

# **Governing Board Meeting of February 19, 2025**

The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) Governing Board conducted a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, beginning at 5:00 p.m., followed by closed session, and continuation of public session at 6:00 p.m.

## **Strategic Plan Update**

The Governing Board received an update on the development of the 2025-30 Strategic Plan by Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology Kelly Schelin. This spring, stakeholders will be able to provide online feedback. The first draft will be ready for review in April, and the Governing Board is expected to approve the Plan by the end of June.

## **OER@DVC Receives Statewide Recognition**

The Governing Board welcomed Congressman Mark DeSaulnier to the meeting to thank him for his efforts in securing a \$1M federal grant to support the Open Educational Resources (OER) free, open-source textbook program at Diablo Valley College, which recently was recognized as one of two colleges statewide awarded the Board of Governor's Exemplary Program Award.

#### **Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report**

The Governing Board received a report presented by Elaine Schroth, Chairperson of the Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Ms. Schroth reported that the audit yielded an "unmodified opinion," the highest rating that can be given during an external audit. As of 2024-25, more than 80% of Measure E funding has been spent, resulting in several new capital projects across all three campuses.

#### Nonresident Tuition Fee for 2025-26

The Governing Board voted unanimously to increase the nonresident tuition fee by \$9 to \$382 per unit. This is calculated using the gradual increase method, increasing one-third of the difference between the state average cost education (\$400) and the 4CD nonresident tuition fee from 2024-25 (\$373). The new fee remains under the state average, and among the lowest in the Bay Area.

#### **Black History Month Resolution**

The Governing Board approved Resolution 22A declaring February Black History Month with the theme, "African Americans and Labor." This theme focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. 4CD serves a student population of over 45,000, of which 7.9% identify as Black or African American.

The meeting was adjourned in memory of DVC English professor Danielle DeFoe Palacios; former 4CD police officer Marc Kahue; and Alfred Zuniga, retired CCC counselor and first faculty member to develop the Chicano/La Raza Studies Program.

### THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.