



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Zoom Conference Call

LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/5108160453>

Meeting ID: 5108160453 | Password: 578950

Directors Present: Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton, Andreas Culver, Sydney Firestone, Guy Ben Ari, Mark Bosuego, Patricia Brooks, Andre Chambers, Trustee Meredith Brown, Robyn Fisher, Trustee Linda Handy, Tasion Kwamilele, Joseph Simmons, Seth Steward, Sally Swanson, William Wilson, Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud, David Johnson, Stacey Shears

Directors Absent: Adam Sanchez, Renee Jones, Sean McKaig, Tammie Gilkerson and Tim Karas

Staff Present: LaNiece Jones and Mashariki White

I. Meeting Called to Order by Board President – Sbeydeh Viveros Walton at 3:06pm

II. Adoption of Agenda – Sbeydeh Viveros Walton (2 min) *Motion to approve adoption Directors Sydney Firestone / Dr. Stanback Stroud Motion Passed Unanimously.*

III. Roll Call / Introductions – Sbeydeh Viveros Walton (30 min)

IV. Public Comment – (3 minutes *per speaker*) - *No Public Comment*

V. President's Report – Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton (20 min.)

- Sbeydeh provided an update on scholarship application results and highlighted director and scholarship committee chair Seth Steward, along with committee members Robyn Fisher, Andre Chambers and Sally Swanson increased volunteer reader participation by more than double. Special recognition to staff members Development Manager Riki White and Finance Operations Associate Ana Cervantes for their support in this process.
- Recognized Riki White and Ana Cervantes respectively sixth and seventh month mark on the job.
- District recently converted face-to-face classrooms to online instructions. This conversion has created an additional strain for students that do not have the technology and hardware to partake in remote learning. The district has secured 9,000 Chromebooks for students.

- On April 17th the Foundation launched the COVID-19 Crisis Impact Fund to support the students during the crisis. The campaign was kicked off via email blasts to our donors, text messages.
- Resolution to remove Director Renee Jones from the board as her term has ended. - *Motion to approve resolution Directors Linda Handy / Guy Ben Ari. Motion Passed Unanimously.*
- New member vote Michael Bernick and Tamika Greenwood. - *Motion to approve Patricia Brooks / Joseph Simmons. Motion Passed Unanimously.*

Subsequent Reports:

- Director Patricia Brooks reached out to board members to engage their networks to support students. Brooks encouraged directors to engage in Facebook fundraiser and promote to their networks. A number of board members have contributed to the fund. The COVID-19 Crisis Impact Fund details are located on the Peralta Colleges Foundation website and on our Facebook page. The Foundation is still fundraising and once our goal has been reached we will promote the emergency funds to the students and advise them of the application process.

- **COVID-19 Response**

Chancellor Stanback Stroud advised on the District's creation of the Emergency Operations Center and Management Team and they devised a draft Pandemic Response Plan. After 2.5 weeks the District transformed four colleges into 100% remote institutions and works closely with the State's Chancellors office to provide continual responses and resources.

- The colleges are freeing up \$20,000 each to provide direct emergency fund relief for the students.
- The Chancellor would like to appeal to Administration to make a financial gesture of support to the Peralta Colleges Foundation scholarship.
- New hire reports: Dr. Angelica Garcia, new Berkeley City College President starting May 7th. Dr. Carla Walter, new Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration.
- Fundraising Chair Patricia Brooks and ED LaNiece Jones reached out to all board members to construct an emergency fundraising ask which includes asking for \$1k ask from government officials, personal networks, and peer-to-peer ask, crowd sourcing from Facebook with an overall goal \$5,000-\$6,500 by June 30th. The Foundation has submitted an application for the San Francisco Foundation Rapid Response Grant Fund and the United Way Rapid Response Fund. Trustee Handy is putting together a crowd-funding page.

VI. Annual Audit Review – Director Sydney Firestone advised the finance committee has reviewed the June 30, 2018 audit closing report and all board members have a copy. It is a “clean” audit report, which means the financials have been accurately represented. *Motion to approve the audit Directors Joseph Simmons / Tasion Kwamilele. Motion Passed Unanimously.*

VII. General Announcements - Annual Board Retreat via Zoom on Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 10:00am – 2:30pm with two sessions:

- Session 1: Strategic Planning with facilitator Lydia Hughs Evans

- Session 2: Fundraising Workshop with facilitators Mel Shaw & Pearl Saad

VIII. Closing Remarks / Next Meeting – Motion to adjourn at 4:34pm Directors Sydney Firestone/ Joseph Simmons. Motion Passed Unanimously