



PALO VERDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Closed Session 4:00 p.m.

Open Session 5:00 p.m.

One College Drive, Blythe, CA – CL 101

(Livestream held at PVC Needles Center, 725 W. Broadway, Needles, CA)

1. Opening of Meeting

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Board President Stella Styers.

1.2 Roll Call

Members Present: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, Glenda K Williams, Melina Rangel-Ruiz (*incoming Student Trustee*)

Administrators Present: Dr. Bruce Moses, Superintendent/President, Clint Cowden, Asst. Supt./V.P. of Instruction and Student Services, Stephanie Slagan, Asst. Supt./V.P. of Administrative Services and College Advancement

Absent: George W Thomas

Note: In accordance with California Education Code, the Student Trustee's vote is advisory and does not count toward the final Board action.

1.3 Approval of Closed Session Agenda

Approve the Closed Session Agenda for this meeting.

Motion by Angel Ramirez, second by Gloria A Copple.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, George W Thomas, Glenda K Williams

2. Hearing of Citizens - Closed Session Items

2.1 Members of the public have this opportunity to directly address the Board on any Closed Session items. Persons wishing to address the Governing Board under this item should fill out a Speaker Request Form available at the reception table. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes per topic. Fifteen (15) minutes shall be the maximum time allotment for public speakers on any one subject regardless of the number of speakers at any one board meeting.

There were no public comments offered regarding the items on tonight's Closed Session agenda. The Governing Board recessed to Closed Session at 4:01 p.m.

3. Recess to Closed Session

3.1 Conference with Labor Negotiator; Pursuant to Gov. Code 54957.6 - CSEA Chapter 180, and Palo Verde Community College Association/CTA

3.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release Pursuant to Government Code 54957

3.3 Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Pursuant to Gov. Code 54957(b)

3.4 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation; Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Gov. Code Sec. 54956.9; 1 (one) Case

4. Reconvene to Open Session

The Governing Board reconvened to Open Session at 5:00 p.m.

4.1 Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4.2 Report on Any Action Taken in Closed Session

Trustee Styers announced that no action was taken in Closed Session

4.3 Approval of Open Session Agenda

Approve the Open Session Agenda for this meeting.

Motion by Angel Ramirez, second by Brad E Arneson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, George W Thomas, Glenda K Williams

4.4 Approval of May 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Approve the May 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Brad E Arneson, second by Angel Ramirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, George W Thomas, Glenda K Williams

4.5 Approval of May 27, 2025, Special Meeting/Study Session Minutes

Approve the May 27, 2025, Special Meeting/Study Session Minutes.

Motion by Brad E Arneson, second by Angel Ramirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, George W Thomas, Glenda K Williams

4.6 Announcement of Recusal From Agenda Items

No recusals were declared.

5. Hearing of Citizens - Agenda Items

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There were no public comments offered regarding the items on tonight's agenda.

6. Special Presentation

6.1 Certificate of Appreciation for Outgoing Student Trustee, Nya Jones

Outgoing Student Trustee Nya Jones was not present at the time this item was introduced. She arrived later during the meeting and was presented with her Certificate of Appreciation prior to item 8.8, Board Reports.

7. Oath of Office - Student Trustee

7.1 Approval of Appointment and Oath of Office for Student Trustee, Melina Rangel-Ruiz

President Styers introduced newly appointed Student Trustee Melina Rangel-Ruiz to her fellow Trustees and cabinet members. Following the introduction, President Styers administered the Oath of Office to Student Trustee Rangel-Ruiz.

Approve the appointment of Melina Rangel-Ruiz as the Student Trustee for the 2025–2026 academic year.

Motion by Angel Ramirez, second by Brad E Arneson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, George W Thomas, Glenda K Williams

8. Reports

8.1 PVCCA/CTA - Richard Castillo, President of PVCCA/CTA

Mr. Richard Castillo provided an update on current and upcoming faculty negotiations, noting that the existing collective bargaining agreement will lapse on July 1. He expressed concern over delays in receiving responses from the District's negotiations team, particularly regarding Article 2 (salary and benefits) and Article 4 (working conditions). He stated that faculty are awaiting documentation supporting the District's estimate of a \$14 million cost increase associated with faculty proposals.

