



**PALO VERDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Closed Session: 4:00 p.m. | Open Session: 5:00 p.m.

Physical Meeting Location: PVC Needles Educational Center, 725 W. Broadway, Needles, CA

Livestream Meeting Location: One College Drive, Blythe, CA - CL 101

**1. OPENING OF MEETING**

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice President/Acting President Gloria Copple.

1.2 ROLL CALL

- **Trustees Present:** Gloria Copple, Jon McNeil, Scott Dean, Brad Arneson, Angel Ramirez, Stella Styers, Glenda Williams, Melina Rangel-Ruiz(arrived at the reconvening to Open Session)  
*Note: Trustees Ramirez and Styers attended from Main Campus*
- **Administrators Present:** Stephanie Slagan, Acting Superintendent/President / Assistant Supt./VP of Administrative Services and College Advancement, Dr. Sam Robinson, Acting Assistant Supt./VP of Instruction and Student Services

1.3 APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

**Motion:** Approve the Closed Session Agenda for this meeting.

**Moved by:** Jon McNeil

**Seconded by:** Scott Dean

**Action:** Motion Carries

**Vote:**

- **Yes:** Gloria Copple, Jon McNeil, Scott Dean, Brad Arneson, Angel Ramirez, Stella Styers, Glenda Williams

**2. HEARING OF CITIZENS - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

2.1 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no public comments offered regarding the items on tonight's Closed Session

agenda.

**3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Governing Board recessed to Closed Session at 4:02 p.m.

- 3.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.60)
- 3.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957)
- 3.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957)
- 3.4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION; SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION (GOVERNMENT CODE 54956.9)

**4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The Governing Board reconvened to Open Session at 6:05 p.m.

- 4.1 FLAG SALUTE  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 4.2 REPORT ON ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
Board President Copple initially reported that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

Later in the meeting, Board President Copple corrected the Closed Session report regarding Item 3.4 – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation; Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9), and reported that, by a 6/1 vote, the Board took action in Closed Session to issue a Notice of Rejection of Claim pursuant to Government Code Section 913. The Board further authorized the Acting Superintendent/President or her designee to issue any appropriate notices.

- 4.3 APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION AGENDA  
**Motion:** Approve the Open Session Agenda.  
**Moved by:** Jon McNeil  
**Seconded by:** Brad Arneson  
**Action:** Motion Carries  
**Vote:**
  - **Yes:** Gloria Copple, Jon McNeil, Scott Dean, Brad Arneson, Angel Ramirez, Stella Styers, Glenda Williams
- 4.4 APPROVAL OF APRIL 14, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
**Motion:** Approve the April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.  
**Moved by:** Brad Arneson  
**Seconded by:** Jon McNeil  
**Action:** Motion Carries  
**Vote:**
  - **Yes:** Gloria Copple, Jon McNeil, Scott Dean, Brad Arneson, Angel Ramirez, Stella Styers, Glenda Williams

4.5 ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECUSAL FROM AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Scott Dean recused himself from consideration of Items 12.1 and 12.2.

Trustee Angel Ramirez recused himself from consideration of Item 12.9.

5. HEARING OF CITIZENS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

**Cassandra Coleman**, a student at Palo Verde College, thanked the Board for approving the Needles graduation ceremony. She shared that she did not have her high school diploma a few years ago and stated that she feels she has made significant progress in a short period of time with the support of Palo Verde College.

**Evelyn Davis**, a student at the Needles Educational Center, thanked the Board for approving the Needles graduation ceremony and shared her educational journey as a former high school dropout who returned to school through Palo Verde College. She stated that delays in course availability extended the time needed to complete her degree and discussed challenges related to financial aid, student support services, and access to resources at the Needles Center. Ms. Davis expressed concerns regarding the limited availability of counseling, support programs, and student services in Needles compared to the Blythe campus. She also shared personal circumstances involving her family and health challenges and emphasized the significance of holding the graduation ceremony in Needles for local students and their families. Ms. Davis concluded by encouraging the College to continue improving support and resources for Needles students.

