

## MINUTES

### COCHISE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 9, 2015  
Douglas Campus  
6:00 p.m.

#### 1. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

##### 1.01 Call to Order

Mr. DiPeso called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

##### **Board Members Present:**

Mr. David DiPeso  
Dr. John Eaton (Telephonically)  
Mr. Dennis Nelson  
Mrs. Jane Strain

##### **Board Members Absent:**

Mr. Don Hudgins

##### 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

##### 1.03 Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Rottweiler requested that Action Item 3.02 – Placeholder, be removed from the agenda, as the position was not filled. The agenda was otherwise adopted as published.

##### 1.04 Citizen's Interim

There were no requests to address the Board.

##### 1.05 Standing Reports

##### **1.05.1 Representative to the Arizona Association of District Governing Boards (AADGB)**

An AADGB Report was not provided as a meeting has not been held since the last report.

##### **1.05.2 Representative to the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT)**

Mrs. Strain stated the ACCT Leadership Congress will be held October 14-17, 2015 in San Diego. They will perform their internal governance work, to include internal elections where delegates will vote on those people running for the Board of Directors and other positions, specifically the Diversity Committee. Also, the ACCT

26-member Board of Directors will meet for a four-day Board Retreat in downtown Washington, DC July 9-13, 2015.

### **1.05.3 Senate**

A Senate Report was not provided as the Senate did not meet in May.

### **1.05.4 Student Government Association (SGA)**

A Student Government Report was not provided.

### **1.05.5 College President**

Dr. Rottweiler stated he was in Phoenix yesterday and today for an AC4 meeting. He stated some restructuring had to be done; two of our sister institutions receive no state funding, one of which pays for 61% of our dues for the organization based upon FTSE, and the other makes up for 15% - so about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all of our dues comes from entities that did not receive any state funding. Therefore, some new dues structure has been set up and was approved today. In light of that, the organization has chosen to no longer have a CEO. Mr. Jack Lunsford, understanding that AC4 could not compensate him at the level he deserves, has parted ways. They have recontracted with Kristen Boilini and her organization, and she will act in many of those functions. The executive committee will play a much higher role in the operation.

Along these same lines, some important decisions are being made; one of which tied to those is the Expenditure Limitation Study Committee. There was some heavy legislation this year around expenditure limitation. Mr. Lunsford was the representative from AC4 that was on the committee. With him no longer being in that role, Dr. Rottweiler stated he has been asked to serve on the Expenditure Limitation Study Committee, pending approval by the Speaker of the House, which he is assuming will be approved. He stated he will be happy to serve on that committee.

Dr. Rottweiler made the Board aware that on the budget action item, there was a shift on the one percent cost shift, so if you went over one percent on property taxes, the state used to make up that difference. We have three to five school districts that are over the one percent on their own without having the county, city, colleges, in there. Historically, the state has just made that money up to the school district. They put in language that once each county reaches \$1M or more, then it will be distributed amongst the taxing authorities. This is believed to be unconstitutional, and that there are some major issues in there. Dr. Rottweiler provided the Board with a position statement prepared by AC4. They took action today to finalize an *amicus* brief. By filing this brief, we believe we will have some level of standing should the court direct someone to negotiate out – a mutual understanding can then be part of those discussions.

Regarding master facilities planning, Dr. Rottweiler wanted the Board to be aware that, if they hadn't already seen it in the newspaper, the college received quite a bit of press related to the hospital. He provided the Board with (draft) schematic designs that are moving forward as part of the initial work, to provide them with the layout. Next Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m., there will be a brief hand-off ceremony for

the purpose of the Legacy Foundation to officially hand the building to the college. The plan is to have Ron Wagner, the current chair of the Legacy Foundation, to speak about the history of the building, and then Margaret Hepburn, CEO of the Legacy Foundation, will officially hand the key over. Dr. Rottweiler stated either he or the Cochise College Governing Board Chair will then accept the building and share plans of what we have moving forward. We can then anticipate the larger roll-out/open house ceremony in July or August 2016, as we prepare to move into the building.

In his general comments, Dr. Rottweiler stated he received notice from ACCT regarding a presentation the Board requested Karen Emmer provide at the ACCT Leadership Congress in San Diego in October. This will be contingent upon us working with Central Wyoming College, as requested by ACCT. Both colleges submitted proposals; both have dropped their default rates from 28% to 9%. Dr. Rottweiler stated he has reached out to both directors of financial aid to put the proposal together; they are working to do that. He encouraged Board members who are attending the congress to participate in this as well.

