

Board Members

The San Mateo County Community College District is governed by a six member Board of Trustees, five elected at-large by County voters for four-year terms and one elected by students for a one-year term.

The Board governs one of the largest community college districts in the State of California. The Board generally holds public meetings at 6 pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the District's headquarters, 3401 CSM Drive, San Mateo, California.

Agendas for the meetings are posted several days in advance of the meeting or may be reviewed online or requested by phoning (650) 358-6753.



Maurice Goodman

Current Board President. Elected November 2015. Became the first African American to serve on the Board and, as a former student leader and product of the District, brings a unique perspective to the already progressive and student centered team. Is a father and husband and worked as a legal paraprofessional for nearly a decade prior to turning to a career in educational leadership and youth development. After completing degrees in Administration of Justice and Paralegal Studies at Skyline College, went on to California State University, East Bay and received a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Working as an educator, was elected to two terms of office on the South San Francisco Unified School District Board of Trustees and served as President twice. Volunteer experience includes work with the Red Cross, South San Francisco Host Lions Club, North San Mateo County Boys & Girls Club and Operation Genesis. Is a passionate advocate for all students, with a focus on the underserved students and families in our community. Term expires 2020.

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Richard Holober

Elected to the College Board in November 1997; served as Board President in 2002, 2008, 2011 and 2018. Former Trustee and President of the Millbrae School Board. Over three decades experience as a consumer and labor advocate. Current Executive Director, Consumer Federation of California. Authored or sponsored laws improving food and drug safety, protecting victims of financial fraud, and strengthening overtime pay. Wrote the Minimum Wage Initiative (Proposition 210) and managed the campaign that raised wages for 2 million low-income Californians. His work as a consumer advocate has been covered by scores of news media outlets, including the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, Bloomberg News, Forbes, Reuters, AP, Fox News and GQ. Served on Insurance Commissioner's Consumer Advisory Board, State Treasurer's NUMMI/Toyota Blue Ribbon Commission, California Department of Education's School to Career Curriculum Committee, California Community Colleges Vocational Education Plan Committee, Board of Trustees of the United Way of the Bay Area, Caltrain Citizens Advisory Committee, and San Mateo County Private Industry Council. Graduate of University of Rochester; attended graduate school at Cornell University. Resident of San Mateo. Term expires 2022.

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Dave Mandelkern

Elected to the Board in November, 2003; was Board President in 2006, 2012 and 2016. Also serves on the President's Council for Innovation at Skyline College. Is currently Chair of the California State Parks Foundation, and is also a Board member of the Beyond Barriers Athletic Foundation and the Quantum Leap Healthcare Collaborative at UC San Francisco. Was a member of the 1997 San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury and served on the San Mateo County Office of Education Internet Access Task Force. A retired Silicon Valley serial entrepreneur with more than 35 years of experience as founder, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Technology Officer of multiple startup companies. Built two publicly-held companies (online learning software pioneer Docent, Inc. and provider of real-time message-oriented middleware Talarian, Inc.) with a combined market cap in excess of \$1 billion. Honors include being named 2001 Silicon Valley Man of the Year by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Stanford University School of Engineering Terman Award, and USA Triathlon Century Club. Graduate of Stanford University with a Bachelor of Science degree (with distinction) and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Resident of Hillsborough. Term expires 2020.

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Elected to the Board in November, 2018. Term expires 2022.

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Karen Schwarz

Current Board Vice President-Clerk. Elected to the Board in November, 1995; has served five terms as President of the Board. Past President of the San Mateo County Colleges Educational Housing Corporation Board, overseeing operations of the College Vista and Cañada Vista residential communities for faculty and staff. Previously served as an elected member of the San Mateo County Board of Education (1988-1994) including two terms as Board President. Elected and appointed to several educational and community associations, including the San Mateo County School Boards Association (President, 2001-02), California State School Boards Association, California County Boards of Education, and League of Women Voters. Extensive PTA executive leadership experience; past President of South San Francisco PTA Council. Honors include: 2011 inductee into San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame, Soroptimists Distinguished Woman of the Year Award, and numerous South San Francisco Honorary Service Awards. Resident of San Mateo County for more than 40 years. Currently resides in Redwood City. An appointed member of the Redwood City Library Board; Board member of Broadway by the Bay Theatre Company; member of the Peninsula Hills Women's Club. Term expires 2020.

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