**Elizabeth Berry**, ASG Needles Representative, addressed the Board and expressed appreciation to Board members who supported the Needles Educational Center and the approval of the Needles graduation ceremony. She stated that students at the Needles campus feel they are beginning to be seen and heard and acknowledged that additional work remains to improve services and support for Needles students. Ms. Berry also reflected on her experience serving in Associated Student Government and announced her intention to continue serving as an advocate for Needles students during the next academic year.

A Speaker Request Form was submitted on behalf of **Xaviea Heflin-Carter**; however, Ms. Heflin-Carter was not present at the time Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items was heard and did not address the Board. Written materials were submitted on behalf of Ms. Heflin-Carter and distributed to Board members present at the meeting.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 PUBLIC HEARING - OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON THE INITIAL REOPENER PROPOSAL FROM PVCCD TO CSEA CHAPTER 180 REGARDING HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS.

Board President Copple opened the public hearing for comments regarding the initial reopener proposal from PVCCD to CSEA Chapter 180 concerning health and welfare benefits at 6:16 p.m. No public comments were received, and the public hearing was closed at 6:17 p.m.

## **7. REPORTS**

Reports are limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes, unless otherwise determined by the Board President.

### **7.1 PVCCA/CTA - RICHARD CASTILLO, PRESIDENT OF PVCCA/CTA**

Richard Castillo reported that the association reelected its current officers for the upcoming year. He announced that Richard Castillo will continue serving as President, Vanja Velickovska as Vice President, Laura Kramer as Secretary, Anna Thelen as Treasurer, and Kaylene Elliot as Member at Large.

Mr. Castillo also reported that negotiation sessions with the District are scheduled for May 13, May 27, and June 4, 2026. He stated that PVCCA/CTA hopes to wrap up negotiations before June 4, as the remaining items have narrowed to only a few items per article.

### **7.2 ACADEMIC SENATE - SARAH FRID, PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC SENATE**

Sarah Frid was not present and no report was given.

### **7.3 CSEA, CHAPTER 180 - ALICE DEAN, PRESIDENT OF CSEA CHAPTER 180**

Alice Dean, President of CSEA Chapter 180, shared that four CSEA members are graduating with master's degrees and highlighted the importance of professional development opportunities for classified staff. She thanked the District for supporting employee growth and stated that those opportunities contribute to employee success and student support.

Ms. Dean also requested Board approval of Items 12.1 and 12.2 related to the CSEA contract and health and welfare benefits negotiations and expressed appreciation for the continued collaboration between CSEA and the District. In addition, she announced that CSEA would be celebrating Classified Employees Week the following week, including a potluck event on May 22, 2026, recognizing the contributions of classified professionals at the main campus, Needles Educational Center, and Child Development Center.

### **7.4 ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT - MELINA RANGEL-RUIZ, STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Melina Rangel-Ruiz, Student Trustee, reported that the ASG club, The Lodge of Artistry, would be hosting a Modge Podge event from May 11 through May 14, 2026, featuring student-made artwork, stickers, figurines, jewelry, and other handmade items. She stated that the fundraiser is intended to support the club's activities and increase the number of scholarships the club hopes to provide in the upcoming academic year.

### **7.5 ACTING ASSISTANT SUPT./VP OF INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT SERVICES, DR. SAM ROBINSON**

Dr. Sam Robinson expressed appreciation to faculty and staff and highlighted upcoming employee recognition activities, including Faculty Appreciation and Classified Employees Week. She reported that the District plans to begin formally recognizing employee years of service, faculty members earning tenure, and employees who completed degrees during the academic year during the May 28, 2026 All Staff Meeting. Dr. Robinson shared that faculty members earning tenure would be invited to select a meaningful book to be added to a special collection in the library in recognition of their achievement.

Dr. Robinson also reported on the College's recent educational outreach event at

Ironwood State Prison held on May 8, 2026, in partnership with UC Riverside and Riverside City College. She described the event as a major milestone and stated that it was the first time the College had hosted a college expo at Ironwood State Prison. She stated that the event provided information regarding educational opportunities, reentry support services, and future in-person instruction offerings and noted that the event was well attended by current and prospective students. Dr. Robinson stated that the event was a great success.