Dr. Rottweiler stated he has been asked to participate in the Fort Huachuca Strategy and Messaging Session on Wednesday. This has been arranged by Fort Huachuca 50 and the Sierra Vista Economic Development Foundation, to bring together stakeholders to perform strategy and messaging around Fort Huachuca and the future there. On June 15<sup>th</sup>, he will be meeting with all hospital CEOs (or their designee) from Cochise County, with a two-fold purpose. Initially, he and Jim Vlahovich, the County Administrator, will introduce the current insurance (Cochise Combined Trust). They want to work with local hospitals in the county and incentivize our membership to stay local. He believes we need to start thinking 'county-centric'; we need to get and retain good doctors into our county, and the way to do that is to make sure we're pulling together. He has had a good response from all the medical facilities across Cochise County. He will also introduce them to our Downtown Center, and begin initial discussions on new fields they feel they need – fields they think we need to begin to explore, because now, for the first time, we have the ability to discuss new programming in allied health because we have a facility that has space for that programming.

Dr. Rottweiler shared that our Rodeo team will head out to the College National Finals next week. They will be there from June 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Both he and Dr. Bo Hall, Athletic Director, will be traveling on Thursday to spend time with them through the finals. We have qualified four females and one male. Our ladies team has the opportunity to compete for a national championship. If things fall just right, we could bring home a national championship, as our female athletes are qualified in six events, which gives us a real opportunity. We also had a bull rider qualifier, who will go for his first experience at the CNFR.

Dr. Rottweiler informed the Board that the Pathway to Higher Education that links Buena High School through the University of Arizona-Sierra Vista, through Cochise College and back around, has been completed. A ribbon-cutting ceremony has been planned for June 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.; this is under the direction of the City of Sierra Vista, but we have been asked to participate, and he has been asked to share a few words. He then invited Board members to attend.

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, from 5 – 8 p.m., Cochise College will be hosting the Chamber's Business at Twilight in the Student Union Community Room. We will have a number of tables set up and a number of things we will introduce, as well as showcase what we do at the college to our business and Chamber members.

Mr. DiPeso stated he saw something on television about a citizen's push to start a petition to get college and school funding reinstated. Dr. Rottweiler stated there is a push - the Greater Phoenix Leadership, the Greater Tucson Leadership, and the Arizona Chambers have been trying to push some of this. However, the governor's office has stated that there had better be no referendums put on the ballot. He is not sure where this will go, but clearly there is a push within our state that says what we are doing in education, both K-12 as well as higher education, is self-defeating of our purpose of creating workforce and bringing business and industry in. We're appreciative of their interest in trying to move those things forward, but there are still some uphill battles that have to be fought, because everything is political.

Mrs. Strain inquired where the Fort Huachuca Strategy and Messaging Session will held. Dr. Rottweiler stated it will be held at the Pueblo del Sol Country Club.

#### **1.05.6 Monthly Financial Report – May 2015**

The Financial Report for May 2015 was presented and accepted as submitted.

## **2. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **2.01 Communications**

There were no communications received.

### **2.02 Higher Learning Commission (HLC) – Federal Compliance**

Dr. Verlyn Fick, Vice President for Instruction/Provost, provided a handout to accompany his Higher Learning Commission update, pertaining specifically to areas that need to be addressed in the Federal Compliance section of the process. Those areas included:

- Assignment of Credits, Program Length, and Tuition. Not only will we have a team visiting in October, but there will also be another team that will actually do an audit of this one item from a distance. They will be looking to see if we have a course we teach in a regular face-to-face model for 16-weeks, and if we teach that over half a semester or over a summer term of five weeks, are the students still being asked to put forth the same amount of effort, and are the students still learning the same amount in regard to that course. A lot of this is their effort to try to see if whether all of our unique delivery methodologies and timeframes are still getting the same job done as the regular traditional 16-week, face-to-face course.
- Institutional Records of Student Complaints. They will be looking for the types of complaints we are getting and how we deal with them. They are also wondering whether we are using those complaints as an opportunity to improve our processes. One of the things we did approximately a year ago was to move to an electronic mechanism to address some of the complaints. Therefore, we are hoping to have a better database where we collect information and look for opportunities for improvement.

