WVMCCD Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, September 8, 2026)

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1. Meeting Opening

1.1 Roll Call - called to order at 5:38 PM

Present: Anne Kepner, Adrienne Grey, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, Randi Kinman, and Diane Lamkin

1.2 Board Member Virtual Participation pursuant to Government Code, § 54953 et seq., Teleconference Attendance for "Just Cause" or qualifying "Reasonable Accommodation" - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees approves the governing board member's participation in the board meeting virtually/remotely citing the "Just Cause" or qualifying "Reasonable Accommodation" provision of Gov. Code, § 54953 et seq., circumstance relating to the qualifying reason.

1.3 Oral or written Communication from the Public on Closed Session Agenda

2. Closed Session

3. Opening Items

3.1 Reconvene Public Session

3.2 Roll Call - called to order at 7:32 PM

Trustees present: Anne Kepner, Adrienne Grey, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, Randi Kinman, and Diane Lamkin
Student Trustees present: Yasin Hassan, Ella Rae Petersen

3.3 Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

3.4 Report of Closed Session Action

3.5 Approval of the Order of the Agenda

Motion to approve the order of the agenda by Anne Kepner, second by Susan Fish

Aye: Adrienne Grey, Anne Kepner, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, Randi Kinman, and Diane Lamkin
Student Trustees: Yasin Hassan, Ella Rae Petersen
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

3.6 Public Hearing Regarding Use of California Government Code Section 4217.10 et seq. - Topic: The replacement of failed solar photovoltaic inverters and for ongoing energy conservation services at West Valley College and Mission College, to provide energy conservation and utility cost savings to the district.

A public hearing was held. The following Trustees and one member of the public provided comments.

Karl Watanabe
Anne Kepner
Paul Fong
Dory Albert
Randi Kinman

3.7 Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Budget Presentation - Presented by: Ngoc Chim, Vice Chancellor, Finance & Administration

Ngoc Chim provided the presentation, highlighting the following:

- State May Revision
- Community College Budget
- WVMCCD Final Budget for FY 2026-27
- Land Corporation Overview
- Budget Summary

Comments were made by:

Yassin Hassan had some questions about the free student meal plan.

Anne Kepner said she is grateful for the work Ngoc and her team do. She also asked a question about the budget for academic salaries and the budget for benefits.

Paul Fong complimented Ngoc on an excellent budget.

Adrienne Grey asked what type of presentations ASG at each college receive.

Karl Watanabe asked about the percent revenue change.

Susan Fish stated that the district did not launch all of the free programs at once, it started with free parking, then moved cautiously and carefully.

Chancellor Davis thanked Nogc and her team for an exceptional budget.

3.8 Approval of the August 18, 2026 Meeting Board of Trustees Minutes - Board of Trustees Meeting

Motion to approve the August 18, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes by Anne Kepner, second by Diane Lamkin

Aye: Adrienne Grey, Anne Kepner, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, Randi Kinman, and Diane Lamkin
Student Trustees: Yasin Hassan, Ella Rae Petersen
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

3.9 Report of the Legislative and Policy Oversight Committee (LPOC) Committee Members: Grey | Kinman | Lamkin

Trustee Kinman reported that LPOC will meet next on October 28th.

3.10 Report of the Audit and Budget Oversight Committee (ABOC) Committee Members: Oster Fish | Fong | Kepner

3.11 Oral Communication from the Public on items not on the agenda

Oral Communication from the public was made by the following individuals:

Matt Bordini
Kristen Terlizzi

4. Unfinished Business

There were no items.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Anne Kepner, second by Susan Fish

Aye: Adrienne Grey, Anne Kepner, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, Randi Kinman, and Diane Lamkin
Student Trustees: Yasin Hassan, Ella Rae Petersen
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

5.2 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WEST VALLEY COLLEGE MESA PROGRAM ATTENDANCE OF THE SACNAS CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER 2026 - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees approve travel to Long Beach, CA, for up to five MESA students and two chaperones to attend the 2026 NDiSTEM Conference hosted by The Society for Advancing Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) from October 29-31, 2026.

5.3 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MISSION COLLEGE TO ATTEND THE 2026 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM AND SERVICES ASSOCIATION (CCCEOPSA) CONFERENCE - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees approve 8 classified professionals, faculty and administrators to attend the 2026 CCCEOPSA Conference from October 7-9, 2026.

