



MPC

FOUNDATION

MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

4:00 PM

MEETING IN PERSON AND ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debbie Anthony
Fred Hochstaedter
Jeremy Green
Carla Becerra
Linda Yellich
Maria Ruess
Mary Alice Rennick
Joyce Simon
Patricia Milowicki
Tom Clifford
Peter Purdue
Pamela Stewart
Ron Eastman
Theresa Wright
Tom Pesce

MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrew Ausonio
Joe Servi
Nathan Steen
Evelyne Lamson
Steve Cardinali
Steve Haigler
Dr. Fulbright, III
Jason Griffin

STAFF PRESENT

Beccie Michael
Gina Bianchi
Annie Tarbox
Allison Payne
Jessica Lopes
Amie Plumlee

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Jeremy Green, President at 4:02 P.M.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

3. **RECOGNITION/GUESTS**

Lana Ibrahim and Matteo Anicetti, MPC Alumni

4. **APPROVAL of November 6, 2024 MINUTES (Jeremy Green, President)**

Theresa Wright made a motion to approve the November 6, 2024 Minutes, as presented.

Second: Tom Pesce

All in Favor: Debbie Anthony, Fred Hochstaedter, Jeremy Green, Carla Becerra, Linda Yellich, Maria Ruess, Mary Alice Rennick, Joyce Simon, Patricia Milowicki, Tom Clifford, Pamela Stewart, Ron Eastman, Theresa Wright, Tom Pesce

Nays: None

Abstentions: Peter Purdue

Motion Carries.

5. **CAMPUS PRESENTATION (Lana Ibrahim and Matteo Anicetti, MPC Alumni)**

- MPC alumni Lana Ibrahim and Matteo Anicetti, now attending four-year universities, shared insights from their time at MPC. They highlighted areas for improvement to better support future transfer students, including the impact of conferences and scholarship opportunities on student success.

6. **BUSINESS**

A. **Faculty & Staff Advancement Awards (Linda Yellich, Chair)**

- Applicant Name: Becky Brister, Full-time faculty in Photography/Creative Arts Department
- Amount Requested: \$2,000
- Project Purpose: To attend the Society for Photographic Education annual conference, March 6-8 in Reno, NV.
- Recommendation: Fund up to \$2,000

Mary Alice Rennick made a motion to accept the FASA Advisory Group's recommendations, as presented.

Second: Peter Purdue

All in Favor: Debbie Anthony, Fred Hochstaedter, Jeremy Green, Carla Becerra, Linda Yellich, Maria Ruess, Mary Alice Rennick, Joyce Simon, Patricia Milowicki, Tom Clifford, Peter Purdue, Pamela Stewart, Ron Eastman, Theresa Wright, Tom Pesce

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carries.

B. **Board Nominations & Officers (Tom Clifford on behalf of Andrew Ausonio, Nominations Chair)**

1. The 2025 Slate of Officers was presented to the Board for approval:
 - Jeremy Green - President
 - Ron Eastman – Vice President
 - Joe Servi– Treasurer
 - Maria Ruess - Secretary

Fred Hochstaedter made a motion to accept the 2025 Board Officers recommendation, as presented.

Second: Debbie Anthony

All in Favor: Debbie Anthony, Fred Hochstaedter, Jeremy Green, Carla Becerra, Linda Yellich, Maria Ruess, Mary Alice Rennick, Joyce Simon, Patricia Milowicki, Tom Clifford, Peter Purdue, Pamela Stewart, Ron Eastman, Theresa Wright, Tom Pesce

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carries.

2. Tom also presented a New Board Member Nomination for Ms. Lindsay Schutzler.

Lindsay is a paralegal at Johnson, Fantl & Aulenta, focusing primarily on the administration of trusts and estates. Currently in law school, she earned her B.A. degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, summa cum laude, where she was a three-time All-American softball player for the Lady Volunteers. She earned her Master of Education degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. Lindsay was born and raised in Monterey and graduated from Notre Dame High School and is a member of the Salinas Valley Sports Hall of Fame for her achievements in the sport of softball. Her father, Lyndon Schutzler, is the recently retired Dean of Athletics at

MPC, so she grew up attending classes and sporting events at MPC, and is very passionate about the College's role in the community.

