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**Klamath Community College Board of Education**  
7390 South Sixth Street \* Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603

Special Meeting - Friday, October 5, 2018 6:00 PM

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**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dave Jensen called the special meeting of the Klamath Community College Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Dave Jensen, Chair; Mike Fitzgerald; Kate Marquez (call-in); Al King; and Kathy King. A quorum was confirmed.

**Members Absent:** Barbara Headden (excused); William Riggs (excused), and Kenneth DeCrans, Non-voting Board Member and ASKCC President (excused).

**Staff Present:** Michael Blade, Executive Director; Lacey Jarrell, staff; and Shannon Childs, Secretary to the Board.

**Guests:** Alan and Carol Eberlein, Craig and Terry Noriel, Ann Cavanaugh, Ralph Eccles, Tani Craig, Dan Craig, Bob Kingzett, Mark Wendt, Sharon Parks, Andrew and Heidi Biggs, Ed and Cathy Medina, Franklin Wesbrook and Leha Goodrick, Don and Rayna Larson, Nicolas and Allison Phair, and Chris Kaber.

**II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion: To adopt the agenda.**

Motion by: Al King

Second by: Kathy King

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

**Action: Motion passed. Unanimous approval.**

**III. INFORMATIONAL AND ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Initiative 18-112 Discussion – Discussion Item**

Dave Jensen opened up the meeting with the discussion item. Al King moved to hear public input first, considering so many people were present, and that the Board rotate those opposed and those in favor and continue until all presence has been heard, then the Board could say what the Board wishes to do at that time. The Board members agreed. Trustee Al King verified that everyone who wished to speak had signed in.

**IV. BOARD DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**B. Public Participation**

- Ed Medina made a suggestion to speak first, as he was the only one speaking to the pro side of the topic.
- Ed Medina spoke in favor of the initiative and made a statement.
- Alan Eberlein spoke opposed to the initiative and made a statement.
- Ralph Eccles spoke opposed to the initiative, made a statement and shared a handout.
- Sharon Parks shared she was opposed with no additional statement.

- Andrew Biggs spoke opposed to the initiative and made a statement.
- Ann Cavanaugh spoke opposed to the initiative and made a statement.
- Sheriff Chris Kaber spoke opposed to the initiative and made a statement.
- Bob Kingzett spoke opposed to the initiative and made a statement.
- Mark Wendt spoke opposed to the initiative and made a statement.
- Reyna Larsen spoke opposed to the initiative and made a statement.

Chair Jensen asked for the reading of the policy. Trustee Kathy King read Board Policy 305.4400. Chair Jensen turned the meeting to Board members for their comments.

Michael Fitzgerald shared a statement in opposition to proposed Board Resolution opposing 18-112. “Klamath Community College and its Board are created by and subject to the laws of the State of Oregon. The legalization of the possession of marijuana is a manifestation of the function of those laws and the initiative process is an extension of that function. KCC nor its Board have any direct authority to interject themselves into a question that is entirely and only subject to the will of the voting citizenry of the City of Klamath Falls through the initiative political process. The outcome of that process has no DIRECT implications to the mission or function of KCC in its role of developing and implementing academic curricula. The College or its Board as a purveyor of public opinion, attempting to create public policy and declaring winners and losers, clearly oversteps its bounds. The information put forward to us, until it can receive independent critical analysis, is anecdotal and largely emotional, lacking empirical study and therefore not actionable. At this point, the question is best left to the wisdom of the electorate.”

Trustee King asked to hear the proposed resolution prior to comment.

Trustee Kathy King shared a resolution she prepared for the meeting, as follows.

Klamath Community College Board of Education is dedicated to promoting quality education, including workforce training, in response to the diverse needs of the student, business, and community. The Board strives to encourage student success by approving programs that work with our educational partners to be sure high school students and others are ready for the college experience and demands.

Much progress has been made to remove early barriers to student success, thereby reducing the need for remedial classes and affording high school students with the opportunity to obtain career certificates in several areas and/or college credits even before they arrive at our KCC Campus. It is incumbent upon the Board to consider measures that could hamper student success, and entry into the job market.

We recognize the diverse viewpoints regarding ballot measure 18-112 which would provide for commercial marijuana production and retail stores in the city of Klamath Falls, We also recognize that Oregon and other states are currently undertaking an experiment on the education, economic, health and social impacts of legalized recreational marijuana.

