



Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom Videoconference

Thursday, August 27, 2020

4:00pm – 4:30pm

Started: 4:11pm | **Ended:** 4:46pm

Directors Present: Adam Sanchez, Joseph Simmons, Tasion Kwamilele, Guy Ben Ari, Rudy Besikof, Patricia Brooks, Andre Chambers, Robyn Fisher, Dr. Angélica Garcia, Trustee Linda Handy, David Johnson, Ed.D, Don Miller, Seth Steward, Sally Swanson, and William Wilson.

Directors Absent: Michael Bernick, Mark Bosuego, Trustee Meredith Brown, Tamika Greenwood, and Sean McKaig

Staff Present: LaNiece Jones, Mashariki White, Ana Cervantes, Brian Bouldin

I. Meeting Called to Order

Board President, Adam Sanchez at **4:11pm**

II. Adoption of Agenda

Board President, Adam Sanchez
Board Vice President, Joseph Simmons
Motion: Guy Ben Ari
Second: Patricia Brooks

III. Roll Call

Executive Director, LaNiece Jones
Attendees noted.

VI. Public Comment

None

V. Approval of July Board Minutes

Board Secretary, Tasion Kwamilele
Request for questions, clarifications or corrections.

- Responses sent via chat.
- No verbal vote taken for approval

VI. Chairs' Report

Board President, Adam Sanchez

Board Nomination, Discussion and Vote

Two nominations presented: **Luther Aaberge** and **Chris Kovach**

(1) **Luther Aaberge**

Tasion gave general overview of her interview with Luther.

- They had two candidates. Only one followed up and made the meeting.
- Luther was eager, has a strong background. He is excited, ready to come in and start working. Looks to be a great fit.
- Previously at Peralta. Knows the system
- Impressed that he is willing to come in and support the Exec Director.

LaNiece's comments:

- Attended at least 6 finance meetings.
- Initially not sure his schedule would allow him to participate, but after having a conversation with Sydney, he was all in.
- Great temperament, knowledge and commitment
- Previous budget director for Peralta District

(2) **Chris Kovach**

Comments from Guy:

- Personally known Chris for quite awhile
- Just resigned from KPMG
- Wife used teach at Berkeley City College
- Super excited about the opportunity. Has reviewed books with LaNiece and Ana, and has spoke with Sydney as well.

LaNiece's comments:

- Previously been an auditor
- Great temperament. Would make an excellent addition.

Board Secretary, Tasion Kwamilele

Motion to nominate Luther Aaberge to serve as Board Treasurer.

Second: Dr. Garcia

Approved. Unanimous vote

Motion to elect Chris Kovach to Peralta Colleges Foundation Board

Second: Linda Handy

Approved. Unanimous vote

Comments from Trustee Linda Handy

"In the last 17 years, this has been most dynamic group of people this board has ever had All get it, are absolutely committed to our students, and active Appreciate all of you."

VII. General Announcements / Next Board Meeting

Next Meeting: **November 19, 2020, 5:30pm – 7pm**

LaNiece Jones: Reasons why it is a few months out. October was month to have annual Gala. No Gala this year due to COVID. Will be rolling out campaign to still receive funds. Profit of \$50K from Gala last year This will be a time to pivot, organize and be strategic in being able to pull in an additional \$50K for this year.

Introduction of two Interim College Presidents:

Rudy Besikof – Laney College
Don Miller – College of Alameda

Comments from Don Miller:

(Note: Don had a picture on his Zoom background of new Liberal Arts Building)

Bldg H - it will house the appeal design & merchandising program, arts program, all the liberal studies and language arts faculty, two division deans, their admin assistants and workers. It has 17 classrooms, includes some labs. New art gallery inside the building. Once COVID has past, putting out RSVP for local artists to come bid to paint mural on huge white wall.

Wants this to be showpiece for the community to show how much we value our students.

Comments from Linda Handy:

Trustee Handy graduated from the fashion design program, so this is close to her heart One of the things they experienced at FIDM/Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (in Los Angeles) is that they have a store on the bottom floor (the store is manned by students). Local designers donate all of their left-over materials. The public can come purchase these and all of the money goes back to sustain students.

This could be something we can do at the College of Alameda that would go through the foundation. This would benefit the designers to give (clothing, fabrics, etc.). It is a write off for them, and it would supply materials for our student designers. This would be a profitable piece for the Foundation to make this happen. There are great designers that have graduated from Peralta, like Stella Carakasi, that we can partner with. She is very supportive.

Don mentioned that there is a space in the building that would be a good fit.

Comments from Rudy Besikof:

Campuses have been busy with food distribution. With some friendly completion looking at the numbers from Alameda College, we went from doing 2 days a week to 3 days a week. With the connections that LaNiece has helped make with World Central Kitchen, and Eat.Learn.Play, we have gone from 600 meals per day to 1600! Number of students served, we have gone from 3000 to 5000! Clearly this is a story I could not tell without the Foundation.

This is such a good way to stay connected with community
And provide services and bring such joy to ones who need it

Dr. Garcia at BCC has Grab and Go on Fridays (11am until food is gone)!

“Even though we have masks and have to maintain social distancing, it is warming to lay eyes on students and hear how they are doing.”

Suggestion was made that we need to get our Public Information person to come out and video tape and get this on our website. KTVU 2 came out to College of Alameda a few weeks ago and filmed their food distribution program.

Meeting Adjourned

Board President, Adam Sanchez at **4:46pm**