

**SJC BOARD
WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 7, 2023**

The Work Session was called to order at 5:04 p.m. with the following Board members present:

Joseph Rasor, Chairman
Valerie Uselman, Secretary
R. Shane Chance, Member
Byron Manning, Member
John Thompson, Member

Staff Members Attending:

Toni Hopper Pendergrass, Edward DesPlas, Boomer Appleman, Kerrie Langoni Carpenter, Eric Bateman, Josh Bishop, Jordan Cepeda, Alicia Corbell, Sherri Cummins, Gayle Dean, Sandy Gilpin, Chris Harrelson, Kenny Hibner, Wilbert John, Ruben Johnson, Meghan Kattner, Kris Kraly, Karen Krob, Roy Lytle, Robert Martinez, Steve Miller, Mike Offutt, Michael Ottinger, Lisa Perez, Elizabeth Phelps, Eddy Rawlinson, Lorenzo Reyes, Chris Rosen, Rhonda Schaefer, Annie Willmon, and Donna Ellis, Board Recorder

Guest(s): Vanessa Hawker

Topics Discussed Included:

1. Questions on Board Agenda Items

Trustees asked questions regarding Agenda Item #4 under Individual Items/New Business. Mr. Edward DesPlas reviewed the information with them and Mr. Chris Harrelson provided additional details and information as well.

2. General Fee

A recommendation to increase the General Fee charged to students was discussed with the Trustees. This was a follow-up conversation from last month's Work Session.

3. January 31, 2023 Operating Budget Reports

Mr. Edward DesPlas reviewed the January 31, 2023, Operating Budget Report with the Trustees. The general fund is still in the black.

4. Legislative Update

Dr. Vanessa Hawker, Executive Director of the New Mexico Independent Community Colleges (NMICC), joined us through Zoom from the Round House. She gave the Trustees a briefing on the status of legislation that could impact SJC and other colleges and universities in NM. Possible legislative measures that could impact us include, but are not limited to: a 1% increase in general appropriations, a 5% pay increase, a 10% increase in health insurance premiums, and a \$1.1 million assessment to SJC for having frozen health insurance premiums over the past two or three years.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.