The KCC Board of Education has adopted a policy that prohibits the unlawful manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, possessing, or using alcohol, marijuana (including medical) and controlled substances on any Klamath Community College premises. Anyone who is under the influence or impaired by the use of alcohol, marijuana, or other controlled substance will be removed from the College premises. Many businesses and organizations require a drug free workplace and those receiving federal funds and/or are required to follow federal guidelines,

routinely drug test applicants and employees. Clearly, marijuana use can greatly affect the education, candidacy and job attainment of our students.

For these reason, the Board recommends a NO vote on Measure 18-112.

**Motion: Move to adopt the resolution**

Motion by: Kathy King

Second by: Al King

Discussion:

Trustee Marquez shared that because we are a community college, the community part ringing strong, she preferred that the Board defer to the voters of Klamath to determine what they want and that the Board remain neutral on the proposal. Trustee Marquez shared that she endorsed the resolution up to the last sentence. Trustee Marquez preferred the Board not take a position, either pro or con on the proposal.

Trustee Kathy King shared she believes it is very important that the Board send a message to its students; students in high school, middle school and current students, because this is something that may affect them for a long time, not only on education and focus on curriculum and training, but going out to apply for jobs. If marijuana is in their system, it will affect them. Trustee Kathy King stated she feels the Board should take a position.

Trustee Al King shared that he supports the resolution that Trustee Kathy King read. He would ask that the Board not only consider it, but vote for it. In his 25 years of criminal justice experience, which in one occasion he was a drug enforcement administrator in the state of California, the campaign against marijuana, planning, asset forfeiture, prescription, as well as the illicit manufacturing of drugs was under his responsibility. Having been a judge in a very small town. He saw these type of cases and the pain families experienced in this regard. Trustee Al King commented as a Board member stating that this is his 5<sup>th</sup> elected term on the KCC Board. The Boards in the past as well as the Board currently, have taken a position, as clearly stated in this resolution that this use would not be permitted or allowed on campus. Anyone concerned with people smoking, he does not understand how they would not be concerned with people smoking marijuana. He see the results and the costs, the cost to law enforcement to uphold the laws and protect the public. Those at KCC are all about protecting students and developing the workforce for the community. What is important to understand is that these are our children and do we really need to add another problem to the environment. He shared that as elected officials with their legal opinion, it is clear that the Board has total authority by statue, by secretary of state and the ethic commission the ability to weigh in because the Board is here to represent the patrons of the district. Trustee Al King spoke to residing in the city and owning a business in the city, but most importantly for the young people and the students. He shared problems concerning those who have inquired on his advice. He does not want these issues to exist in Klamath County. Trustee Al King strongly encourages the Board to take a position and put forth the resolution as motioned.

Chair Jensen read the letter from the ASKCC President Kenneth DeCrans.

To whom it may concern, As President of the Associated Students of Klamath Community College, I hold the honor to represent the student body on issues that affect the student population. As a college, we do not condone drug use, recreational or otherwise, while students, staff or faculty are on campus grounds. The college campus is an educational space, which is how students are expected to treat their time on campus. I would like to emphasize that KCC has a strong interest in the employability of its student after graduation. Ultimately, KCC prioritizes the completion of degree to graduation and employability as it related to degrees granted. Knowing that many companies and organizations receive federal funding or are required to

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follow federal guidelines, marijuana use can greatly affect the candidacy of any given Oregon resident. Students who choose to consume marijuana legally and off campus, do so as individuals and not a representative s of this institution of higher education. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Kenneth DeCrans, ASKCC President.

Michael Fitzgerald shared that cannabis is already legal and the initiative only deals with the sale of cannabis to adults.

Favor: Al King, Dave Jensen, Kathy King  
Opposed: Kate Marquez, Michael Fitzgerald  
Not Present: Barbara Headden, William Riggs  
Discussion: None.  
Public Comment: None.  
**Action: Motion failed.**

Trustee Al King asked for a record of vote from each member of the Board. A roll call vote was made and logged for the record.

#### **IV. BOARD DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- A. Board Discussion
  - i. Board Comment
    - None.

#### **V. NEXT MEETING**

- A. Regular Meeting Date: October 23, 2018.

#### **VI. ADJOURN**

**Chair Jensen adjourned the special meeting at 6:57 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Shannon Childs  
Klamath Community College  
Board of Education Secretary