In addition, Dr. Robinson informed the Board that Palo Verde College was impacted by the recent Canvas/Instructure cyberattack and data breach affecting institutions nationally and internationally. She stated that the District is continuing to work with Instructure to determine what information may have been accessed, including potential student emails, student identification numbers, and Canvas messaging data. Dr. Robinson further stated that the District is monitoring the situation closely and taking precautionary measures related to potential phishing attempts. She acknowledged the support received from the Chancellor's Office and recognized the work of the Information Technology, Institutional Research, Student Services, Communications, and faculty for their response and coordination during the incident. Dr. Robinson noted that employees from multiple departments came together immediately following the cyberattack to coordinate communication and response efforts across the institution.

- 7.6 ACTING SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT / ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT/VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT - STEPHANIE SLAGAN  
Stephanie Slagan commented that her report was attached to the agenda.

7.7 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Trustee Scott Dean** read a statement regarding accountability, governance, and the use of temporary measures within government and institutional operations. Using toll road systems as an example of temporary measures becoming permanent over time, Trustee Dean expressed concerns that temporary actions, staffing adjustments, and financial commitments can continue without sufficient follow-up reporting, defined timelines, or clear closure processes. He referenced temporary compensation measures previously approved by the Board and questioned whether those measures remained in effect and whether additional reporting would be provided regarding their status.

Trustee Dean also commented on the recent Canvas/Instructure cyberattack and its impact on students, including incarcerated students at Ironwood State Prison. He expressed hope that affected students would be provided additional time and support to complete coursework impacted by the system outage.

In addition, Trustee Dean addressed comments made during a prior Board meeting and stated that he has never encouraged any Board member not to attend meetings or perform their duties. He further stated that he supports public participation, voting, and individuals seeking public office.

**Trustee Glenda Williams** expressed pride and appreciation that graduation would be held at the Needles Educational Center and stated that local students would have the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments within their home community and with their families.

**Trustee Jon McNeil** expressed concern regarding reports that the Associated Student Government President had been unable to participate in Board meetings. Trustee McNeil stated that elected student representatives should be permitted to participate in Board meetings and noted that the Board had not been informed of the situation. He emphasized the importance of student participation and representation at Board meetings.

Trustee Jon McNeil also discussed the significance of the Needles Educational Center graduation ceremony to the local community and thanked District staff for their efforts in addressing community concerns regarding the event. He stated that the graduation ceremony provides an opportunity to bring the College and community together and acknowledged the positive public comments received during the meeting.

In addition, Trustee McNeil commented on student support services and counseling concerns raised by students at the Needles Educational Center. He specifically recognized Jaclyn Randall for her service to students and the Needles community, describing her as a positive and active presence at the Needles Educational Center and within the broader community. Trustee McNeil further stated that community engagement and visibility at the Needles Educational Center have increased in recent years and noted that approximately 18 students are expected to graduate at the upcoming Needles ceremony.

**Trustees Gloria Copple, Brad Arneson, Angel Ramirez, and Stella Styers,** stated that they had no report.

## **8. PRESENTATIONS**

There are no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

## **9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **9.1 FIRST READ OF REVIEWED/REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

Trustee Jon McNeil stated that he agreed with the proposed Administrative Procedures and the revisions presented. He commented that, while the language could be interpreted as the administration directing what the Board must do, the revisions were actually intended to reflect compliance with applicable law. Executive Assistant Naomi Alaniz confirmed that the revisions were developed in accordance with applicable law and Community College League of California (CCLC) legal updates.

## **10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **10.1 REPORT OF PURCHASES AND WARRANTS - APRIL 2026**

### **10.2 NOTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION – JASON BILLIE, HEAD MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH**

In response to a question from Trustee Stella Camargo-Styers regarding coaching positions, Stephanie Slagan and Dr. Sam Robinson reported that Coach Derrick Jackson remains employed as the women's basketball coach. Board President Copple noted that the District continues to have a women's basketball coach and stated her understanding that recruitment efforts are underway to fill the men's basketball coach position.

