



# MINUTES

SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING

**MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026**

Santa Monica College  
1900 Pico Boulevard  
Santa Monica, California

Board Room (Business Building Room 117)

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The Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Santa Monica College Board Room (Business Building Room 117), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California. This meeting was held in person only.

**I. ORGANIZATIONAL FUNCTIONS**

- CALL TO ORDER – 3:04 p.m.  
 Dr. Sion Roy, Chair  
 Dr. Tom Peters, Vice-Chair  
 Dr. Luis Barrera Castañón  
 Anastasia Foster  
 Dr. Nancy Greenstein  
 Dr. Margaret Quiñones-Perez  
 Rob Rader  
 Sophia Manavi, Student Trustee

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**III. MAJOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

- #1 Discussion with ABG Search Consultants: Kim Bobby, Ed.D., Principal and Fred Moore, J.D., MBA, Senior Executive Search Consultant
  - A. Lay out the Superintendent/President search process:
    - Reviewed draft search timeline
    - Discussed search profile development
    - Discussed the recruitment process
    - AGB shared the draft Charge to Committee
    - AGB shared the Confidentiality Agreement
    - Discussed the finalist interview approach
  - B. Listening Session with Board of Trustees
- #2 Composition and Membership on the 2026 Superintendent/President Search Committee
- #3 Appointment of the Chair of the 2026 Superintendent/President Search Committee

IV. **CLOSED SESSION** – 5:45 p.m.

- **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** (Government Code Section 54957.6)  
Agency designated representatives: Tre-Shawn Hall-Baker, Vice-President, Human Resources  
Robert Myers, Campus Counsel  
Employee Organizations: SMC Faculty Association  
CSEA Chapter 36  
SMC Police Officers Association
- **EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE** (Government Code Section 54957)

V. **ADJOURNMENT** – 8:02 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6 p.m. (5:00 p.m. if there is a closed session) in the Santa Monica College Student Services Center Orientation Hall (Room 183), 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, California. The meeting will also be conducted via Zoom Webinar to allow for remote participation.

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MAJOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 2**

**SUBJECT:**                   **COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP ON THE 2026 SUPERINTENDENT/  
PRESIDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE**

**SUBMITTED BY:**           Chair and Vice-Chair, Board of Trustees

**DISCUSSION:**           The Board of Trustees discussed the composition and members on the 2026 Superintendent/President Search Committee. Following are revisions suggested at the meeting:

- The Board voted to include Tom Peters as its representative on the Search Committee
- The appointments for faculty (Academic Senate and Faculty Association) and CSEA were agreed upon
- The Management Association appointments were agreed upon
- It was agreed to replace Tania Acosta with Don Girard as the administrative representative
- A third student representative will be appointed
- The SMC Foundation, KCRW Foundation and the BroadStage appointments were agreed upon
- Susan Aminoff and Kera Blaydes-Snell were removed from the Community Members
- It was agreed to add a representative from Malibu

No action was taken. An updated recommendation will be presented to the Board of Trustees at its meeting on April 7, 2026.

Recommended Search Committee Members with suggested revisions included

- 1 Member of the Board of Trustees**  
Tom Peters, Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees  
AYES:       6  
NOES:      1 (Margaret Quiñones-Perez)

- 4 Faculty Members**  
  
Academic Senate Representatives  
Vicenta Arrizon, Academic Senate President  
Chante de Loach, Chair of the Academic Senate Department Chairs Committee  
  
Faculty Association Representatives  
Peter Morse, Faculty Association President  
Elaine Roque, Faculty Association Vice-President

**3 Management Association/Administration**

Jose Hernandez, Interim Dean Student Success & Counseling and President of the Management Association

Llanet Martin, Dean, Equity, Pathways and Inclusion

~~Tania Acosta, Vice President, Student Success~~

Don Girard, Senior Director, Government Relations/Institutional Communications

**3 Classified Staff Members:**

Cindy Ordaz, CSEA Chapter 36 President

Martha Romano, CSEA Chapter 36 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

Kennisha Green, CSEA Chapter 36 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

**2 Students**

Marlene Ventura, Associated Students Commissioner

Diana Halevi, Student

A third student will be recommended

**6 Auxiliary Organizations and Community Members**

SMC Foundation

Lizzy Moore, Dean, SMC Foundation/Institutional Advancement

KCRW Foundation

Jennifer Ferro, President, KCRW/KCRW Foundation

BROADSTAGE Board of Directors

Anne Taubman, BroadStage Board of Directors Vice Chair

General Advisory Board/SMC Associates/Community Members

~~Susan Aminoff~~

Nat Trives

~~Kera Blades Snell (withdrew)~~

Malibu

One member to represent Malibu

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**RECOMMENDATION NO. 3**

**SUBJECT:**                    **APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE 2026 SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE**

SUBMITTED BY:            Chair and Vice-Chair, Board of Trustees

REQUESTED ACTION:    It is recommended that the Board of Trustees appoint the Chair of the 2026 Superintendent/President Search Committee.

DISCUSSION:              There was debate on whether the Search Committee Chair should be appointed by the Board of Trustees or elected by the Search Committee. The search consultants noted that historically the Chair is appointed by the Board, not elected by the Committee.

AMENDMENT #1:            A motion was made to appoint Don Girard and Peter Morse as Co-Chairs of the Committee:

- MOTION MADE BY:        Margaret Quiñones-Perez
  - SECONDED BY:            Rob Rader
  - STUDENT ADVISORY:    Aye
  - AYES:                      3 (Castañón, Quiñones-Perez, Rader)
  - NOES:                      4 (Foster, Greenstein, Peters, Roy)
- Amendment#1 not approved*

AMENDMENT #2:            A motion was made to have the Search Committee select the Co-chairs with the assistance of the Search Consultants and Human Resources.

- MOTION MADE BY:        Margaret Quiñones-Perez
- SECONDED BY:            Rob Rader
- STUDENT ADVISORY:    Aye
- AYES:                      7
- NOES:                      0