- The next area is Publication of Transfer Policies. They are looking to make sure we are promoting our policies appropriately in various communication methods, and also our articulation agreements. They want to make sure our policies are consistent with our actions when it comes to transfer of articulations.
- Practices for Verification of Student Identity. This is largely for instances where we don't have students in the classroom, a large piece being online. The fact that we assign all of our online students a specific password they use to get into their courses is as far as they have been able to push us to go. They are just trying to make sure that someone else isn't taking the student's course for them, and, unless we spend a huge amount of money on someone who's going to photograph or videotape an entire course, this is probably not going to happen.
- Title IV Program Responsibilities. These are specially linked to our financial aid capabilities; 1) General Program Responsibilities – what is the status of our program and have we had any specific actions as a result of audits, etc., 2) Financial Responsibility – they collect data from us every year and review it to see if there is any kind of financial ratios and such that may look a bit strange that may indicate some sort of financial weakness at the institution, 3) Default Rates – since we are providing presentations on our low default rate, hopefully, this will not be an issue, 4) Campus Crime Information, Athletic Participation and Financial Aid, and Related Disclosures and 5) Student Right to Know – these are types of information that we are required to provide to the public, 6) Satisfactory Academic Progress and Attendance Policies – this is more specific to financial aid; a student needs to be able to show that they are successfully completing coursework as they proceed because if they don't, we need to take certain steps to either adjust financial aid or cut it off if they can't make the necessary progress. They also look at attendance policies to ensure we are following those, 7) Contractual Relationships and 8) Consortial Relationships would be unique relationships where we aren't entirely delivering a particular program. Under the contractual relationships we would be working with a third party that doesn't have any type of accreditation, and under the consortial relationships, we would have to undergo a separate accreditation process.
- Required Information for Students and the Public. They will want to see catalogs, handbooks, etc., which are items that are already required for other purposes.
- Advertising and Recruitment Materials and Other Public Information. They want to make sure we have integrity in the things we're telling the public, that we're providing them with the appropriate information.
- Review of Student Outcome Data. This relates to criteria 3 and 4, making sure we are using information about how well the students are doing for improvement purposes.
- Standing with State and Other Accrediting Agencies. A good example of this would be our Nursing program - they need to be accredited and approved by the State Board, and they have a number of third-party people they interact with – we need provide information on all of those.
- Public Notification of Opportunity to Comment. This is a requirement of the accreditation process where we need to provide the public an opportunity to comment. They give an entire set of instructions on how to go about setting up that system and collecting the comments, and then providing those comments to the Higher Learning Commission.

Dr. Fick stated these are things that are in place because the federal government has mandated that this happen, and the accrediting bodies are one of the ways to keep an eye out and see whether they are truly occurring.

Dr. Rottweiler stated he has no concerns related to our federal compliance; he just wanted the Board to be briefed on these things. The accreditation team will be here October 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. If tradition holds, they would typically have a dinner with the Board on the 26<sup>th</sup>. He requested Board members to try to be available during this timeframe.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

#### 3.01 Consent Agenda \*

The following items were approved:

- 3.01.1 \* Classified; Appointment (*Kathleen J. Denney, Office Assistant II, Center for Lifelong Learning, Sierra Vista Campus*)
- 3.01.2 \* Administrative Support; Appointment (*Mollie Edson, Talent Management Specialist, District-wide*)
- 3.01.3 \* Administrative Support; Appointment (*Lisa A. Werley, Systems Analyst, Sierra Vista Campus*)
- 3.01.4 \* Faculty; Appointment (*Graham Eberly, Instructor, Welding Technology, Sierra Vista Campus*)
- 3.01.5 \* Classified; Transfer (*Lawrence Bingham, Maintenance Supervisor, Mechanical/Electrical, Sierra Vista*)
- 3.01.6 \* Classified; Transfer (*Jose Sodari, Grounds and Building Maintenance Supervisor, Douglas Campus*)
- 3.01.7 \* Administrative Support; Transfer (*Marvin Alexander, ITV Coordinator, Sierra Vista Campus*)
- 3.01.8 \* Administrative Support; Transfer (*Heather Augenstein, Assistant Registrar, Sierra Vista Campus*)
- 3.01.9 \* Administrative Support; Transfer (*Melissa Faglie, Degree Audit Systems Manager, Sierra Vista Campus*)
- 3.01.10 \* Administrative Support; Resignation (*Elizabeth Stoddard, Aviation Marketing/Recruitment Specialist, Douglas Campus*)
- 3.01.11 \* Renewal of Programs of Study Consortium Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with Cochise County Community College District and Cochise County School Districts
- 3.01.12 \* Renewal of Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) with Cochise County Community College District and Cochise County School Districts for Dual Enrollment Courses
- 3.01.13 \* Acceptance of Minutes for May 12, 2015 – Truth in Taxation Hearing and Public Hearing
- 3.01.14 \* Acceptance of Minutes for May 12, 2015 – Regular Meeting

