

# BOARD Report

Contra Costa College  
Diablo Valley College  
San Ramon Campus  
Los Medanos College  
Brentwood Center

Contra Costa  
Community  
College District  
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## GOVERNING BOARD:

Rebecca Barrett, President (Ward 3) • Andy Li, Vice President (Ward 4) • Dr. Judy E. Walters, Secretary (Ward 2) • John E. Márquez (Ward 1) • Fernando Sandoval (Ward 5) • Ivan Hernandez (Student Trustee)

## Governing Board Meeting of March 13, 2024

The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) Governing Board conducted a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, beginning at 5:00 p.m., followed by closed session, and continuation of public session at 6:00 p.m.

Highlights are listed below.

### Special Reports Presented

The Governing Board heard several special reports on the topics listed below.

- Facilities Master Plan (FMP) Status included an update on the FMP process, timeline, engagement, and a draft project list for each campus;
- Promoting College Affordability: Open Educational Resources (OER) and Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) Pathways provided an overview of Districtwide efforts to expand the use of OER and ZTC courses and pathways across 4CD, with an emphasis on addressing student-identified barriers associated with the high cost of textbooks. An update on progress made over time, current projects, and opportunities for Governing Board support was also shared; and
- Retirement Board of Authority Performance Reports included information on Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Valuation Reports: Unfunded Pension Liabilities Under GASB 73 and Retiree Health Liabilities Under GASB 74/75.

### Purchasing Agreements Approved

The Governing Board approved several agreements, including:

- two new Contra Costa College agreements, one of which will provide curriculum training to various college staff on LGBTQIA+ topics and issues, and the other will support the Rising Scholars Program; and
- several new Districtwide agreements, including one which will provide technology solutions to support high school enrollment and another which will provide funding to support equitable dual enrollment, STEM pathways and early childhood transfer pathways; and
- a new Diablo Valley College (DVC) agreement in support of the Learning-Aligned Employment Program to allow students to gain valuable workplace skills as well as another new DVC agreement with the Martinez Unified School District will provide internships for sports medicine students; and
- two new Los Medanos College agreements which will provide clinical experiences for EMT students.

### **Classified Professional of the Year**

Ricardo Ramirez Castañeda, DVC Senior Library Assistant, was nominated by 4CD employees and was selected by the Classified Senate to be considered for the Board of Governors' annual Classified Employee of the Year Award. Along with newly tenured faculty, he will be honored at a reception at the next Governing Board meeting to be held on April 10, 2024.

### **Guided Pathways: Supporting Practices to Get Students on the Path**

A report on Guided Pathways summarized the strategies used to advance equitable educational opportunities and outcomes by creating clear paths for students and removing systemic obstacles to their success.

### **Ratification of Contract for Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology**

After a nationwide search and through a recruitment process begun in December 2023, Kelly Schelin was selected as the Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology. Her tenure in this position begins on March 14, 2024.

### **Resolution in Support of National Women's History Month**

The 2024 National Women's History theme is entitled, "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories. This Resolution honored women who have been long active in all forms of media and storytelling, including print, radio, television, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, news and social media. It also highlighted women leaders at 4CD, including the Governing Board President and Governing Board Secretary as well as the women leaders who currently hold most positions on Chancellor's Cabinet. Ashley Alvarez, ASDVC, Jeena Velasquez, representing DVC Women in Science and Engineering Club and Guadalupe Lopez Villegas, DVC Inter Club Counsel Chair accepted this Resolution on behalf of all women leaders.

### **Resolution Recognizing March as American Red Cross Month**

This Resolution celebrated the American Red Cross' achievements in Contra Costa County in 2023, including its 538 blood drives helping 756 military members and their families, training over 6,522 people in vital skills, including first aid and CPR, among others. Stan Massie, Red Cross Volunteer and Chairperson, Contra Costa County Leadership Council accepted this Resolution.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned in memory of retired DVC counseling office supervisor Judy Carlos.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M.**