### **10.3 NEEDLES EDUCATIONAL CENTER GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Board President Copple noted that the Needles Educational Center Graduation Ceremony will be held on June 4, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Needles Educational Center.

#### 10.4 OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Board President Copple inquired about the purpose of the conference. Stephanie Slagan reported that the conference is related to Adult Basic Education. Trustee Scott Dean commented that the conference is hosted by one of the leading organizations in the field of Adult Basic Education. Board President Copple confirmed that Adult Basic Education falls within the employee's job responsibilities, and Ms. Slagan confirmed that it does.

### 11. CONSENT ITEMS

**All Consent Items will be considered for approval in a single motion. A total of 15 minutes will be allotted for questions or clarifications from Board members and for public comments on Consent Items. Following this period, any Board member may request that one or more items be moved to the Action Agenda**

#### 11.1 APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT - MAY 2026

Trustee Scott Dean inquired about language contained in Board Policy 2430, which was attached to the agenda item. Executive Assistant Naomi Alaniz clarified that the item before the Board was the Personnel Actions Report and not the Board Policy itself. Ms. Alaniz further explained that Board Policies 2430 and 7110 were attached because they are referenced in the agenda language supporting the Personnel Actions Report. Trustee Dean acknowledged the explanation.

#### 11.2 APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM ITEMS

#### 11.3 APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS FOR APRIL 2026

**Motion:** Approve Consent Items 11.1 through 11.3 as presented and/or amended.

**Moved by:** Brad Arneson

**Seconded by:** Jon McNeil

**Action:** Motion Carries

**Vote:**

- **Yes:** Gloria Copple, Jon McNeil, Scott Dean, Brad Arneson, Angel Ramirez, Stella Styers, Glenda Williams

### 12. ACTION ITEMS

#### 12.1 CSEA COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR 2024-2027

**Motion:** Approve the signed CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2024-2027.

**Moved by:** Jon McNeil

**Seconded by:** Glenda Williams

**Action:** Motion Carries

**Vote:**

- **Yes:** Gloria Copple, Jon McNeil, Brad Arneson, Glenda Williams, Stella Styers, Angel Ramirez
- **Recused:** Scott Dean

12.2 ADOPTION OF PVCCD'S INITIAL PROPOSAL TO CSEA CHAPTER 180 FOR NEGOTIATIONS REOPENERS

**Motion:** Approve the adoption of PVCCD's initial proposal to CSEA Chapter 180 for negotiation reopeners.

**Moved by:** Jon McNeil

**Seconded by:** Gloria Copple

**Action:** Motion Carries

**Vote:**

- **Yes:** Gloria Copple, Jon McNeil, Brad Arneson, Glenda Williams, Stella Styers, Angel Ramirez, Melina Rangel-Ruiz
- **Recused:** Scott Dean

12.3 APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT WITH FERRILLI FOR FLEXPERT COLLEAGUE CONSULTING SERVICES

**Motion:** Approve the extension of the agreement with Ferrilli for Flexpert Colleague Consulting services through June 30, 2026.

**Moved by:** Stella Styers

**Seconded by:** Brad Arneson

**Action:** Motion Carries

**Vote:**

- **Yes:** Gloria Copple, Jon McNeil, Scott Dean, Brad Arneson, Angel Ramirez, Stella Styers, Glenda Williams, Melina Rangel-Ruiz

**Board Discussion:**

Trustee Scott Dean questioned the need for the agreement extension and commented on the authorization for up to 100 hours of consulting services. Stephanie Slagan explained that Ferrilli provides specialized programming and technical support for the District's Colleague enterprise resource planning (ERP) system and that requests are first evaluated by the District's internal programmer. She stated that Ferrilli services are utilized only when the required work cannot be completed internally. In response to additional questions from Trustee Dean, Ms. Slagan explained that Colleague serves as the District's student information and enterprise resource planning system and supports multiple operational areas, including admissions and records, instruction, financial aid, student services, and administrative functions.

