WVMCCD Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, October 20, 2026) - *approved*

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1. Meeting Opening

1.1 Roll Call - called to order at 5:03 PM

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

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

Oral communication from the public was made regarding agenda item 2.2

2. Closed Session

2.1 Adjourn to Closed Session

2.2 DIRECTION TO LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54957.6) Provide direction to Interim Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Laura Benson and Chancellor Bradley Davis, District-designated representatives, regarding negotiations with WVMFT/AFT Local 6554, WVMCEA, Teamsters, and POA; and provide direction to Chancellor Bradley Davis, District-designated representative, regarding negotiations with unrepresented employee groups.

2.3 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (California Government Code § 54957) - Employee A

2.4 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (California Government Code § 54957) - Employee B

2.5 Anticipated Litigation

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2.7 Board of Trustees | Chancellor - Goal Setting

3. Opening Items

3.1 Reconvene Public Session

3.2 Roll call - called to order at 7:18 PM

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

3.3 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3.4 Report of Closed Session Action

The following report out was made by President Grey:

In closed session, the Board took action to approve the recommended discipline of a permanent tenured faculty employee, identified employee number G01279025, a notice of the Board of Trustees' approval to suspend without pay for one hundred (100) calendar days pursuant to Education Code sections 87671, 87672, 87732, and 87737, and directed the Chancellor or designee to send out appropriate legal notices. The roll call vote was as follows:

3.5 Approval of the Order of the Agenda

Motion to approve the order of the agenda by Susan Fish, seconded by Paul Fong

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

3.6 Introduction of the Mission College Men's and Women's Wrestling Teams

The wrestling teams were introduced by John Vlahos. Mr. Vlahos then introduced Dustin Kirk Sandy, the new wrestling coach.

Dustin stated that he is very excited and grateful for the opportunity and that the sky's the limit for the new wrestling program.

3.7 Focus Topic: Brand Strategy at West Valley College - presented by: Katie Woods, Marketing Director, West Valley College

Katie Woods presented the Focus Topic and highlighted the following:

- Branding with a purpose
- From Output to Impact
- How they reshaped West Valley's brand
- Department runs on strategy vs. requests
- Ignite the Next Launch event
- Empowering Campus Partners
- Strengthening communication, readiness, and accessibility
- Expanding the reach

Comments were made by Trustee Watanabe and Board President Grey

3.8 Approval of the September 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes - Board of Trustees Meeting

Motion to approve the September 8, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes by Anne Kepner, seconded by Paul Fong

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

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

Susan Fish reported that the next ABOC meeting will be held on November 3, 2026.

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

There was no report.

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

Oral communication was provided by the following individuals:

Joshua Williams made public comment regarding an upcoming event at West Valley College.
Matt Bordini made public comment regarding the Track removal project at West Valley College.
Dory Albert made public comment regarding the Track removal project at West Valley College.
Kristen Terlizzi made public comment regarding community communication and the Track removal project at West Valley College.
Jenny Hong-Gonzalez made public comment regarding the Track removal project at West Valley College
Scott Bang made public comment regarding the Track removal project at West Valley College
Ashley (no last name) made public comment regarding the Track removal project at West Valley College
Sergio Gonzalez made public comment regarding the Track removal project at West Valley College

4. Unfinished Business

There were no items

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Paul Fong, seconded by Anne Kepner

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

5.2 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WEST VALLEY COLLEGE UMOJA PROGRAM ATTENDANCE AT THE UMOJA XXII CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER 2026 - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees approve travel for twenty-six West Valley College Umoja students and two chaperones to attend the Umoja XXII Conference in Ontario, CA, from November 18-21, 2026, at an estimated cost of $28,600.

5.3 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MISSION COLLEGE UMOJA PROGRAM ATTENDANCE OF THE UMOJA CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER 2026 - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees approve travel for twenty Mission College Umoja students and two chaperones to attend the Umoja XXII Conference in Ontario, CA, from November 18-21, 2026, at an estimated cost of $33,020.

5.4 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WEST VALLEY COLLEGE ATTENDANCE AT THE 5TH ANNUAL COLEGAS CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER 2026 - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees approve travel for twelve faculty and staff members attend the 5th Annual COLEGAS Conference in Los Angeles, CA, from November 4-6, 2026, at an estimated cost of $26,200.

5.5 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WEST VALLEY COLLEGE ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNUAL MATH EQUITY IN ACTION ACADEMY IN NOVEMBER 2026 - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees approve travel for ten faculty and staff members to attend the Math Equity in Action Academy from November 5-7, 2026, in San Diego, CA, at an estimated cost of $12,600.