5.4 ACCEPT BASIC CONTRACT AS COMPLETE FOR THE BID #CA14-2425 FOR THE IS BUILDING SECURITY UPGRADES PROJECT AT WEST VALLEY COLLEGE - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees accept the basic construction contract as complete with General Lighting Service, Inc. for Bid #CA14-2425 for the IS Building Security Upgrades project at West Valley College and authorize the district to file a Notice of Completion.

5.5 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees approve the financial statements and budget adjustments as presented for the period of April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026 (fourth quarter).

5.6 REVIEW AND RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE ORDER TRANSACTIONS - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees ratify the attached PO report.

5.7 PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Recommendation: The Board of Trustees approve the listed items.

6. Advancement

6.1 Acceptance of a $12,000 gift to the West Valley-Mission Community College District (WVMCCD) Foundation from Timothy Owens via a donor-advised fund at T. Rowe Price Charitable - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees authorize the WVMCCD Foundation and the district administration to accept a $12,000 gift from Timothy Owens.

Motion that the Board of Trustees authorize the WVMCCD Foundation and the district administration to accept a $12,000 gift from Timothy Owens by Adrienne Grey, second by Randi Kinman

Aye: Adrienne Grey, Anne Kepner, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, Randi Kinman, and Diane Lamkin
Student Trustees: Yasin Hassan, Ella Rae Petersen
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

6.2 Acceptance of a $25,000 gift to the West Valley-Mission Community College District (WVMCCD) Foundation from an anonymous donor via a donor-advised fund at Morgan Stanley - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees authorize the WVMCCD Foundation and the district administration to accept a $25,000 gift from an anonymous donor to support the West Valley College softball program.

Motion that the Board of Trustees authorize the WVMCCD Foundation and the district administration to accept a $25,000 gift from an anonymous donor to support the West Valley College softball program by Susan Fish, second by Anne Kepner

Aye: Adrienne Grey, Anne Kepner, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, Randi Kinman, and Diane Lamkin
Student Trustees: Yasin Hassan, Ella Rae Petersen
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

7. Human Resources

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS TO BE ACTED UPON BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees, per Government Code section 54953(c)(3) and prior to taking final action, orally report a summary of all recommendations for final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of administrators, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, during the open meeting. After the report, that the Board approve the following transactions.

Motion that the Board of Trustees, per Government Code section 54953(c)(3) and prior to taking final action, orally report a summary of all recommendations for final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of administrators, as defined in subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, during the open meeting. After the report, that the Board approve the following transactions by Anne Kepner, second by Randi Kinman

Aye: Adrienne Grey, Anne Kepner, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, Randi Kinman, and Diane Lamkin
Student Trustees: Yasin Hassan, Ella Rae Petersen
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

7.2 2026 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO) ANNUAL CERTIFICATION FORM - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees adopt the 2026 Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Annual Certification Form.

Motion that the Board of Trustees adopt the 2026 Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Annual Certification Form by Randi Kinman, second by Paul Fong

Aye: Adrienne Grey, Anne Kepner, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, Randi Kinman, and Diane Lamkin
Student Trustees: Yasin Hassan, Ella Rae Petersen
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

7.3 2026 TITLE IX ANNUAL REPORT - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees adopt the 2026 Title IX Annual Report.

Motion that the The Board of Trustees adopt the 2026 Title IX Annual Report by Anne Kepner, second by Diane Lamkin

Aye: Adrienne Grey, Anne Kepner, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, Randi Kinman, and Diane Lamkin
Student Trustees: Yasin Hassan, Ella Rae Petersen
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8. Business and Finance

8.1 RESOLUTION NO. 26090802 TO ESTABLISH THE 2026-2027 APPROPRIATION LIMIT (GANN LIMIT) - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 26090802 to establish the 2026-2027 appropriations limit at $207,569,702.

Motion that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 26090802 to establish the 2026-2027 appropriations limit at $207,569,702 by Anne Kepner, second by Susan Fish

Aye: Adrienne Grey, Anne Kepner, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, Randi Kinman, and Diane Lamkin
Student Trustees: Yasin Hassan, Ella Rae Petersen
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

8.2 FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FINAL BUDGET - Recommendation: 1. The Board of Trustees conduct a public hearing on September 8, 2026, as part of consideration of this item in order to receive comments on the final budget, and 2. The Board of Trustees adopt the fiscal year 2026-27 final budget.