Mr. Castillo emphasized that compensation discussions are closely tied to faculty workload and responsibilities, and expressed the importance of job security and due process. He detailed proposed changes to Article 9 (formerly "penalties and dismissal," now "due process") aimed at establishing clearer procedural protections for faculty under investigation. He cited a recent case involving the sudden termination of a temporary faculty member as an example of the need for reform.

He also addressed Article 11 (prison programs), expressing concern over the District's proposal to replace a collaboratively developed MOU with less specific language. He stressed the need for clear procedures and protections for faculty teaching in prison settings, citing past safety concerns and the success of the current MOU.

In closing, Mr. Castillo highlighted the heavy workload carried by some faculty—up to 300% of a full-time assignment—and the need for administrative boundaries to prevent burnout. He urged continued collaboration and expressed hope that progress would be made in the next scheduled sessions in July. He also acknowledged the hard work of faculty over the past three years and encouraged them to take a well-deserved summer break.

8.2 Academic Senate - Sarah Frid, President of Academic Senate

Ms. Sarah Frid was not present at the meeting.

8.3 CSEA, Chapter 180 - Alice Dean, President of CSEA Chapter 180

Ms. Alice Dean had nothing to report.

8.4 Associated Student Government - Melina Rangel-Ruiz, Student Trustee

Ms. Rangel-Ruiz had nothing to report.

8.5 Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction and Student Services - Clint Cowden

Mr. Clint Cowden reported on the successful completion of the District's spring commencement ceremonies, held between May 28 and May 31. Palo Verde College hosted five ceremonies across its service area, including events at the Main Campus, Needles Center, Child Development Center, and two ceremonies at Ironwood State Prison. In total, the District awarded 349 degrees, 469 certificates, and recognized five GED graduates.

Mr. Cowden emphasized the significance of each ceremony and the collective efforts required to support student achievement. He extended his appreciation to faculty, staff, administrators, and support departments—including Counseling, Admissions and Records, the Business Office, Facilities, IT, and Rising Scholars—for their dedication and coordination. He also thanked the Board of Trustees for their continued support and presence at the ceremonies.

He concluded by reflecting on the importance of these celebrations in reinforcing the College's mission to transform lives through education and expressed gratitude to everyone who contributed to their success.

8.6 Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Administrative Services and College Advancement - Stephanie Slagan

Ms. Stephanie Slagan stated that the 2025–2026 Tentative Budget was on the agenda for Board approval. She explained that the tentative budget is based on the current version of the Governor's proposed budget and does not include carryover or unspent funds from the 2024–2025 fiscal year, as the District is still in the process of closing its books.

She noted that approval of the tentative budget allows the District to continue operations and pay expenses from July 1 through September 15 while awaiting the finalized state budget. The Adopted Budget will be presented to the Board for approval by the September 15 deadline.

8.7 Superintendent/President - Dr. Bruce Moses

Dr. Bruce Moses reflected on the many student achievements celebrated throughout the District's commencement ceremonies and echoed appreciation to faculty, staff, and administrators for their collective support. He shared that Palo Verde College hosted more commencement events than any institution he has previously served.

In May, Dr. Moses and Vice President Clint Cowden had the opportunity to participate in an educational partnership meeting hosted by the Colorado River Indian Tribes. Palo Verde College was one of three community colleges invited, alongside Imperial Valley College and a community college from Arizona. The meeting focused on exploring

opportunities for collaboration in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, including those currently offered by the participating colleges and those already in place within the tribal community.

Dr. Moses noted that it had been some time since such a dialogue had taken place, and the Tribes expressed appreciation for the renewed engagement. The College looks forward to continuing these conversations, with the next meeting scheduled for July.

Dr. Moses also had the pleasure of attending a local chamber mixer in his role as a member of the Community Advisory Committee. The event was held at the Holt Group and hosted by Metropolitan Water District and PVID. He reported that the advisory committee recently convened for its first meeting last week and is in the early stages of preparing to review proposals for approximately \$6 million in community grant funding. While proposal review has not yet begun, the committee is currently developing the processes and guidelines for evaluating submissions.

Palo Verde College will have the opportunity to submit a grant proposal as part of this initiative. Vice President Clint Cowden will lead the effort in collaboration with other campus stakeholders, including Academic Senate President Sarah Frid and Dr. Sam Roberson. Dr. Moses expressed enthusiasm about the College's involvement—both in his capacity as a committee member and through the institution's active participation in the grant process.

