



**MARICOPA**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGES

**Maricopa County Community College District  
Governing Board Agenda  
March 17, 2020**

- vision** *A Community of Colleges—Colleges for the Community—working collectively and responsibly to meet the life-long learning needs of our diverse students and communities.*
- mission** *The Maricopa Community Colleges provide access to higher education for diverse students and communities. We focus on learning through: University Transfer Education, General Education, Developmental Education, Workforce Development, Student Development Services, Continuing Education, Community Education, Civic Responsibility, and Global Engagement.*

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

3:30 p.m.

Governing Board Room (M200)—Second Floor

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ACTION**

1. Resolution of the Maricopa County Community College District Governing Board Granting Authority to Interim Chancellor to Respond to the COVID 19 Pandemic

**UPDATES**

1. Coronavirus
2. Chancellor Search

**ADJOURN**

# CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

Governing Board Agenda

Meeting Date March 17, 2020

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Item Title</b>	<b>Responsible Agents</b>
1.0	Resolution of the Maricopa County Community College District Governing Board Granting Authority to Interim Chancellor to Respond to the COVID 19 Pandemic	Ms. Marie Sullivan

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Governing Board vote to adopt the attached Resolution of the Maricopa County Community College District Governing Board Granting Authority to Interim Chancellor to Respond to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

### **Justification**

See attached.

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### **Funding**

**Source  
Account Information**

**Resolution of the Governing Board Members of the Maricopa County Community College District Granting Authority to Interim Chancellor to Respond to the COVID 19 Pandemic**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona issued a Declaration of Emergency due to the outbreak of COVID 19, and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America issued a Declaration of National Emergency, and

**WHEREAS**, guidance issued to institutions of higher education in the United States considers that a temporary transition to online instruction and increased availability of telecommuting may be effective in decreasing the risk of transmission of COVID 19, and in accordance with such guidance, many institutions of higher education are taking such actions, and

**WHEREAS**, strict compliance with some policies and procedures may hamper efforts by the District to take appropriate action to mitigate the effects of COVID 19 and protect its student, staff, and faculty, and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative for the Maricopa County Community College District (District) to prepare for and implement measures to respond to the threat and potential spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the Interim Chancellor have the tools necessary to ensure the health and safety of students and staff on campuses and other District facilities, to ensure that student learning continues if student education needs to be conducted from alternate locations or virtual learning environments; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that District employees be allowed to take a leave of absence due to being quarantined or staying home after recently returning from Level 3 countries or sick from COVID-19 or illnesses with similar symptoms (e.g., cough, fever, shortness of breath) or residing with such a person who is ill with COVID 19 or illnesses with similar symptoms (e.g., cough, fever, shortness of breath); and

**WHEREAS**, it may be necessary to procure goods and services and enter into contracts to protect District students, staff and employees or to assure the continued safe operation of the District, without following the District Purchasing Manual with respect to advertising for and gathering bids,

**NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that, consistent with A.R.S. §§ 26-301 et seq., the Maricopa County Community College District Governing Board hereby delegates authority to Interim Chancellor Steven Gonzales to make such policy decisions as are necessary to protect the District's students, faculty and staff, and the community, including but not limited to, to take any and all actions necessary to ensure the

continuation of public education, and the health and safety of the students and staff at all District sites, including, but not limited to: the relocation of students and staff, provision of alternative educational program and operational options including, without limitation, temporarily transitioning courses, instruction and other operations to an online and/or telecommuting environment and mode of operation, provision of leave of absence to employees due to quarantine or recently returning from level 3 countries or sick from COVID-19 or illnesses with similar symptoms (e.g. cough, fever, shortness of breath) and/or to make such purchase or enter into contracts as are necessary to effectuate the purpose of the Resolution to protect the health and safety of District students, staff and faculty, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any and all actions taken by Interim Chancellor Steven Gonzales up to the date of this Resolution that were made in furtherance of the purpose of the Resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all such decisions shall be taken while making the safety and health of the community a priority and with appropriate attention to fiscal responsibility, that all such decisions be communicated promptly to the Board President and that an appropriate accounting of such decisions and the organizational impact of such decisions shall be made at the conclusion of the outbreak. This delegation of authority shall terminate when local health authorities have announced that the COVID 19 outbreak is no longer a threat to Maricopa County.