction. And I know Eric is on the call along with Dina and others who have been involved in negotiations to and they'll just echo my appreciation for Lisa and Cheryl and the good work they do, and have done. Whoever fills those shoes, those are mighty big shoes to fill, as we all know, but with-it people again my help, Eric and Dina and help from all of you, your help we can bring those new people along and we can continue. What he says he is famous for and that's being collaborative collegial and a leader. Not only in the Portland metro area but throughout Oregon and throughout the country so on the especially say a big appreciation out to Lisa and Cheryl for their good work and their retirement upcoming retirement.

I know our next board meeting, excuse me, our next Thursday board meeting and be January I'm looking at the calendar, my goodness, all the way to somewhere in mid-January 20, one year after the inaugural presidential inauguration on the federal level so look forward to seeing you all on January 20 and I wish you all a very happy peaceful joyous holiday season, thank you, everybody.

PCC Federation of Classified Employees (AFT Local 3922): Jeff Grider, President Everyone I think I'll be rather brief today as well, I also want to echo my appreciation for all the hard work that Cheryl and Lisa have done, and continue to do and will likely continue to do until they have a replacement in their position on behalf of our employees.

I think that it's worth mentioning that they, they are still working to help our employees right now we're in the process of discussing a coven memorandum of agreement and I'm hoping for a good resolution there quickly. In Union news, we're supporting our fellow Union workers at Kroger, Fred Meyer, QFC who are having a tough time right now negotiating. The resolution to some issues with their contract, there was a strike authorization vote and as always, we're hoping for a good resolution there. We are also supporting the Kellogg's workers and by encouraging folks to not purchase those products while they're still in the situation that they're in.

Looking forward to some time off with the family, I think everyone will probably be relieved to have some sort of a break if that's possible. Our hardworking classified

employees often end up working most of the way through. I myself will be working. I think at least a couple times, through the next couple of weeks, but a little a little bit less hopefully. Thank you all for all the work that you do much of it volunteer work. And I hope to see you soon in the New Year.

District Student Council (DSC) – Mohasin Biswas Manab

Hello good evening everyone. I'd like to start off my update with an update on the Student Life and Leadership Ambassador Program. We received a tremendous amount of response from students and it is so great to see the level and degree of interest and passion for representation as student advocacy.

That ambassadors will be bringing with program, we also know a number of people express deep interest in the program but we're not able to get the applications in by the deadline. So, we decided to extend the deadline till the end of the month to help students get all the opportunities we can give them.

Next, the Panther Pantries, more and more students have been utilizing this resource every week in the fall term, so we are very happy with that the Panther Pantries will also be adding more items such as hygiene kits and warming items for the winter. And we're also working on having more on campus services for students.

Just to give you some rough numbers from mid-October to the first week of December, the Sylvania Student Life and Leadership program staff in partnership with the PCC bookstore and PCC students, shipped food out to feed for 470 people, helping 75 households and 223 students. Students also had other opportunities to receive stress relief goods to support mental health and wellness for final weeks. As you are all well aware, being a high stress and high dense period for students. Students had three different types of kits that they could choose from, and 83 care packages were sent out this week.

And lastly, this was mentioned by President Mitsui during the presidential update the legislative internship program is being put on pause, temporarily. And it is so it can be reviewed, redesigned and come back larger than ever. I always support constant improvements to be brought on because eventually it will allow more opportunities for students to grow and prosper. That is all for me thank you so much and happy holidays.

Board Members

Zone 4: Serin Bussell thanked staff for adding the zone numbers to their titles. That's really cute I love it very cool thanks for doing that. And to you know I know last board meeting and this one, you know we've gotten some somewhat tough news about the budget and about student success. I just want to say, although we ask critical tough questions to the administration, I just want to say thank you for being really transparent. Really vulnerable and in a sense, to be able to actually share and be forthcoming with that information, so we can ask those tough questions. Because you know, Michael mentioned incentives right like we don't want to incentivize you to sugarcoat things and make it just look a certain way, so really appreciate you sharing the hard information

with us and I just look forward to partnership. And third thing, Mohasin, you're just amazing so you're just fantastic thanks for doing the work you do and happy holidays everybody thanks.

Zone 1: Laurie Cremona Wagner shared Happy holidays. Yeah, I just want to echo that Serin, it's so much work. I know, to put these meetings together and put all this material together and giant thank you Mark to you and your team and everyone involved.

Zone 3: Michael Sonnleitner said that during the holidays that are coming up, I do wish you all so well, I want you to perhaps take time, if you can to become more globally aware if you're not. In this country it's really easy to not. I probably spend three sometimes four hours a day monitoring news at least half of which is international. It's not covered in our mainstream media, we have narrowcast, to the point of promoting ignorance. For example, you may have heard that of the 38 million people in Afghanistan, 9 million are currently at a level 4 for food deprivation, five is famine. We could be facing as the world's largest avoidable famine of the past 200 years this Christmas time. I would like you to be aware of that. It touches me personally, because 50 years ago, I'm that old, I was in Afghanistan. During my first trip to India, which also was a time when Bangladesh came into existence through a war that killed, directly or indirectly about 3 million people. Most people don't know about that, but I do because I remember hundreds of bodies piled in Calcutta. I was walking in the streets, I could smell it. I know it. And so, for me, it's not difficult to imagining it happening in Afghanistan. So please, spend some time out of our bubbles and think globally.

On a bright note, a young man, who's 25 years old who's Afghani, currently in exile in India. His India student visa will expire in two weeks, and he had no place to go. I've been working with him long distance for six months. This morning, in our conversation I found out he got his visa extended by one year, so he's able to breathe. That's one person that's able to breathe a little bit easier. Yet that one person has his mother and two sisters in Pakistan, living off the alms of generous Muslim communities. She's recovering from Covid. He has a sister and their family, still in Afghanistan. I'm bringing it down to a personal level, because sometimes we can relate to it better that way. 9 million is too much. I can't I can't count that high. But please let us do what we can, because currently, the US government policy is exacerbating the situation--freezing assets of even civilians and NGOs, unable to access money. The economy in Afghanistan is collapsing it's not just about the drought. This is a human impacted tragedy moving faster, as we speak. If you can express yourself to your elected officials to open up those assets allow for aid to come for salaries to be paid of government workers, it could go a long way to reducing the tragedy that we see I see, I hope you can see happening. We may have upwards of 10 million Covid deaths now worldwide, official is only five and a half, but 10 million as a good estimate. We could double that in the next two months if we don't respond adequately to the situation in Afghanistan.

Please keep them in your thoughts sorry to be long winded, but I do want you to share my concern. Best wishes to you.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

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Mohamed Alyajouri, Chair

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Mark Mitsui, President

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