Dr. Moses expressed his appreciation to Guadalupe Ochoa for inviting Mr. David Penny, a former Rising Scholars student who graduated from Palo Verde College in 2021. Mr. Penny, who was formerly incarcerated, visited the campus for the first time and shared a powerful and emotional account of his educational journey. During his visit, he also met with the Rising Scholars Committee to discuss the unique challenges faced by incarcerated students in pursuing higher education.

Dr. Moses highlighted a quote from Mr. Penny that captured the significance of the experience: "PVC holds deep meaning for many of us who have been incarcerated. I graduated from PVC in 2021, but this was my first time setting foot on campus. The experience was emotional, eye-opening, and filled with gratitude."

Dr. Moses thanked Mr. Penny for his candor and courage and reaffirmed the College's commitment to expanding access and opportunity for all learners.

Dr. Moses extended his heartfelt appreciation to all the faculty and staff who attended the Ironwood State Prison (ISP) graduation ceremonies held last Wednesday and Thursday. A total of 41 students received diplomas across the two ceremonies. In addition, many other individuals earned Adult Basic Education diplomas, high school diplomas, and GEDs—representing potential future Palo Verde College students.

Dr. Moses noted that the College is actively working on strategies to engage and support these students as they consider continuing their education with PVC. He once again thanked the entire team who participated in and supported the ISP commencement events for their dedication and commitment.

Dr. Moses concluded his report by reflecting on the Main Campus commencement ceremony, describing it as an absolutely amazing and inspiring event. He shared that the ceremony was standing-room only, with faculty and staff present in full regalia, proudly supporting students and their achievements. He expressed gratitude to the Board of Trustees, administration, and the many families who attended, noting that he received overwhelmingly positive feedback about the event.

Dr. Moses extended special thanks to the numerous individuals and departments who contributed to the success of the ceremony, including IT, Facilities, and others behind the scenes. He specifically recognized Ger, Irma, Diana, Naomi, Nancy, Maria, Esther, Jeanette, Brandy, Ryan, Jacob, Ashley, and Aderiana, who performed the national anthem.

He closed by highlighting another inspiring and memorable aspect of the day: seeing five or six Palo Verde College employees cross the stage as graduates. Dr. Moses emphasized how meaningful it was to celebrate the accomplishments of PVC's own staff alongside the broader student body.

Trustee Styers congratulated Dr. Moses on his involvement with the advisory committee and inquired further about the logistics and structure of the committee.

Dr. Moses explained that the committee is a joint effort between Metropolitan Water District and PVID, with an oversight board above the advisory group. The committee is responsible for reviewing and making funding recommendations for community grant proposals. He noted that Leslie Jessop-Watkins serves as the committee president, Rachel Angel as vice president, and that both he and Michael Calabrese are representing Palo Verde College.

6.1 Certificate of Appreciation for Outgoing Student Trustee, Nya Jones

Trustee Styers presented outgoing Student Trustee Nya Jones with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of her service during the 2024–2025 academic year. She commended Trustee Jones for her outstanding leadership,

thoughtful representation of the student voice, and meaningful contributions to shared governance and student advocacy. Trustee Styers expressed the Board's gratitude for her dedication and the positive impact she made on the campus community.

Student Trustee Nya Jones expressed her appreciation for the recognition but humbly shared that she felt the credit should be shared with others. She acknowledged the challenges she faced in being consistently present on campus and extended her gratitude to ASG President Helen Pouvi and her younger sister, Lillian Jones, whom she credited as being her eyes and ears throughout her term.

8.8 Board of Trustees

Trustee Jon McNeil said he is very excited that summer classes are all offered online, and that students have access to them. He called it "really terrific."

He expressed disappointment that the [Summer] Bridge program did not take place in Needles. He stated that he had asked to be contacted and updated on the matter but never received a response. He said he did not understand why the program failed, other than a lack of student enrollment, and noted that the Dean was not involved. Trustee McNeil emphasized the importance of outreach and remarked that with 92 graduates from Needles High School this year, it seemed like a missed opportunity. He shared that he may have garnered one student from the graduating class, but most are going across the river to MCC. He emphasized that this is something he is "very anxious to promote" and wants to see improved outreach efforts.

