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**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE**

June 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

West Campus Conference Center 038-122, Meeting Room D  
1704 W. Nob Hill Blvd, Yakima WA

Chair Arteaga called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**A. Roll Call**

**Board of Trustees Present**

Cus Arteaga, Chair  
Bertha Ortega, Vice Chair  
Patrick Baldoz, Trustee  
Dr. Sara Cate, Trustee  
Neil McClure, Trustee

**Others Present**

James Yockey  
Megan Jensen  
Dustin Wunderlich  
Sybill Miller

**B. Proposed Changes to the Agenda** – None

**C. Approval of Minutes:** N/A

**D. Action Items:** NO ACTION ITEMS

**E. Communications:** NO COMMUNICATIONS

**F. Reports:** NO REPORTS

**G. Call to the Public** – No one present expressed a desire to address the Board.

**H. Date of Next Meeting**— The next meeting will be Thursday, June 8, 2023.

**I. Executive Session** – Chair Arteaga announced an executive session. It is now 5:00 p.m. the Board will go into executive session for 15 minutes to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. However, upon the request of such officer or employee, a public hearing or a meeting open to the public shall be conducted upon such complaint or charge. Invited to join the Board are; James Yockey, Linda Kaminski, Dustin Wunderlich and Megan Jensen.

At 5:15 p.m., Chair Arteaga announced an extension of the executive session by 15 minutes.

At 5:30 p.m., Chair Arteaga announced an extension of the executive session by 15 minutes.

At 5:44 p.m., Chair Arteaga announced an extension of the executive session by 10 minutes.

The executive session ended at 5:54 p.m. The regular meeting was reconvened.

**J. Action Items:**

**1. YVC Board of Trustee Statement**

Chair Arteaga stated, on May 10, 2023, the AFT-Y faculty union informed the YVC Board of Trustees of a vote of no confidence in President Kaminski, without providing supportive information.

The role of the board of trustees is governance of the institution. It is not to intervene in the established processes or to overturn the decisions of the Administration, whose primary responsibility is the effective operation of the college.

We the Board commend the President for her 28-year commitment to putting students first. President Kaminski has been and continues to be an effective leader. We the Board have seen no evidence of financial miss-management, no evidence of lack of transparency or evidence of retaliation. Therefore, we the Board will continue to support her as President of this college.

**MOTION 23-06-01SM:** Chair Arteaga moved that the Board of Trustees adopt a motion to approve the YVC Board of Trustee Statement in support of President Kaminski as stated above. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Ortega and passed unanimously.

**K. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

BERTHA ORTEGA  
Bertha Ortega, Chair

LINDA KAMINSKI  
Attest: Linda Kaminski, Secretary