Motion that the 1. The Board of Trustees conduct a public hearing on September 8, 2026, as part of consideration of this item in order to receive comments on the final budget, and 2. The Board of Trustees adopt the fiscal year 2026-27 final budget by Anne Kepner, second by Paul Fong

Aye: Adrienne Grey, Anne Kepner, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, Randi Kinman, and Diane Lamkin
Student Trustees: Yasin Hassan, Ella Rae Petersen
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

9. Public Safety

There were no items.

10. Information Systems

There were no items.

11. Facilities Development & Operations

11.1 ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26090801 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF UTILIZATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE 4217 FOR SOLAR AND BATTERY REPAIRS AND SERVICES ACROSS THE DISTRICT - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 26090801, making the findings required by Government Code section 4217.12 and approving an energy service contract with GridscapeEnergy Solutions, Inc. for replacement of failed solar photovoltaic inverters and for on going energy conservation services at West Valley College and Mission College.

Motion that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 26090801, making the findings required by Government Code section 4217.12 and approving an energy service contract with GridscapeEnergy Solutions, Inc. for replacement of failed solar photovoltaic inverters and for on going energy conservation services at West Valley College and Mission College by Susan Fish, second by Anne Kepner

Aye: Adrienne Grey, Anne Kepner, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, Randi Kinman, and Diane Lamkin
Student Trustees: Yasin Hassan, Ella Rae Petersen
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

11.2 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT ASSIGNMENT INCREASE WITH PRODIGAL INVESTMENT GROUP (DBA) PREMIER INSPECTION SERVICES - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees ratify Project Assignment Agreement Request #3 for an increase of $20,000.00 to the contract with Prodigal Investment Group (DBA Premier Inspection Services) for the Library Renovation Inspection Services Agreement at Mission College.

Motion that the Board of Trustees ratify Project Assignment Agreement Request #3 for an increase of $20,000.00 to the contract with Prodigal Investment Group (DBA Premier Inspection Services) for the Library Renovation Inspection Services Agreement at Mission College by Susan Fish, second by Anne Kepner.

Aye: Adrienne Grey, Anne Kepner, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, Randi Kinman, and Diane Lamkin
Student Trustees: Yasin Hassan, Ella Rae Petersen
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

12. Colleges

There were no items.

13. Government Relations and Public Communications

There were no items.

14. Board

There were no items.

15. Information Reports and Items for Future Board Consideration

15.1 Student Senate Update: Aman Sirigineedi, Mission College | Olivia Tran, West Valley College

Aman reported that their leaders also connected with the Student Senate for California Community Colleges to learn about statewide advocacy and how Mission College can get involved.

One of our first outreach events was the Welcome Week Student Giveaway, where we prepared over 200 bags of school supplies and resources. We ran out in just 20 minutes! Although unexpected, it gave us a valuable opportunity to connect with students, gather feedback, and make ASG more visible and approachable on campus.

Olivia reported that training periods began in early August with a leadership retreat and continued with various preparation activities ahead of the school year.

During the leadership retreat in Santa Cruz, Executive Board members heard from Los Gatos Mayor Rob Moore and Kylie Clark of the Silicon Valley Council about advocating for lower-income students and had opportunities to network. At the Palo Alto Youth Town Hall, members tabled for West Valley and ASWBC, engaged with community members and youth, and met California Assemblymember Marc Berman. During training week, members also heard from West Valley faculty and administrators, including President Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza and Vice President of Student Affairs Tonya Anderson.

15.2 Classified Senate Update: Andrae Macapinlac - West Valley College | Amanda Marshall - Mission College

Andrae reported that Classified professionals had opportunities to network and socialize, and heard from the statewide Classified Senate president. At the August 14 retreat, the new Senate discussed goals, objectives, and key results for the 2026–2027 academic year, finalized standing committee rosters, and nominated committee chairs, including Patty Lopez for Professional Development and Jacqueline Talamantes for Classified Engagement. Plans for future engagement and professional development events are underway.

The Senate is also reinstating the monthly Classified Community Hour, an informal lunch gathering to encourage fellowship and camaraderie before each Senate meeting. The gatherings will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Club Room.