Dr. Eaton moved and Mr. Nelson seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. There was no further discussion by the Board. The Board unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Jennifer Graeme, Director of Talent Management, introduced Kathleen Denney and Melissa Faglie.

### **3.02 Placeholder – Classified Appointment – Maintenance Tech I, Mechanical (Douglas Campus)**

This item was pulled from the agenda during the Adoption of Agenda.

### **3.03 Adjusted FY 2014-2015 Budget to Reflect Actual Expenditure**

Dr. Rottweiler stated this item is brought to the Board each year at their June meeting. It takes our budget at the end of the fiscal year and moves it to actual, which prepares us for expenditure limitations. He recommended it to the Board for approval. Mr. Nelson moved and Mrs. Strain seconded a motion authorizing the adjustment of fiscal year 2014-2015 budgeted expenditures to reflect the same amounts as actually expended per the fiscal year 2014-2015 audited financial statements. There was no further discussion by the Board. The Board unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

### **3.04 Revised Governing Board Policy 606 - Nepotism**

Dr. Rottweiler stated that the Board had chosen to retain all personnel-related matters; therefore, all personnel-related matters (hirings, transfers, terminations, etc.) are brought to the Board on the Consent Agenda. All new/revised policies related to Human Resources must come to the Board twice, initially as a first-read and again for approval. All administrative policies are reported to the Board as information items. A number of policies brought to the Board last month as information items are coming to the Board this evening for approval – some new, some revised.

Dr. Rottweiler stated this policy is an update reflecting minor changes related to changes in the State of Arizona. He recommended the revised policy to the Board for approval. Mrs. Strain moved and Mr. Nelson seconded a motion to approve revised Governing Board Policy 606 – Nepotism. There was no further discussion by the Board. The Board unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

### **3.05 New Governing Board Policy 617 – Recruitment and Selection**

Dr. Rottweiler stated this policy was brought to the Board last month as a first-read. This policy is comprised of sections taken from other areas and is now a stand-alone policy. He recommended the new policy to the Board for approval. Mr. Nelson moved and Dr. Eaton seconded a motion to approve new Governing Board Policy 617 – Recruitment and Selection. There was no further discussion by the Board. The Board unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

### **3.06 New Governing Board Policy 619 – Compensation – Salary Placement**

Dr. Rottweiler stated this policy is also coming from a different policy and will now become a separate policy. It is important for the Board to understand this policy contains changes discussed at the last Board meeting around salary compression, adjusting how we bring people into the organization, and also how we recognize continuing service at the college. He recommended the new policy to the Board for approval. Mr. Nelson moved and Mrs. Strain seconded a motion to approve the new Governing Board Policy 619 – Compensation – Salary Placement. There was no further discussion by the Board. The Board unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

### **3.07 Revised Governing Board Policy 620 – Salary Adjustments**

Dr. Rottweiler stated this policy deals with the movement across our salary schedules, and recognizes and codifies our salary models. He recommended the revised policy to the Board for approval. Mrs. Strain moved and Dr. Eaton seconded a motion to approve revised Governing Board Policy 620 – Salary Adjustments. There was no further discussion by the Board. The Board unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

### **3.08 Revised Governing Board Policy 636 – Tuition Exemption**

Dr. Rottweiler stated this is a revision to our current tuition exemption program. It clarifies language and recognizes different classifications of employees from full-time regular benefitted to spouse and dependent children of full-time employees, associate faculty members, and part-time regular employees, and outlines when they are eligible for tuition exemptions and when they are not. He recommended the revised policy to the Board for approval. Mr. Nelson moved and Dr. Eaton seconded a motion to approve the revised Governing Board Policy 636 – Tuition Exemption. There was no further discussion by the Board. The Board unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

