

RESOLUTION  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF  
THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

WHEREAS Santa Barbara Community College is one of 114 publically funded Community Colleges in California;

WHEREAS the California Community College system was created to provide educational opportunities for residents of all ages and beliefs without discrimination against protected classes and with attention to the educational needs of the communities where they are located and to disadvantaged students residing there;

WHEREAS education through teaching and learning is the primary focus of the college, including, as a core principle the “free exchange of ideas across a diversity of learners” as well as the teaching of critical thinking and respectful discourse without political or ideological preference.

WHEREAS historically since at least 1959 the Pledge of Allegiance was not included at Board of Trustee meetings;

WHEREAS a request for a change to add the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of Board meetings was made by a local resident in July 2018, and thereafter the Pledge was added, and then later removed from the Board agenda without a discussion or decision by the full Board or further public input;

WHEREAS, since then Board members have received further comments from the campus, community members and others and the Board recognizes and acknowledges that differing views have been expressed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the agenda for the Governing Board of the Santa Barbara Community College District will include recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance unless and until a majority of the Board determines otherwise pursuant to an agenda item at a noticed public meeting after public comment; and

RESOLVED, that the Pledge of Allegiance is voluntary and no person attending the Board meeting is required to state the Pledge of Allegiance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

Ayes: Trustee Abboud, Trustee Croninger, Trustee Gallardo, Trustee Haslund, Trustee Miller,  
Trustee Nielsen, and Trustee Parker  
Concur: Student Trustee Igbechi



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Dr. Anthony E. Beebe  
Superintendent/President  
Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees