



**SAN MATEO COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
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**Minutes of the General Membership/Executive Committee  
Special Meeting for BOT Election Endorsements  
July 29, 2020, 2pm-3pm  
Virtual Meeting by Zoom**

**EC Members Present:** Jessica Silver-Sharp, Eric Brenner, Bianca Rowden-Quince, Joaquin Rivera, Katharine Harer, Salumeh Eslamieh, Monica Malamud, Doniella Maher, Steven Lehigh, Anne Stafford, Rika Fabian, Barbara Corzonkoff, Teeka James, David Laderman, Marianne Kaletzky (Executive Secretary)

**General Membership:** Lynsey Hemstreet, Timothy Rottenberg, Maggie Barrientos, Sarah Artha Negara, Lezlee Ware, Masao Suzuki, Elenor Westfold, Diana Tedone-Goldstone, Michael Stanford, Denise Erickson, Jesse Raskin, Jenna French, Candice Nance, Patty Hall, Nadya Sigona, Ramki Kalyranaraman, Arielle Smith, Lucia Lachmayr

**Facilitator:** Katharine Harer

The meeting commenced at 2:05pm.

**1. Current EC positions**

- a. Teeka James and Anne Stafford stepped down from their current term as Co-Treasurer and Steven Lehigh stepped down as CSM Chapter Chair, respectively.
- b. The EC voted unanimously to appoint Teeka James as CSM Chapter Chair and to appoint Steven Lehigh and Anne Stafford to serve together as Co-treasurer until our next election.

**2. EC Endorsements for BOT District areas 1, 3 and 5**

- a. COPE president Katharine Harer explained the year-long work accomplished to recruit prospective new Board candidates
  - i. The AFT Endorsements Committee has also interviewed several candidates including incumbents Goodman and Mandelkern.
  - ii. Interview transcripts and statements are attached.
- b. Area 1

- i. A second EC Special Meeting will be scheduled in August to discuss endorsements for Area 1, the first time we will have a board member from this area.
  - ii. The Committee will interview two female candidates from Area 1 this week.
- c. Area 3: The Committee recommended a dual endorsement of Goodman & Mandelkern.
  - i. Following discussion, the EC endorsed both candidates, with one abstention, one opposed, and 13 in favor.
  - ii. Doniella Maher invited Cañada College members to share their thoughts privately with her if they wished.
- d. Area 5.
  - i. The candidates are John Pimentel and Lisa Dumonske Hicks. The candidate's statement and website were shared.
  - ii. Following discussion, EC voted to endorse Pimentel with 13 members in favor and 1 abstention.
- e. Discussion on Diversity
  - i. Members discussed the disappointment of the possibility of an all-male BOT that's also not reflective of the diversity of our student body.
  - ii. Discussed challenges of finding a more diverse pool of candidates to run for the BOT.
  - iii. Katharine called for greater participation from members in recruitment work.

The meeting adjourned at 3pm.