### **3.09 New Governing Board Policy 660 – Background Screening**

Dr. Rottweiler stated this is a new policy being brought to the Board as part of one of our strategic initiatives. In doing an analysis across the state, it was determined we were one of the few institutions that doesn't do background screening. Therefore, we created a policy. The policy has been through legal review. We did, as part of the budget that was approved earlier, put in the resources necessary to conduct background screenings. He recommended the new policy to the Board for approval. Mrs. Strain moved and Mr. Nelson seconded a motion to approve new Governing Board Policy 660 – Background Screening. There was no further discussion by the Board. The Board unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

### **3.10 New Governing Board Policy 661 – Position Classifications and Categories**

Dr. Rottweiler stated this policy classifies our positions, calls them by title, and determines which ones are exempt/non-exempt in relation to the Fair Labor Standards Act. He recommended the new policy to the Board for approval. Mr. Nelson moved and Dr. Eaton seconded a motion to approve new Governing Board Policy 661 – Position Classifications and Categories. There was no further discussion by the Board. The Board unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

### **3.11 New Governing Board Policy 665 – Tuition Reimbursement**

Dr. Rottweiler stated this policy was separated from another policy. This is one of our professional development plans which provides for our faculty and staff who are continuing their education, to receive some tuition reimbursement for courses at a level in the junior, senior and graduate level. He recommended the new policy to the Board for approval. Dr. Eaton moved and Mr. Nelson seconded a motion to approve new Governing Board Policy 665 – Tuition Reimbursement. There was no further discussion by the Board. The Board unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.



### **3.12 New Governing Board Policy 666 – Associate Faculty Load**

Dr. Rottweiler stated this is a new policy that establishes the load. This is being done for two functions – one dealing with the Affordable Care Act; we need to make sure we determine what load an associate faculty member can maintain over an entire year so as to make sure they don't accidentally become eligible for medical benefits and to make sure we're doing a good job of categorizing where those things are – it also helps Dr. Fick in his ability to manage and maintain our overall curriculum offerings. He recommended the new policy to the Board for approval. Mr. Nelson moved and Mrs. Strain seconded a motion to approve new Governing Board Policy 666 – Associate Faculty Load. There was no further discussion by the Board. The Board unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

### **3.13 Security Services Extension**

Dr. Rottweiler stated we have been in a contract with G4S to provide our security services since 2010, after doing an RFP. They have now requested a 6% increase, with a one year extension. Dr. Rottweiler recommended this extension to the Board for approval. Mr. Nelson moved and Mrs. Strain seconded a motion to approve the college president to enter into and sign an extension contract, which includes a rate increase of 6%, with G4S Security Services to provide security services for Cochise College. Mr. Nelson inquired if the original contract began in 2010. Dr. Rottweiler stated yes, the original RFP was done in 2010, and we have been working off of extensions of the existing contract. Mr. Schiers stated we plan to do an RFP after this extension now that the new Downtown Center will be coming online. There was no further discussion by the Board. The Board unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

### **3.14 Accept the Resignation of Mr. Donald Hudgins from the Cochise County Community College District Governing Board, Declare an Open Seat, and Set the Date and Process By Which Interested Citizens May Submit Letters of Interest for Potential Appointment to Cochise County Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Rottweiler stated that Mr. Hudgins has sent an email announcing his official resignation from the Board. Dr. Rottweiler shared that he has worked with Trudy Berry, Cochise County Superintendent of Schools, and at her request, we need to accept the resignation, declare the seat open, and then direct interested parties to forward letters of interest to the superintendent. We also need to establish a submission date, which Dr. Rottweiler is recommending July 24, 2015, to accept potential candidates. However, we can set any date the Board chooses to set. The letters will go into the superintendent, at which point the superintendent is responsible for the appointment. She has assured him, consistent with what she has done in the past, she will contact individual Board members and seek their counsel as she moves through the appointment. Dr. Nelson inquired that if the deadline is July 24<sup>th</sup>, how much time will she need to make the appointment. Dr. Rottweiler stated he believes she will move fairly quickly after the submission date. As a courtesy, we will publish the opening on the website, and in the Douglas Dispatch so that interested parties can send a letter of interest. Discussion followed around setting the submission date. Dr. Eaton stated another factor to consider will be that the Board will have two appointments to consider, which includes his. Dr. Rottweiler requested that Dr. Eaton address this as he felt it would be very beneficial. Dr. Eaton shared that he will be moving permanently back to Michigan to be closer to his daughters, and, as he has been experiencing some health problems, he feels it's time to have help nearby. As of July 1, he will submit his resignation. Dr. Rottweiler encouraged the Board to take action on Mr. Hudgins, then direct the