5.6 CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR THREE MISSION COLLEGE EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND AND PRESENT AT THE OXFORD SYMPOSIA AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, UNITED KINGDOM - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees approve travel for Jeff Cormier, Julian Branch, and Seher Awan to attend and present at the Oxford Symposia at the University of Oxford in Oxford, United Kingdom, from December 14–17, 2026, at an estimated total cost of $14,739.

5.7 ACCEPTANCE OF THE HEALTH CAREERS EXPLORATION PROGRAM GRANT (CATEGORY A: HEALTH CAREER CONFERENCE AND/OR WORKSHOPS)- Recommendation: he Board of Trustees accept a (Category A: Health Career Conference and/or Workshops) from the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI).

5.8 ACCEPTANCE OF THE HEALTH CAREERS EXPLORATION PROGRAM GRANT (CATEGORY B: HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN HEALTHCARE) - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees accept a grant (Category B: Hands-On Experience in Healthcare) from the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI).

5.9 ACCEPT BASIC CONTRACT AS COMPLETE FOR BID #CA02-2223 FOR THE LEARNING RESOURCE COMMONS (LRC) RENOVATION PROJECT AT WEST VALLEY COLLEGE - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees accept the basic construction contract as complete with Swinerton Builders for Bid #CA02-2223 for the Learning Resource Commons Renovation project at West Valley College and authorize the district to file a Notice of Completion.

5.10 ACCEPT BASIC CONTRACT AS COMPLETE FOR THE BID #CA01-2324 FOR THE LEARNING RESOURCE COMMONS (LRC) AUDIO VISUAL PROJECT AT WEST VALLEY COLLEGE - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees accept the basic construction contract as complete with Avidex Industries LLC for Bid #CA01-2324 for the Learning Resource Commons (LRC) project at West Valley College and authorize the district to file a Notice of Completion.

5.11 SANTA CLARA COUNTY TREASURY INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO STATUS - Recommendation: This item is for informational purposes only.

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

5.13 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 $10,000 gift to the West Valley-Mission Community College District (WVMCCD) Foundation from the Trombetta Giving Fund, a donor-advised fund at Fidelity Charitable - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees authorize the WVMCCD Foundation and the district administration to accept a $10,000 gift from the Trombetta Giving Fund.

Motion that the Board of Trustees authorize the WVMCCD Foundation and the district administration to accept a $10,000 gift from the Trombetta Giving Fund by Anne Kepner, seconded by Ella Rae Petersen

Aye: Adrienne Grey, Anne Kepner, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, 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 Jack Pease - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees authorize the WVMCCD Foundation and the district administration to accept a $25,000 donation from Jack Pease.

Motion that the Board of Trustees authorize the WVMCCD Foundation and the district administration to accept a $25,000 donation from Jack Pease by Susan Fish, seconded by Anne Kepner

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

6.3 Acceptance of a $75,000 pledge to the West Valley-Mission Community College District (WVMCCD) Foundation from Mission City Federal Credit Union (MCFCU) - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees authorize the WVMCCD Foundation and the district administration to accept a $75,000 pledge from Mission City Federal Credit Union.

Motion that the Board of Trustees authorize the WVMCCD Foundation and the district administration to accept a $75,000 pledge from Mission City Federal Credit Union by Anne Kepner, seconded by Paul Fong

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

7. Human Resources

There were no items.

8. Business and Finance

There were no items.

9. Public Safety

There were no items.

10. Information Systems

There were no items.

11. Facilities Development & Operations

11.1 Resolution No. 26102001 – Emergency Contract for Repairs at the Childcare Development Center at Mission College - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 26102001, pertaining to the award of a contract without bidding and advertising in an emergency situation.

Motion that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 26102001, pertaining to the award of a contract without bidding and advertising in an emergency situation by Anne Kepner, seconded by Susan Fish

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

11.2 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH XL CONSTRUCTION/GENSLER FOR THE STEM CENTER PROJECT AT MISSION COLLEGE - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees approve an agreement with XL Construction/Gensler to incorporate the Steel and Metal Stud Framing, Drywall, and Cement Plaster Trade Partner Buy Out for $11,575,105.00 as a part of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the STEM Center Project at Mission College.

