



**Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 8, 2022**

The California State University Channel Islands Site Authority (SA) met on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. virtually via teleconference (Zoom webinar).

Site Authority Board Chairperson Linda Parks called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. A quorum was established.

Members present:

Supervisor Linda Parks, Chair; Assistant Vice Chancellor Robert Eaton, Vice Chair; Trustee Larry Adamson; John Broome, Jr.; Mayor Shawn Mulchay; Supervisor Carmen Ramirez; President Richard Yao

Regrets:

Kelly Long

Alternates present:

City Councilmember Laura Hernandez; Laurie Nichols, AVP Administrative Services/HRO

Others present: Marc Mootchnik, University Counsel; Stephanie Bracamontes, Controller; Thomas Hunt, AVP Facilities Services; John Lazarus, Executive Director of Operations; Barbara Rex, SA Treasurer; Christina Sotelo, Secretary

Guests present:

None

**OPENING STATEMENTS**

Chair Parks called for public comment (pursuant to Government Code Section 11125.7).

Public Comment Period

Tobey Wheeler, a townhome owner in University Glen, expressed his appreciation to John Lazarus for attending the Homeowner's Advisory Council meetings and for bringing forward the latest development on installation of solar panels on townhomes. Mr. Wheeler expressed his concern to the police department about catalytic converters being stolen in the neighborhood and noted his appreciation to the police department.

Chair Parks thanked Mr. Wheeler for his updates.

Board Member Comment Period

Chair Parks called for Board comments.

No comments were made.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- ACTION: Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2022 Meeting
- INFORMATION: CI Power/CAISO Update (Hunt)
- INFORMATION: Anacapa Canyon Project Update (Nichols)
- INFORMATION: Site Authority Operations Report (Nichols/Lazarus)
- INFORMATION: Financial Report (Bracamontes)

### Approve Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Robert Eaton to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

## **INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS**

ACTION: Delegation of Authority Renewal (Nichols)

Laurie Nichols addressed the request to reevaluate the Delegation of Authority to the President of the University. Ms. Nichols presented the resolution to extend the authority to the President of CSUCI and to continue to make recommendations with respect to expenses within the delegated authority. It is recommended any expenditure over \$1 million outside of the approved budget would require President Yao to inform the Site Authority Board. Linda Parks added this would be applied to any future University President as well.

Robert Eaton requested clarification if there was a need to be reporting to the board of any actions before conveying a meeting. Mr. Eaton stated it would make more sense to report solely to the chair of the Board. Ms. Nichols confirmed the language noted on the board packet stated, to require informing the Site Authority Board but not needing approval. Mr. Eaton stated it sufficed to his standpoint. Chair Linda Parks clarified it is for an acknowledgement that the Site Authority has that information.

Motion was made by Robert Eaton to approve the action item. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by roll-call vote.

INFORMATION: CSUCI Early Childhood Care & Education Center (Nichols)

Laurie Nichols deferred to President Richard Yao to speak on the information item. President Yao stated he settled on the Carden site for the new Early Childhood Care and Education Center. He stated they are looking for funding sources such as philanthropic sources, Ventura County and Cal State Chancellor's office. President Yao expressed this is the top capital priority for the University. The new feasibility study included the programming pieces related to the early childhood education with Governor Gavin Newsom's TK proposal for two new grades. The University will be poised to fill the new credentialing requirement. and the Early Childhood Educators salary will be on par with K-12. The Early Childhood Lab component is a new partnership with local school districts to serve as a hub to form best practices countywide. Carmen Ramirez expressed her support for President Yao's decision on choosing Carden site for the new Early Childhood Center. Ms. Ramirez and President Yao have been working together with Ventura County on how much support they can provide to the program. President Yao stated there will be more news in the Fall.

Larry Adamson asked President Yao if he could share the tentative timeline for the project. President Yao confirmed September 1 is the goal to open a Request for Proposal for the design process. The target

for the Education Center to be fully operational is estimated for August 2026. Mr. Adamson asked if there would need to be an approval requirement from the Board of Trustees. President Yao answered it does not need the Board of Trustees approval, so long as the budget stays under \$40 million.

#### INFORMATION: Campus Update (Yao)

The President updated the Board on the following items:

- Preparing for the Fall 2022 semester to start and the return of students to the campus.
- 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is one week away. The Site Authority continues to play a vital role of the continued evolution and growth of the campus community. There is a rigorous assessment taking place of how well we are meeting the needs of our region and ensuring that our academic programs serve as the foundation of this work.
- Recent campus events: Campus Reading Celebration- the campus community highlighted author Reyna Grande, who shared her experience as a first-generation Latina university student and aspiring writer. Undergraduate Research Conference- interdisciplinary students presented their research. Premium Engagement Fair- encouraged student involvement and engagement at CI.
- The Commencement Ceremonies celebrated the CSUCI class of 2022 graduates.
- Received a Department of Defense Grant through Dr. Safa Khan. Tierra Linda Elementary School and Dr. Khan are implementing a local version of a science outreach learning program called SciTrek. Offering hands on learning modules that make science concepts more accessible and providing on sight resources to credentialed students and practicing teachers.
- Secured permanent funding for Making College Happen event that brought Oxnard Union High School District students on campus and included a collaboration with Ventura and Oxnard Community Colleges.
- The immersive one month-long field study program on Santa Rosa Island was successful. Cost was subsidized for all students by philanthropic donations. Thanks to Santa Rosa Island Research Station Director Russell Bradley, Executive Director of Regional Education Partnerships Dr. Jennifer Perry, Associate Professor of Environmental Science and Resource Management Dr. Dan Reineman
- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Funding - released another round of debt discharge in the summer for students. The total of debt discharged for 785 students was approximately \$753,000.

Larry Adamson noted the President's Investiture ceremony will take place on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Carmen Ramirez congratulated President Yao and the success of CSUCI.

#### INFORMATION: University Glen Advisory Group Update (Lazarus)

John Lazarus informed that University Glen signed a new landscaping contract with Gothic Landscaping. They are aware of the water restrictions for Ventura County and have an irrigation specialist out weekly. The Safety Fair is scheduled for October 22, 2022, for the campus community. The Campus Police, Ventura County Fire Department and the Community Emergency Response Team will be presenting at the fair. Mr. Lazarus stated there has been an agreement for allowing solar panels in University Glen. Legal and Facilities Services will review the drafted language for the solar panel agreement for the townhomes. Mr. Lazarus wanted to clarify some language on the Priority Categories, a report will be provided for the Board in 3-6 months. He announced the creation of Homeowners Manual for any new buyers in University Glen. Between May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, there have been four homes sold in University Glen. The average price of a home sold in June in Camarillo was \$785,000. The average home sold in University Glen sold in calendar year 2022 was \$397,000. Mr. Lazarus stated that one-third

of the University Glen community are direct employees of CSUCI and a little less than half are general public. Anacapa Canyon construction is progressing. The vertical construction for the senior apartments has started. The Homeowners Advisory Council brought up a concern for the water pressure in Anacapa Canyon. Mr. Lazarus and Thomas Hunt met with the Ventura County Fire Marshal who stated he is comfortable with the emergency evacuation plan and water system in place. Mr. Lazarus is working with SoCal Gas on an easement that is being worked out.

Carmen Ramirez asked about coyotes and wildlife interactions in University Glen. Supervisor Ramirez offered her connection at The Department of Fish and Wildlife to present a demonstration for the Safety Fair.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

**APPROVED**

California State University Channel Islands Site Authority Board

Christina Sotelo

Christina Sotelo, Secretary

11/7/2022

Date