We have actively been looking for someone with legal expertise and in particular, in the area of estates and trusts. Coupled with her enthusiasm for MPC and incredibly successful track record in all areas she sets her mind to, we believe Lindsay will make an excellent addition to the Board.

Debbie Anthony made a motion to accept the 2025 Board Nomination recommendation, as presented.

Second: Pamela Stewart

All in Favor: Debbie Anthony, Fred Hochstaedter, Jeremy Green, Carla Becerra, Linda Yellich, Maria Ruess, Mary Alice Rennick, Joyce Simon, Patricia Milowicki, Tom Clifford, Peter Purdue, Pamela Stewart, Ron Eastman, Theresa Wright, Tom Pesce

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carries.

C. 2025 Budget (Beccie Michael, Executive Director)

- Key highlights include a 21% overall growth over 2024, 3% decrease in special event expenses, and a 7% increase in operating expenses due to rising costs.

Joyce Simon made a motion to accept the 2025 Budget, as presented.

Second: Maria Ruess

All in Favor: Debbie Anthony, Fred Hochstaedter, Jeremy Green, Carla Becerra, Linda Yellich, Maria Ruess, Mary Alice Rennick, Joyce Simon, Patricia Milowicki, Tom Clifford, Peter Purdue, Pamela Stewart, Ron Eastman, Theresa Wright, Tom Pesce

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carries.

D. 2025 Board Calendar (Jeremy Green, President)

- There will be a reduction in meetings from 10 to 5 to enhance attendance and efficiency, with alternative events and presentations during non-meeting months.

Theresa Wright made a motion to accept the 2025 Board Calendar, as presented.

Second: Joyce Simon

All in Favor: Debbie Anthony, Fred Hochstaedter, Jeremy Green, Carla Becerra, Linda Yellich, Maria Ruess, Mary Alice Rennick, Joyce Simon, Patricia Milowicki, Tom Clifford, Peter Purdue, Pamela Stewart, Ron Eastman, Theresa Wright, Tom Pesce

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carries.

7. INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. 2025 Board Committees & Advisory Groups (Jeremy Green)

- Mr. Green distributed the list of Board Committees and Advisory Groups, noting that board members can contact Beccie if they wish to be added or reassigned to any particular group.

B. College Supt./President's Report (Dr. Marshall T. Fulbright, III)

- Dr. Fulbright was not present.

C. President's Report (Jeremy Green)

- So far we have raised \$15,625 through MC Gives Campaign (12% match).
- Jeremy thanked the Board members for their participation and support this year, noting some key highlights we achieved in 2024 so far:
 - Over \$540,000 raised via donations, grants, and events.
 - \$450,000 Creative Arts grant secured.
 - \$275,000 awarded to students for scholarships, stipends, and assistance.
 - Strategic Plan progress, including scholarship program growth and enhanced efficiency in fundraising/events.

D. Executive Director's Report (Beccie Michael)

Ms. Michael's report included general updates:

- Scholarship applications opened Dec. 1; workshops underway.
- Year-end appeal mailings sent.
- Lydia Davis Artwork Auction open until Dec. 15, benefiting her scholarship fund.

Grants:

- \$20,000 awarded by Chevron for STEM initiatives.
- Several proposals in development.

Evans CIP:

- Freshman group checks distributed.

Ms. Michael acknowledged the efforts of our four outgoing Board Members who each made positive contributions during their tenure on the board, including:

- Nate Steen - served as Investment Committee Chair
- Joyce Simon - involved with CIP, Scholarships, and Booster Committees
- Jason Griffin - actively participated on Investment and Finance Committees
- Debbie Anthony - served as MPC Trustee Representative.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jazz Band tomorrow; Mariachi ensemble Friday - both at 7:30 in the music hall

9. Meeting Adjourned by Jeremy Green at 5:24 PM

Minutes presented by Jessica Lopes on behalf of Evelyne Lamson, Secretary.