

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Portland Community College
PO BOX 19000, Portland, Oregon 97280

BUSINESS SESSION
February 28, 2019
Sylvania Campus
12000 SW 49th Avenue, Portland, OR 97219

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Mohamed Alyajouri, Valdez Bravo, Jim Harper, Deanna Palm, Chair Kali Thorne Ladd, Michael Sonnleitner, Mohamad Karim and Denise Frisbee (by phone)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The PPC Board of Directors met in executive session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2), in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2), (2), (d) labor negotiations, (h) litigation, (k) school safety.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thorne-Ladd called the business meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as published. Frisbee/Palm

The September 20, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as published. Harper/Alyajouri

RECOGNITION

President Mitsui recognized the PCC Board of Directors as January 2019 was Board Appreciation month ordered by proclamation from Governor Brown.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Legislative Update—Mark Mitsui

President Mitsui updated the board members on work that has been taking place in Salem. He also invited folks to join for PCC Lobby Day on March 12.

Tuition Update—Eric Blumenthal and Dina Farrell

Interim Vice President Blumenthal provided an update on the budget shortfall for the next biennium. He estimates the shortfall to be around \$37 million. Budget work around the college has been developed based on guiding budget principles. PCC is developing a spending level at \$570 million, which is our current operating level.

ACCT Update—Mohamed Alyajouri and Valdez Bravo

Directors Alyajouri and Bravo updated the group on the recent trip to Washington DC for the ACCT Legislative Summit.

OCCA Update—Denise Frisbee

Director Frisbee is currently the Chair for the Oregon Community College Association. She provided an update on all the work that the association has been working on.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Budget: Shane Kirkpatrick

BUSINESS MEETING

Chair Thorne Ladd proposed approval of Resolutions 19-072 through 19-085.
Palm/Harper

Non-Consent Agenda Item

Motion to approve 19-086 Authorize Increase in Tuition for Credit Program Courses for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Academic Years (2019-2021 Biennium) Harper/Palm

Discussion:

Director Palm raised the question of finding fresh reforms within the college. PERS reform would make meaningful forward momentum.

Director Sonnleitner echoed the previous statements. He would also encourage the college to look at the new revenue streams that the state is proposing and possibly consider endorsing them.

Director Bravo also commented that the corporate tax rate and the underfunding of the education budget has a direct correlation. He challenges our legislators to look at the issues and find solutions.

Director Harper noted that we have to convince the legislators that providing more funding to K-12 is not the key to fixing the problem.

Student member Mohamad Karim thanked the board and President Mitsui for their transparency and support of the budget.

Chair Thorne Ladd noted that she echoed sentiments of her colleagues. She also that the State needs to really look at PERS reform so that it doesn't continue to be a burden on future generations.

Roll Call Vote:

Mohamed Alyajouri	YES
Valdez Bravo	YES
Denise Frisbee	YES
Jim Harper	YES
Deanna Palm	YES
Chair Kali Thorne Ladd	YES
Michael Sonnleitner	YES

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

CWAT Program Closure: Art Schneider, Noreen Brown, Ron Bekey, Shannon Baird, Sylvia Gray, Vincent Blanco, Frank Goulard

REPORTS

Reports were given by:

Students: Mohamad Karim

Classified: Jeff Grider

Faculty and Academic Professionals: Frank Goulard

Board Members

Director Valdez Bravo made note that when he was campaigning for the board position, he met a lady at the Hillsdale Farmers Market that benefited from the CWAT program.

Director Michael Sonnleitner mentioned a quote from Daniel Webster that rings true for him. It was related to achieving greater democracy through democratic means.

President

President Mitsui thanked Director Alyajouri for participating on the panel for the Day of Remembrance and Director Sonnleitner for attending.

Director Thorne Ladd thanked the faculty for coming out tonight and for sharing their stories. She ended with a quote from James Baldwin in commemoration of the last day of Black History month.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.


Kari Thorne Ladd, Chair
Mark Mitsui, College President

Prepared by:


Jeannie Moton, Executive Coordinator

Minutes approved on March 21, 2019.