Trustee McNeil also expressed excitement about the approval of a dual enrollment class at Needles High School. He said he has spoken about it before and that community members have approached him asking why students at River Valley High School and other schools are receiving dual enrollment credit, calling it "like a college scholarship." He said he is glad the college is starting to implement dual enrollment.

Finally, Trustee McNeil said he is interested in receiving training related to his position as Clerk. He stated that he has not received any training and would like someone from the Superintendent/President's Office to reach out, as he is aware there are specific duties associated with the Clerk role.

Trustee Glenda Williams expressed her heartfelt appreciation to the faculty for their outstanding work and extended her congratulations to the graduates. She shared how deeply proud she was of their accomplishments and encouraged them to go out and change the world for the better. She closed by thanking everyone and reaffirming her pride in the students' success.

Trustee Gloria Cople shared that she attended the main campus commencement ceremony and noted it was a very nice ceremony with a larger turnout than the previous year.

Trustee Angel Ramirez began by thanking Student Trustee Nya Jones for her service over the past year, commending her for an outstanding job and stating that her certificate and nameplate were well deserved. He then welcomed incoming Student Trustee Melina Rangel-Ruiz to the Board. Trustee Ramirez expressed his appreciation to everyone for their hard work and concluded by wishing all a great summer.

Trustee Brad Arneson expressed appreciation similar to his fellow board members, beginning by thanking Student Trustee Nya Jones for her contributions over the past year. He also acknowledged the changes in this year's commencement planning and extended his gratitude to those who stepped in to manage the event logistics. He recognized the significance and complexity of the task and commended those involved for doing a tremendous job.

Trustee Stella Styers thanked outgoing Student Trustee Nya Jones for her dedication and commitment, noting she will be missed, and warmly welcomed incoming Student Trustee Melina Rangel-Ruiz to the Board.

She reflected on the spring commencement ceremonies, echoing earlier comments about the significance of the events. Trustee Styers shared that in her eight years with the District, this year's Main Campus commencement was one of the greatest—standing-room only, filled with energy, and highlighted by standing ovations. She noted the impressive number of graduates: 349 degrees awarded, 449 certificates, and several GEDs completed, which she said speaks volumes about the institution, its faculty, and the motivation of its students.

Trustee Styers offered special thanks to everyone who contributed to the ceremonies, particularly recognizing Irma for doing an outstanding job as the announcer. She also commended the Needles Center ceremony, describing it as a festive and well-attended event. She noted that it was a long day, but well deserved, and thanked Dean Randall and Alice Dean for their terrific work in organizing it.

She closed by thanking the Board, administration, and staff for their hard work, including Naomi for keeping the Board organized, and Stephanie as well.

9. Discussion Items

9.1 First Reading of Reviewed/Revised Board Policies and Administrative Procedures

9.2 Consideration of Public Access to Meetings via Zoom or Other Streaming Platforms

Trustee McNeil initiated the discussion by expressing support for offering public access to board meetings via Zoom. He noted that many public agencies already provide this option and shared that several Needles residents had asked why the college does not. He emphasized that while public participation would not be required, offering remote access would increase transparency and allow community members to follow meetings more easily—particularly given the college’s large and geographically dispersed service area.

Trustee Styers stated that additional discussion would be needed to understand the setup process. Trustee Arneson pointed out that meetings are already livestreamed and questioned the need for an additional platform. Trustee McNeil clarified that while meetings are livestreamed to the Needles Center, members of the public are not attending at that location. He said the community is asking for access from home, similar to how they follow City Council meetings remotely.

Trustee Ramirez suggested that before any action is taken, the District should research the pros and cons of implementing such a system. Trustee Copple and Trustee Williams shared their personal experiences attending remote meetings and trainings via Zoom, noting that they found it convenient and easy to follow along from home. Trustee Styers inquired whether the college’s IT department has the capability to support such a platform.

Dr. Moses explained that the college’s official platform is Microsoft Teams, not Zoom, and that he and Ms. Alaniz would initiate a conversation with the IT department to begin exploring available options. He emphasized that:

1. IT will research the best remote access options from a technical standpoint.
2. IT will present those options to the Board at a future meeting.
3. If the Board chooses to move forward, a Board Policy and an Administrative Procedure would need to be developed.
4. The Board would then vote on whether or not to implement the selected option.

