

SJC BOARD
WORK SESSION MINUTES
August 1, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.

The work session was called to order at 5:18 p.m. with the following members present:

R. Shane Chance, Member
Dr. Joseph Pope, Vice Chairman
Shane Chance, Member
John Thompson, Chairman

Staff members attending were Toni Pendergrass, Ed DesPlas, Dave Eppich, Barbara Ake, Kerri Langoni, Vinny Zicoello, Bill Lewis, Barbara Wickman, Bradley Purdy, Eddi Porter, Michael Ottinger, John Boggs, Mike McDonald, Josh Bishop, Chris Harrelson, Lorenzo Reyes, Paulette Stanley, Gayle Dean, Leslie Saavedra, Melody Conrad, Shawna Kemper, Rhonda Schaefer, Steve Miller, Andrea Weaver, and Jeanne Notson, Board Recorder.

Topics discussed were:

1. Questions on Board Agenda Items

There was discussion about tabling or amending the CLD lease item. The low bidder in March backed out. The issue was that San Juan College, by state statute, cannot indemnify another company. The secondary bidder was approached and the same issue arose. It was determined that the award made in March needs to be rescinded.

2. RPSP Priorities

RPSP priorities will be brought for approval at the September meeting. The recommendation is the following order: Nursing, Cybersecurity, Dental Hygiene, and Tribal Energy Management. The College has to make the request in order to be considered for funding, even though we are unsure if there will be monies available. The program ROI's will be reviewed.

3. Employee/Retiree Health Insurance Update

Ms. Kerri Langoni presented a power point on the status of the employee and retiree health insurance. A decision will need to be made at the September meeting to effectuate open enrollment. The State of New Mexico group health plan is better for San Juan College active employees. The State plan will not cover pre-65 retirees.

4. Conversation on Tuition as a Revenue Strategy and Other Budget Matters

Tabled.

5. NMICC Meeting Update

A study of higher education is being prepared for the legislators. Dr. Pendergrass is on the Governance Subcommittee and Mr. DesPlas is on the Finance Subcommittee. There is a perception that New Mexico has too many higher education institutions. The current governance and finance structures, as well as alternatives, are being evaluated. Colleges are also being encouraged to review their tuition rates.

The meeting ended at 6:45 p.m.