



**Maricopa County Community College District  
Governing Board Minutes  
June 3, 2017**

A Special Board Meeting for the Election of a New Governing Board President of the Maricopa County Community College District Governing Board was scheduled to be held beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the District Support Services Center, 2411 West 14th Street, Tempe, Arizona, pursuant to ARS §38-431.07, notice having been duly given.

**GOVERNING BOARD**

Alfredo Gutierrez, Member  
Linda Thor, Acting Board President &  
Secretary  
Johanna Haver, Member  
Jean McGrath, Member  
Laurin Hendrix, Member  
Tracy Livingston, Member

Absent: Dana Saar, Member

**ADMINISTRATION**

Maria Harper-Marinick  
LaCoya Shelton  
Gaye Murphy  
Edward Kelty  
Chris Bustamante  
Bill Guerriero  
Jan Gehler  
Chris Haines  
Terry Leyba-Ruiz  
Terry Chavez for Shari Olson  
Maggie McConnell, Legal

**CALL TO ORDER OF SPECIAL  
SESSION**

Acting Board President Dr. Linda Thor called the Special Board Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**BOARD MEMBER  
COMMENTS**

In light of Mr. Gutierrez having tendered his resignation as Board President, Dr. Thor thanked him for serving as Board Chair. She acknowledged his leadership to the colleges and students.

Board Member Jean McGrath also thanked Mr. Gutierrez. She acknowledged that it was no secret that she and Mr. Gutierrez had different philosophies on governing but this did not preclude her from enjoying his leadership during this time. She stated she has enjoyed his wit, demeanor and his tenderness towards the people that come forward to speak and have all these terrible problems they speak about. She has appreciated how he has addressed them and his concern. She stated it has been a pleasure having him as Board President.

Board Member Johanna Haver commented that she was secretary at the time that the Board went through the process of searching for a Chancellor and Mr. Gutierrez did a masterful job. He picked the best possible group and personally spoke with Dr. Crow to serve as Chair and we really needed to thank him for that.

Board Member Tracy Livingston stated that being President is a thankless job. Mr. Gutierrez has done a wonderful job communicating with seven members with different personalities.

Because of what Mr. Gutierrez was able to get done, we have the best Chancellor.

Board Member Laurin Hendrix thanked Mr. Gutierrez for his service. When he was elected Mr. Gutierrez was the first to call and went out to the East Valley to visit. He was wearing a sweatshirt and hoodie and Mr. Hendrix wasn't sure who he was. He almost called the police. He indicated that he has enjoyed working with him and that Mr. Gutierrez was always available for assistance.

Board Member Alfredo Gutierrez is grateful that Mr. Hendrix did not call the police. This terrified him. Mr. Gutierrez stated he wanted to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication. Today was not a wake and he is not dead. He is not leaving and will continue to fight for the kind of things that need to be corrected. He believes in inclusivity and wants to bring the larger community together. There is a large agenda this next year and this is only the first step. Will use the hours that he has used as president to accomplish more.

**BOARD PRESIDENT  
NOMINATIONS**

Acting President Thor requested nominations for the office of Board President. Board Member Jean McGrath nominated Board Member Laurin Hendrix. Acting President Thor asked if there were any additional nominations. There were none.

**MOTION 10500**

Acting President Thor called for a vote in favor of Laurin Hendrix serving as Board President. The motion passed 6-0 (Board Member Saar not in attendance).

By a vote of 6-0, Laurin Hendrix was elected to serve as President of the Governing Board for the remainder of 2017. She offered her congratulations and best wishes for a very successful year. Dr. Thor then passed the rest of the special board meeting on to Mr. Hendrix for adjournment.

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

Newly-elected Board President Hendrix commented that as a new member, he considers everyone friends. He is interested in bringing unity on the Board, however he does not yet have a clear plan on how it will work. He does plan to modify the role of the Board Secretary to function as Vice Chair and is confident we will work closely together.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Special Board Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.