Amanda reported that Mission Classified Senate hosted Classicon in June, welcoming 96 classified attendees from across the district for a keynote and four workshops. Survey results showed that 87% of respondents felt the event demonstrated the district's care for classified professionals, with strong support for continuing the collaborative district-wide event. Planning for Classicon 2027 is underway. In August, the Senate held a retreat focused on community building, annual calendar planning, and updating goals and objectives. Upcoming activities include wellness walks and monthly Classified Community Hour gatherings.

15.3 Academic Senate Update: Meg Farrell - West Valley College | Jeff Cormier - Mission College

No report from Meg Farrell

Jeff reported that a roadmap for the upcoming year was established, building on prior accomplishments and retreat discussions. The Senate will implement 30-, 60-, and 90-day progress updates to promote accountability and turn committee discussions into actionable outcomes. Key priorities include strengthening leadership and mentoring faculty.

15.4 Mission College President's Update: Seher Awan

President Awan reported that the Workforce Innovation team connected 11 Mechatronics certificate students with eight regional advanced manufacturing employers, resulting in 64 screenings, 25 interviews, and seven full-time job placements. Participating employers included Applied Materials, Western Digital, Supermicro, Cardinal Robotics, and Pactron.

Additionally, the first Intel and Next Step AI training for foster youth was held August 21–23, providing hands-on experience in AI applications, resume development, coding, game creation, and digital content design. Additional training opportunities for foster youth across the Bay Area will continue through January 2027.

15.5 West Valley College President's Update: Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza

President Taylor-Mendoza reported that student enrollment increased by 3.36%, bringing annual enrollment closer to 16,000 students. The increase was credited to collaborative efforts across Outreach, Student Services, and Academic Affairs.

All-College Day focused on "Moments That Matter" and the lasting impact of student interactions, featuring an inspiring presentation by Chip Heath. The event also reinforced the college's commitment to its accreditation efforts and putting its documented values into practice.

15.6 Chancellor's Report: Bradley Davis

Chancellor Davis reported on the following:

Legislative Updates

Assembly Bill 2121: Passed the California Senate unanimously and is currently awaiting the Governor's signature, having received over 100 "yes" votes and only one "no" vote throughout the entire legislative process. Special thanks were extended to the students and to Cade for drafting advocacy letters to the Governor.

Enrollment Reports

Goal Achievement: Both district colleges exceeded 100% of their enrollment goals. Leadership commended both presidents and their teams for strategic waitlist management, class additions, course offerings, and inter-college collaboration.

Dining & Operations

Thomas Menu & Service: High demand following the launch of the new Thomas menu and redesigned portfolio has impacted food service speed. Operations brought in "all-hands-on-deck" support, including executive leadership assisting in line service, and plan to hire additional staff to meet student demand.

Events & Announcements

Therapy Dog Celebration: Thursday's celebration honors Bea's birthday and the launch of the district's first therapy dog program, one of the first in the state.

Campus Development & Facilities

Environmental Impact Report (EIR): Confirmed receipt of a public records request for the 800-page EIR documentation. The report has been thoroughly reviewed by independent experts and is available to the board and public upon request.

Track & Wellness Center Project:

- Clarified and dispelled rumors regarding facility design, confirming the proposed track will meet standard athletic specifications.
- Reaffirmed that the primary mission of the new Wellness Center complex is to serve the campus's 16,000 students and 1,000 employees, while continuing to welcome community recreational use where aligned.

15.7 Trustee Comments

Paul Fong stated that he was been working on representation since 1971; he values representation. He appreciated that Chancellor Davis understands the faculty issues.

Adrienne Grey stated that Paul Fong is a legend for the work he has done. She thanked Ella Rae and the student leadership.

Ella Rae Petersen gave a shout out to the ASG team and she feels truly blessed to be a part of the leadership at West Valley College. She is grateful to have been able to walk ~5 students to their classes during the first week.

Anne Kepner thanked those who continue to ask questions. She is extremely impressed with the student involvement and energy at both colleges. She feels that the investments that the district is making in their students is really paying off.

Yassin Hassen noted the monarch tshirt that trustee Fong was wearing and stated "Go Monarchs and Go Vikings"!

16. Continuation of Closed Session, If Necessary

It was not necessary.

17. Reconvene Public Session, If Necessary

It was not necessary.

18. Meeting Closing

18.1 Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 PM