Trustee McNeil acknowledged that “Zoom” was being used as a general term for remote access. Trustee Styers requested that any potential security concerns also be addressed as part of IT’s research.

Dr. Moses confirmed that the IT department would evaluate technical options and present them to the Board, and that any implementation would require formal Board action following the adoption of necessary policy and procedure.

9.3 Proposed Change to Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar

Trustee McNeil raised a concern about the October Board meeting scheduled in Needles, noting that it falls during fall break for the local school district. He explained that during this time, schools are closed and many residents leave town, making it difficult for the public to attend. He acknowledged that a similar issue came up the previous year and that the meeting location was moved from October to November at that time. He proposed that the Board consider making the same change this year—moving the Needles meeting from October to November.

Trustee Styers asked why the change was necessary and confirmed with Ms. Alaniz that the meeting calendar had already been published. Trustee Arneson shared that he is likely traveling after the November meeting and expressed that he was not in favor of the change. Trustees Styers and Ramirez both agreed that altering the calendar could be confusing and stated their preference to leave the schedule as is.

No changes were made to the meeting calendar.

10. Information Items

10.1 Program Review Submissions

10.2 Report of Purchases and Warrants - May 2025

10.3 Notification of Employee Resignation – Anjela Bavaro-Ricci, Full-Time Nursing Instructor

10.4 Upcoming College Events and Activities

10.5 Board of Trustees Professional Development Opportunities

11. Consent Items

All Consent Items will be voted on in one motion with 15 minutes allocated for questions by Board members. After the question period, any Board member may request that any item(s) be moved to the Action Agenda.

11.1 Approval of the 2025–2026 ProTech Academic Calendars for CTE Faculty

Approve the 2025–2026 ProTech Academic Calendar for designated Career and Technical Education (CTE) faculty.

11.2 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Needles Unified School District for the Metals Program

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Needles Unified School District for the Metals Program

11.3 Approval of New and Revised Courses and Programs

Approve the new and revised courses and programs as presented.

11.4 Approval of Instructor Recommended Equivalency - S. Cranley & R. Roedel

Approve the Instructor Recommended Equivalency for S. Cranley & R. Roedel.

11.5 Approval of Revised Job Descriptions: Rising Scholars Director and Programmer

Approve the revised job descriptions for the Rising Scholars Director and Programmer positions, as presented.

11.6 Approval of Personnel Actions – June 2025

Approve the personnel actions for June 2025, as presented.

11.7 Approval of Consent Items for June 2025

Approve Consent Items 11.1 through 11.6 as presented and/or amended.

Motion by Brad E Arneson, second by Jon E McNeil.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, George W Thomas, Glenda K Williams

12. Action Items - Instruction and Student Services**12.1 Approval of Consultant Agreement with AG Data Solutions LLC for A&R MIS Reporting Services**

Approve the agreement between Palo Verde College and AG Data Solutions LLC for consulting services related to Admissions & Records (A&R) MIS reporting.

Motion by Angel Ramirez, second by Brad E Arneson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, Glenda K Williams

12.2 Approval of Contract with Ad Astra for Academic and Room Scheduling

Approve the contract with Ad Astra Information Systems, L.L.C. for academic and room scheduling services.

Motion by Angel Ramirez, second by Brad E Arneson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, Glenda K Williams, Melina Rangel-Ruiz

13. Action Items - Business**13.1 Approval of Addendum to Agreement with N2N Services Inc. for Handwritten Document Processing Module for LightLeapAI Platform**

Approve the Addendum to the CollegeBuys Agreement with N2N Services Inc. for handwritten document processing module for LightLeapAI Platform.

Motion by Brad E Arneson, second by Angel Ramirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, Glenda K Williams, Melina Rangel-Ruiz

13.2 Approval of Software-as-a-Service Agreement with Zogo Technologies, LLC

Approve the three-year Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) agreement with Zogo Technologies, LLC.

Motion by Angel Ramirez, second by Brad E Arneson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, Glenda K Williams, Melina Rangel-Ruiz

13.3 Approval of 2025-2026 Tentative Budget

Approve the Tentative Budget for 2025-2026.

Motion by Jon E McNeil, second by Brad E Arneson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, Glenda K Williams, Melina Rangel-Ruiz

14. Action Items - Personnel

14.1 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding – Extra Duty Assignment for Biology Lab Support

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Palo Verde Community College District and the Palo Verde Community College Association for an extra duty assignment for faculty member Vanja Velickovska.

