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CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES
August 31, 2021

PLACE

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, 7600 Dublin Blvd, Dublin Ca 94568. Due to the current pandemic and social distancing restrictions, this meeting was held through Teleconference, Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Randolph called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Recording Secretary Debra Nascimento called the roll.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Trustee Ms. Maria Heredia
Trustee Mr. Edralin "Ed" Maduli
Trustee Ms. Genevieve Randolph
Trustee Dr. Hal G. Gin
Trustee Ms. Linda Granger
Trustee Dr. Luis Reynoso
Trustee Mr. Tim Sbranti

Recording Secretary:

Ms. Debra Nascimento

Managers Present:

Mr. Ronald Gerhard, Chancellor
Dr. Susan Sperling, President, Chabot College
Dr. Dyrell Foster, President, Las Positas College
Dr. Fleischer Rowland
Mr. Wyman Fong
Mr. Bruce Griffin
Mr. Owen Letcher
Mr. Jonah Nicholas

1.6 PLEDGE TO FLAG

Student Trustee Patino led the pledge.

1.7 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Theresa Pedrosa, Student President Chabot College stated they worked on a vaccination resolution this past summer and was passed last week. Ms. Pedrosa, Ms. Ghazaal Hamid and Ms. Mak Sahabazz read the resolution.

Ms. Heather Hernandez, Classified Senate President Chabot College provided a brief summary of feedback she received from members of the senate through email. She stated they support the decision to mandate vaccines from staff and students to fight the pandemic caused by COVID-19. She stated with no end in sight, they respectfully urge the Chancellor to send a strong message regarding this mandate as soon as possible. Lastly, she stated the pandemic has caused too much harm to CLPCCD students and staff and much more across the world for this to be taken lightly.

Mr. Todd Steffan, Supervisor Las Positas Veterans First invited everyone to the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 remembrance on Thursday, September 9th. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of the thirteen marines who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Mr. Ron Payne, Alumni Las Positas Veterans First invited everyone to the virtual 2.2 challenge starting October 23rd to November 13th. He encouraged the Trustees to join the Heroes for Hire Team.

Ms. Miguel Colon, Academic Senate President Chabot College stated August 26, 2021 the Faculty Senate voted unanimously to support Student Senate of Chabot College SB1 Chabot College Campus Vaccine Mandate Resolution. He stated the resolution recommended establishing a vaccine mandate for all Chabot College faculty and staff requiring them to be fully vaccinated and currently defined by local health authorities. Lastly, he stated as a result of this resolution, the faculty senate of Chabot College supports the Boards policies 5210 and 7330.

Mr. Kyle Johnson, Student Government President Las Positas College stated at their special senate meeting they voted to support the Academic Senate COVID-19 vaccine mandate resolution. He stated for students that wish to stay unvaccinated they deserve to have a quality and affordable education, but in an online and distance format. Lastly, he stated he wishes the board votes yes on the policies that are on the agenda this evening.

Ms. Sarah Thompson, Academic Senate President Las Positas College expressed her heartfelt appreciation for the Boards action regarding mandating the vaccination. She stated the vaccine takes us pretty far that most colleges are finding that frequent testing and strict masking is also required to keep our community safe.

Recording Secretary Nascimento read the anonymous Public Comment: A vaccination mandate is imperative to returning to on-campus learning. We must ensure a safe environment for our employees and students. Our district needs policies that address the reality of an evolving virus. We need decisive action to give everyone confidence to return to in-person instruction. Instructors who teach on campus have been given a long list of additional duties to try to safeguard student health, and I must admit the strain of these critical responsibilities makes teaching in-person overly stressful. A vaccine mandate will help remove the fear that one slip up in my added duties could cause the death or debilitating illness of an unvaccinated student.

Recording Secretary Nascimento read Ms. Samantha Rajaram, Faculty Member Chabot College Public Comment: I just wanted to register my support for a vaccine mandate (BP 7330). I'm teaching a hybrid class at Chabot College and student consensus so far has been in support of a vaccine mandate. I am also immunocompromised and would feel much more comfortable teaching in an environment where all students are vaccinated.

Recording Secretary Nascimento read Ms. Laura Bauman, Faculty Member Chabot College Public Comment: I am extremely concerned with BP 7300 and BP 5200 for four reasons:

1. the vaccines are authorized for experimental use only
2. the language about requiring "further boosters and supplemental administrations of vaccines as circumstances warrant" is extremely vague and has no time limit
3. the language "novel coronavirus" is not specific
4. the statements need revisions, for example, there are typing mistakes, "Students who quality"

Furthermore, the idea that we are already discussing requiring "further boosters and supplemental administrations of vaccines" indicates you do not have faith the current vaccines are working to keep our campuses safe and healthy. I am fully vaccinated, and I see this set of policies and revisions as premature and rushed. We received information at 10:13 am that this special meeting would occur. I implore you to slow down, consider the evidence and continue to provide employees and students information about COVID and allow us to choose for ourselves whether or not we want to be vaccinated.

2.1 SECOND READING OF NEW, REVIEWED, OR REVISED BOARD POLICIES

- **BP 5210 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE**
- **BP 7330 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE**

Trustee Reynoso stated he would like the Board to change the language so it reads the policies are voluntary. He suggested the word required be replaced with encouraged. He stated he feels it would be best for people to make their own choices rather than be forced.

Trustee Maduli stated he is fully vaccinated and is encouraged with the number of faculty and students who are vaccinated. He stated he fully supports the policies with the revisions made at the retreat.

Motion No.1

Trustee Maduli made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gin to approve agenda item 2.1.
Motion carried unanimous, 6-1.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gin, Granger, Heredia, Maduli, Randolph, Sbranti
NOES: Reynoso
ABSENT:
ABSTENTIONS:

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion No.2

Trustee Maduli made a motion, seconded by Trustee Heredia to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously, 7-0

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gin, Granger, Heredia, Maduli, Randolph, Reynoso, Sbranti
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTENTIONS:

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2021 at the District Office, Dublin.

Minutes prepared by:



Debra Nascimento
Recording Secretary



Secretary, Board of Trustees
Chabot-Las Positas Community College District