administration to begin the process of an anticipated opening, which could be run simultaneously with Mr. Hudgins' opening. Then, at the July Board meeting, they could officially declare an opening. This could potentially put two new Board members at the August Board meeting, and two new Board members at the September retreat. Dr. Eaton said he will change his resignation date to July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Nelson moved and Mrs. Strain seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Donald Hudgins from the Cochise County Community College District Governing Board, effective June 9, 2015, declare the District 2 seat open, and direct administration to establish the process for appointment with the Cochise County Superintendent of Schools, Trudy Berry, with a submission deadline of July 24, 2015. There was no further discussion by the Board. The Board unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **4. COMMENTS FROM GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS**

- Dr. Eaton thanked the Board members for the kind of boardsmanship they represented and giving him the opportunity to participate with them. He thanked President Rottweiler and his operation, Ms. Mountjoy for her efficiency, and the very good administrators for all they do and have done. He has very much enjoyed being a Board member; it has been very educational.
- Mr. Nelson thanked Dr. Eaton, and stated he has immensely enjoyed serving on the Board with him. He added he particularly enjoyed the Hall of Fame Dinner, where Dr. Eaton was selected to be inducted.
- Regarding Adult Education – Higher Education Equivalency, Mr. Nelson stated he attended the graduation ceremony last year where we had 240+ graduates; this year he was unable to attend, but it is his understanding we had seven graduates. This is more than appalling! He knows these things take time, but he'd like to see some action somewhere – that someone is looking at expanding those companies that provide the testing that would qualify for Arizona, rather than just having Pearson. He'll keep this discussion going until something happens.
- Mrs. Strain thanked Dr. Eaton for his kind words – she has already started a campaign to bring him back!
- Mrs. Strain stated she had the privilege last Friday to attend the Department of Corrections/Cochise College graduation ceremonies. She was extremely pleased with the keynote speaker, Dr. John Walsh – who was phenomenal. She appreciated the opportunity to attend.
- Mrs. Strain stated she attended the GED graduation ceremony, and she added this is a tough subject, and it is very painful to know the large number of citizens that we're losing as a result of the GED changes. She added that Ms. Morse, Director of Adult Education, did a great job!
- Dr. Nelson commented that he knows the (GED) problem will get fixed, but we will have a gap where young adults will not be able to get certificates they need in order to move into internships/apprenticeships, etc.
- Dr. Rottweiler stated Mr. Nelson is more confident that he is. He encouraged Mr. Nelson, and those who are like-minded, to come and speak at the open call to the public at the State Board of Education. The problem is, the State Board of Education sets policy, but all that policy and work is done by the Department of Education. Currently, the Department of Education and the State Board of Education are in law suits against one another, and nothing is coming out of the Department of Education. He is very concerned about our K-12 system as a whole; in his opinion, that organization is completely dysfunctional and is doing nothing to enhance education in the state of Arizona. It is the perfect storm against the most at-risk population in our country. He added that the Stated Board of Education took action two months

ago, requesting the Department of Education to send out a request for proposals on other methods of high school equivalency. To his knowledge, nothing has been done. Mr. Nelson stated this may be on the agenda at the AADGB meeting in July.

- Mr. DiPeso thanked Dr. Eaton, and stated Dr. Eaton has been an institution at this college. He has been of great service to the college and the community, and his time and efforts are greatly appreciated. Mr. DiPeso also thanked Mr. Hudgins for the work he has done; he was an excellent Board member while he was here, presenting many good thoughts and ideas. Mr. DiPeso stated he will miss them both.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. DiPeso adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Ms. Loretta Mountjoy, Executive Assistant, Office of the President

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Dr. John Eaton, Secretary of the Governing Board