Motion by Brad E Arneson, second by Angel Ramirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, Glenda K Williams, Melina Rangel-Ruiz

14.2 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding – Extra Duty Assignment for POCR Faculty

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Palo Verde Community College District and the Palo Verde Community College Association for an extra duty assignment for faculty participation in Peer Online Course Review (POCR) training.

Motion by Jon E McNeil, second by Brad E Arneson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, Glenda K Williams, Melina Rangel-Ruiz

14.3 Approval of Employment Contracts for Educational Administrators as listed.

Approve the Employment Contracts for Educational Administrators as listed.

Motion by Angel Ramirez, second by Brad E Arneson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, Glenda K Williams, Melina Rangel-Ruiz

Recuse: Gloria A Copple

Note: Trustee Copple initially voted "Yes," but then stated she needed to recuse herself from the item. Her final vote was recorded as a recusal.

14.4 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between PVCCD and CSEA Chapter 180 – Reclassifications and New Job Descriptions (A. Prieto, F. Leon, and D. Nguyen)

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Palo Verde Community College District (PVCCD) and CSEA Chapter 180 regarding reclassifications and new job descriptions for A. Prieto, F. Leon, and D. Nguyen.

Motion by Jon E McNeil, second by Brad E Arneson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, Glenda K Williams, Melina Rangel-Ruiz

15. Action Items - Miscellaneous

15.1 Approval of the Palo Verde College Comprehensive Educational Plan 2025–2033

Approve the Palo Verde College Comprehensive Educational Plan 2025–2033.

Motion by Jon E McNeil, second by Brad E Arneson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Stella C Styers, Gloria A Copple, Jon E McNeil, Angel Ramirez, Brad E Arneson, Glenda K Williams, Melina Rangel-Ruiz

16. Hearing of Citizens - Non-Agenda Items

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There were no public comments offered regarding items not on tonight's agenda.

17. Closing of Meeting

17.1 Possible Future Agenda Items

Trustee Arneson requested a future agenda item to review and discuss the Needles Center and its potential future.

Trustee Styers requested a future agenda item to review and discuss the College's graduation ceremonies, noting that holding separate events in Needles and at the Main Campus results in long and taxing days for both staff and board members. She suggested considering a return to a single, consolidated graduation ceremony on one campus, as was done in the past, emphasizing potential cost savings and the benefit of a larger, unified event for students. Trustee Styers requested documentation outlining the costs and logistics of holding two separate ceremonies, stating, "I think it would be great for the students to be part of a huge graduation ceremony. Cost-effective. I think it would be more effective."

She also noted the extensive time commitment—approximately eight hours—required by the current arrangements, referencing that two vans of administrators, faculty, and board members attended the Needles event.

Trustee McNeil added that the long day was further compounded by scheduling both the nursing pinning ceremony and the graduation ceremony on the same day. He questioned the planning process and who was responsible for the scheduling, expressing concern that local Needles leadership was not given decision-making authority. Trustee McNeil stated, "None of that was set up by our Dean in Needles. That was set up by the people here." He mentioned that he had confirmed with Ms. Randall that she was not responsible for scheduling decisions, noting, "She said that she didn't have a call on it because we wouldn't have had pizza either."

Trustees Styers and McNeil emphasized the need to evaluate the structure and logistics of future ceremonies to avoid lengthy schedules and to ensure efficient planning. Trustee McNeil concluded, "We do need to support some sort of activities there [in Needles], but I'm not in favor of myself being down there all day."

Additionally, Trustee Styers requested a future agenda item to discuss whether the nursing pinning ceremony should be included as a standard part of the Needles graduation ceremony moving forward.

Discussion Items Proposed:

1. Future of the Needles Center
2. Future of the Needles Center Commencement Ceremony
3. Needles Pinning Ceremony

17.2 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Bruce Moses

Dr. Bruce Moses, Superintendent/President

Minutes approved at August 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting

Minutes generated by Naomi Alaniz, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/President and Board of Trustees. These minutes are a concise summary of reports, discussions, and actions taken at this meeting. For detailed comments and discussion, a tape is available to the public for 30 days after the date of this meeting.






6.10.25 PVCCD BOT Regular Meeting Minutes

Final Audit Report

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