

**SJC BOARD
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 4, 2019**

The work session was called to order at 5:10 p.m. with the following members present:

R. Shane Chance, Member
Evelyn B. Benny, Member
Joe Rasor, Member
Joseph Pope, Vice Chairman

Staff members attending: Toni Hopper Pendergrass, Ed DesPlas, Adrienne Forgette, Boomer Appleman, Sandy Gilpin, Ron Jernigan, Kerri Langoni, Roy Lytle, Jon Betz, John Boggs, Lorenzo Reyes, Gayle Dean, Michael Ottinger, Alicia Corbell, Sherry Paxson, and Jeanne Notson, Board Recorder

Topics discussed were:

1. Questions on Board Agenda Items

None.

2. Student Housing (Power Point)

Mr. Edward DesPlas, Executive Vice President, presented an update on student housing. Moody's assessment of this project did not reach investment grade. San Juan College would have to assume more risk to salvage the P-3 partnership. Administration recommends that the P-3 arrangement, relationship with Collegiate Housing Foundation, and Scion be discontinued. The College will then pursue a different financing and delivery method. As a next step, the College will be exploring a smaller housing project (150 beds) financed through the New Mexico Finance Authority.

3. Possible \$10 Million Local GO Bond Election – November 2019 (Power Point)

Mr. Edward DesPlas, Executive Vice President, shared the College's capital project requests are approximately \$9.9m. It is anticipated that the State will require the College to match 25% (\$2.5m). This match could come from a local G.O. bond. A new building for the welding program is estimated to cost \$7.5m, which could also be funded by G.O. bonds for a total of \$10m.

Bond counsel has recommended that, in order to maintain the current mil rate, the College pursue a \$5m bond. This money would be used for the State match and to renovate/expand the current welding program space.

Mr. DesPlas then discussed the timing of the bond election. Option one would be to do it during the November 2019 election, but the process will need to commence in July 2019. It is a tight timeline, but feasible.

Option two would be to pursue the bond election in November of 2020. This option has the advantage of knowing exactly how much the State has approved for capital projects. The Board indicated they have a preference for option two.

4. Possible Site for EDA Food Hub Grant Operations (Power Point)

Mr. Lorenzo Reyes, Dean of Workforce and Economic Development, presented on a possible location for the EDA grant-funded Food Hub. A building owned by the city of Farmington has been identified and the city is willing to partner with the College in this endeavor. The city is willing to provide an in-kind consideration and assist with upgrades to the facility. The College will equip and staff the facility. Agreements are under development.

5. Pathways Update (Power Point)

Dr. Adrienne Forgette, Vice President for Learning, reviewed what Pathways has accomplished this past year. She then shared the San Juan College Pathways page that is available on the website. Dr. Forgette demonstrated how perspective students could utilize the Career Pathways assessment tool to guide their Pathway.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.