12.4 APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH CIRCLEIN, INCORPORATED FOR STUDENT SUCCESS PLATFORM SERVICES

**Motion:** Approve the agreement with CircleIn, Incorporated to provide a student engagement and academic support platform for the term July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

**Moved by:** Scott Dean

**Seconded by:** Brad Arneson

**Action:** Motion Carries

**Vote:**

- **Yes:** Gloria Copple, Jon McNeil, Brad Arneson, Angel Ramirez, Stella Styers, Glenda Williams, Melina Rangel-Ruiz
- **No:** Scott Dean

**Board Discussion:**

Trustee Scott Dean raised questions regarding FERPA compliance, student data security, retention of de-identified student data, and provisions contained within the agreement. Dr. Sam Robinson explained that the platform had been recommended through the Academic Senate and Academic Standards Committee and is intended to support student success through embedded tutoring and academic support services. Dr. Robinson further stated that FERPA compliance and data-sharing requirements would be addressed during the onboarding and integration process, consistent with other educational technology platforms utilized by the District. Stephanie Slagan noted that the agreement contains confidentiality provisions intended to protect District information. Trustee Dean also inquired about the impact of potential future changes to NSF funding. Dr. Robinson responded that the five-year agreement was structured to lock in pricing and secure discounted rates and indicated that additional information regarding NSF funding could be provided.

12.5 APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION FOR ACTING SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT

**Motion:** Approve additional compensation for Stephanie Slagan for serving in the role of Acting Superintendent/President effective May 6, 2026.

**Moved by:** Stella Styers

**Seconded by:** Brad Arneson

**Action:** Motion Carries

**Vote:**

- **Yes:** Gloria Copple, Jon McNeil, Scott Dean, Brad Arneson, Angel Ramirez, Stella Styers, Glenda Williams
- **Abstain:** Melina Rangel-Ruiz

**Board Discussion:**

Trustee Jon McNeil stated that, while employees typically receive a 5 percent increase, he did not believe serving as Acting Superintendent/President represented only a 5 percent increase in responsibility. Trustee McNeil commented that the position carries significant responsibility and proposed a 10 percent compensation adjustment for Stephanie Slagan during the period she serves as Acting Superintendent/President. Trustee Brad Arneson expressed support for the proposed amount. Trustee Stella Styers questioned whether additional information regarding compensation recommendations should be obtained before taking action. Trustee McNeil reiterated that compensation should be provided for the additional responsibilities being assumed. Board President Copple restated that Trustee McNeil had proposed a 10 percent compensation adjustment, rather than the 5 percent adjustment that is typically provided, and asked whether Board members supported the proposed amount. Trustee Angel Ramirez questioned whether a 10 percent adjustment was sufficient. Board members indicated their support for the proposed 10

percent compensation adjustment.

12.6 APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZED AGENTS AND RCOE CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES FOR PVCCD

**Motion:** Approve the Authorized Agents and RCOE Certification of Signatures.

**Moved by:** Stella Styers

**Seconded by:** Angel Ramirez

**Action:** Motion Carries

**Vote:**

- **Yes:** Gloria Copple, Jon McNeil, Scott Dean, Brad Arneson, Angel Ramirez, Stella Styers, Glenda Williams, Melina Rangel-Ruiz

12.7 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING FTES REVIEW AND ANALYSIS

No action was taken. Direction was provided to administration to prepare and present the requested FTES information at a future Board meeting.

**Board Discussion:**

Trustee Jon McNeil stated that he had anticipated receiving a presentation regarding FTES and related information. Board President Copple responded that the purpose of the item was to identify the questions the Board wanted addressed so that administration could prepare a future presentation.

Board President Copple stated that the District had exceeded its FTES cap and expressed concern regarding the impact on California-Nevada border student tuition rates. She requested that administration provide information regarding:

- FTES reported on the CCFS-320 reports for Fall 2024, Spring 2025, and Summer 2025;
- The demographic groups and student populations contributing to the FTES increase;
- Factors that contributed to the increase in FTES;
- The authorization and planning associated with the FTES growth;
- The District's FTES cap for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026;
- Current FTES levels;
- How the District's FTES cap compares to other California-Nevada border colleges; and
- The impact of FTES growth on the District and its students.