Motion that the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with XL Construction/Gensler to incorporate the Steel and Metal Stud Framing, Drywall, and Cement Plaster Trade Partner Buy Out for $11,575,105.00 as a part of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the STEM Center Project at Mission College by Anne Kepner, seconded by Paul Fong

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

11.3 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 WITH RODAN BUILDERS, INC. FOR THE CAMPUS CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT AT MISSION COLLEGE - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees approve Amendment No. 1 to the design-build agreement with Rodan Builders, Inc., in the amount of $1,794,086.00, for Construction Documents phase services through submission to the Division of the State Architect (DSA) for the Campus Center Renovation Project at Mission College.

Motion that the Board of Trustees approve Amendment No. 1 to the design-build agreement with Rodan Builders, Inc., in the amount of $1,794,086.00, for Construction Documents phase services through submission to the Division of the State Architect (DSA) for the Campus Center Renovation Project at Mission College by Anne Kepner, seconded by Susan Fish

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

11.4 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BID PACKAGE FOR CA05-2627: WEST VALLEY COLLEGE GIURLANI HOUSE & OLD PLANETARIUM DEMOLITION PROJECT - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees approves the lowest responsive and responsible bid received from Penkor Wrecking in the amount of $667,000.00 and rejects all other bids.

Motion that the Board of Trustees approves the lowest responsive and responsible bid received from Penkor Wrecking in the amount of $667,000.00 and rejects all other bids by Paul Fong, seconded by Anne Kepner

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

11.5 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH HENSEL PHELPS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER PROJECT AT WEST VALLEY COLLEGE - Recommendation: The Board of Trustees approve an agreement with Hensel Phelps Construction Company to purchase remaining skilled trade service of $37,309,426.00 consistent with the previously established Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the West Valley College Wellness Center Project.

Motion that the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with Hensel Phelps Construction Company to purchase remaining skilled trade service of $37,309,426.00 consistent with the previously established Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the West Valley College Wellness Center Project by Anne Kepner, seconded by Susan Fish

Aye: Adrienne Grey, Anne Kepner, Susan Fish, Paul Fong, Karl Watanabe, 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

15. Information Reports and Items for Future Board Consideration

15.1 Chancellor's Report: Bradley Davis

The Chancellor commended Katie Woods for an outstanding presentation and recognized the team’s efforts in developing and communicating its strategy. The Chancellor also celebrated Governor Newsom’s signing of AB 2121, acknowledging the district’s leadership in advocating for vulnerable students and protecting equity programs. Special appreciation was extended to the students who traveled to Sacramento to advocate for the legislation, as well as everyone who contributed to the effort.

The Chancellor recognized the approval of $48 million in work for local trades, emphasizing the district’s commitment to honoring its Project Labor Agreement (PLA) commitments and ensuring bond-funded projects provide tangible economic benefits to the local community. Appreciation was extended to Vice Chancellor DeGray for his leadership and work in fulfilling the District’s commitments to local trade partners.

The Chancellor also thanked community members who provided public comments and reaffirmed the district’s commitment to listening to community feedback. The Chancellor emphasized that student needs remain the district’s highest priority in decisions regarding campus facilities and development. While acknowledging community concerns regarding recreational access and the new track, the Chancellor expressed confidence that a positive solution would be reached. The Chancellor also highlighted

that the Wellness Center is open to faculty, staff, students, and the public, and encouraged continued community use and engagement. The Chancellor concluded by emphasizing the importance of public input, constructive feedback, and community partnership in achieving positive outcomes for the district.

15.2 Trustee Comments

Trustee Kepner shared positive feedback from a nursing student at Mission College, whom she recently met. The student shared that free tuition was a significant reason she chose to attend Mission College and expressed appreciation for the free meal program and the new library. Trustee Kepner wanted to highlight this student's experience as an example of the meaningful impact of the District's investments and how the allocation of District resources can directly benefit students.

Trustee Petersen recognized her team for their work on the Board report and shared that Associated Student Government (ASG) has been holding weekly meetings and has sworn in several new senators. She also recognized Director Andrade for bringing the meeting minutes up to date.

Board President Grey clarified the purpose and function of public board meetings, emphasizing that board meetings are business meetings in which trustees conduct district business and make decisions necessary to advance the district. The public is welcome to attend, observe, and provide public comment; however, the meetings are not intended to serve as town halls or as a forum for broader public discourse. The Board President reaffirmed the Board’s commitment to transparency, legal compliance, and providing opportunities for public input, while noting that other platforms and forums are available for community members to express their views.

16. Continuation of Closed Session, If Necessary

It was not necessary.

17. Reconvene Public Session, If Necessary

It was not necessary.

18. Meeting Closing

Procedural: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM