



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

Special Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 15, 2026

Closed Session: 4:00 p.m. | Open Session: Immediately Following Closed Session

Physical Meeting Location: One College Drive, Blythe, CA – CL 101

LiveStream Meeting Location: 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 Gloria Copple.

1.2 ROLL CALL

- **Trustees Present:** Gloria Copple, Jon McNeil, Scott Dean, Glenda Williams
Note: Trustee Williams attended from Needles Educational Center.
- **Trustees Absent:** Brad Arneson, Angel Ramirez, Stella Styers
- **Administrators Present:** Stephanie Slagan, Acting Superintendent/President / Assistant Supt./VP of Administrative Services and College Advancement

1.3 FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.4 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, 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 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (GOV. CODE § 54957)

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Governing Board reconvened to Open Session at 5:21 p.m.

4.1 REPORT ON ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Board President Copple reported that the Board took the following actions in Closed Session by unanimous 4/0 votes:

- The Board approved ACCT to conduct the search for the permanent Superintendent/President for Palo Verde College and authorized execution of the agreement to begin the search process immediately.
- The Board approved the appointment of Mr. Knudson as Interim Superintendent/President, effective immediately. Mr. Knudson will begin on campus on May 26, 2026.

5. CLOSING OF MEETING

5.1 POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5.2 ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.



Ed Knudson, Interim Superintendent/President

Minutes approved at June 09, 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.