

RESOLUTION 19-20
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
MT. SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

AUTHORIZATION NEEDED TO TAKE ANY AND ALL
NECESSARY ACTIONS TO PREPARE AND RESPOND EFFECTIVELY
TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DECLARING
EMERGENCY CONDITIONS EXIST AT MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California declared a State of Emergency due to the outbreak and spread of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020, there are 335 cases reported of COVID-19 in California, 69 cases in Los Angeles County, and officials expect the number of cases to increase; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with various statutes and regulations would prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to prepare for and implement measures to respond to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to have the tools to ensure the health and safety of students, employees, and families in our campus communities; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to have the tools to protect student learning continues if student educational needs are to be conducted from alternate locations or virtual learning environments; and

WHEREAS, with the guidelines provided by Governor Newsom on March 15, 2020, it is imperative that employees be allowed to take a leave of absence due to being quarantined or staying home after recently returning from Level 3 countries, over 65, in a high-risk population, or needing to care for family, or sick from Coronavirus or illnesses with similar symptoms (e.g., cough, fever, shortness of breath) during this state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the protection of the health and safety and preservation of the lives and property of the people of the State from the effects of natural emergencies such as COVID-19 which may result in conditions of disaster or in extreme peril to life, property, and resources is of paramount State importance requiring the responsible efforts of public and private agencies and individual citizens, and all public employees required to serve as disaster service workers subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their superiors or by law under Government Code 3100; and

WHEREAS, Section 1102 of the Public Contract Code defines “emergency” to mean a “sudden, unexpected occurrence that poses a clear and imminent danger, requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services,” and 21060.3 of the Public Resources Code and California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines 14 CCR section 15269(c) defines “emergency” to mean “a sudden, unexpected occurrence, involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services. ‘Emergency’ includes such occurrences as fire, flood, earthquake, or other soil or geological movements, as well as such occurrences as riot, accident, or sabotage”; and

WHEREAS, under California Public Contract Code Section 20654, in an emergency when any repairs, alterations, work, or improvement is necessary to any facility of public schools to permit the continuance of existing school classes, or to avoid danger to life or property, the board may, by unanimous vote, with the approval of the county superintendent of schools during only the timeframe of this state of emergency do the following: make a contract in writing or otherwise on behalf the district for the performance of labor and furnishing of materials or supplies for the purpose without advertising for or inviting bid; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Mt. San Antonio Community College District:

(1) Determines that the circumstances described in the Resolution herein constitute an emergency condition; and

(2) Authorizes the President/CEO and/or his designee to take any and all actions necessary to ensure the continuation of public education, and the health and safety of the students and staff, including, but not limited to: the relocation of students and staff, provision of alternative educational program options, directing staff to serve as disaster service workers pursuant to Government Code 3100, and/or to make alterations, repairs or improvements to school property.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March 2020 by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

MT. SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By: _____
Laura Santos
President of the Board of Trustees
Mt. San Antonio Community College District

By: _____
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Clerk of the Board of Trustees
Mt. San Antonio Community College District