Board President Copple stated that the requested information may be presented through a future study session or Board presentation. In response, Stephanie Slagan asked whether the Board preferred a study session in the fall, a study session in June, or a presentation at the next Board meeting. Board President Copple requested that the information be provided as soon as possible. Trustee Jon McNeil indicated that a presentation at the next Board meeting would be appropriate.

Trustee Jon McNeil stated that many of the questions identified by the Board had been addressed in prior FTES presentations. He referenced previous presentations regarding

FTES growth and stated that his concern was not with supporting correctional education programs, but rather with understanding how the District's FTES growth strategy impacts the College's ability to serve the communities of Blythe and Needles. Trustee McNeil stated that he would like additional discussion regarding how the District can continue to support local communities while managing enrollment growth.

Board President Cople questioned how the Board could be assured that the reported FTES figures were accurate. Stephanie Slagan responded that the District's CCFS-320 reports are subject to annual audit review and stated that the reported FTES figures are verified through the audit process. She further noted that the District's audits have consistently confirmed the accuracy of the reported numbers.

Trustee Jon McNeil clarified that he was not disputing the accuracy of the reported FTES figures. He stated that his concern was the direction of the District's enrollment growth strategy and its impact on the communities served by the College. Trustee McNeil stated that, while he supports correctional education programs and the educational opportunities they provide, he would like additional discussion regarding how the District balances enrollment growth with service to the Blythe and Needles communities. He expressed concern that an increasing reliance on FTES generated through correctional education programs may limit the District's ability to support local economic and community development and stated that he would like the Board to consider how the College can best support the communities it serves.

Board President Cople stated that her concern was understanding how the District exceeded its FTES cap and the resulting impact on students, including potential effects on California-Nevada border tuition rates. She noted that the District had not exceeded the cap in the past and stated that she wanted additional information regarding the factors that contributed to the growth, what had changed, and how the District reached its current FTES levels.

Trustee Jon McNeil stated that prior FTES presentations had described a strategy of intentionally exceeding the FTES cap in anticipation of receiving additional funding through statewide growth allocations. He stated that he did not believe the District's current FTES levels were the result of an accident, but rather the outcome of a deliberate enrollment growth strategy that had been presented to the Board. Trustee McNeil further stated that, while the strategy had been successful in generating additional revenue, he remained concerned about the long-term direction of the District and would like additional discussion regarding how enrollment growth aligns with the College's service to the Blythe and Needles communities. He stated that the Board should consider how the District balances correctional education programs with educational opportunities that directly support local community and economic development.

12.8 SECOND READ AND APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY

**Motion:** Approve the Board Policy 6250 as presented.

**Moved by:** Jon McNeil

**Seconded by:** Brad Arneson

**Action:** Motion Carries

**Vote:**

- **Yes:** Gloria Copple, Jon McNeil, Scott Dean, Brad Arneson, Angel Ramirez, Stella Styers, Glenda Williams, Melina Rangel-Ruiz

12.9 APPROVAL OF ABSENCE FOR TRUSTEE ANGEL RAMIREZ - APRIL 14, 2026

**Motion:** Approve the absence of Trustee Angel Ramirez from the April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**Moved by:** Stella Styers

**Seconded by:** Brad Arneson

**Action:** Motion Carries

**Vote:**

- **Yes:** Gloria Copple, Jon McNeil, Brad Arneson, Glenda Williams, Stella Styers, Scott Dean, Melina Rangel-Ruiz
- **Abstain:** Angel Ramirez

**13. CLOSING OF MEETING**

13.1 POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Jon McNeil requested future agenda items regarding employees currently on administrative leave and the circumstances surrounding a decision that reportedly prevented the Associated Student Government President from attending Board meetings.

Trustee Stella Styers requested future agenda items regarding compensation for Dr. Sam Robinson during the period she served as Acting Superintendent/President, and the search for a second legal counsel firm for the District.

13.2 ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**Ed Knudson, Interim Superintendent/President**

**Minutes approved at June 9, 2026, 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.*