

District Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2026

Attendees: Don Mueller, Elmer Gomez, Liliana Cervantes, Chelsea Van Doornum, Christopher Dela Cruz, Hillary Mennella, Adrian Ayub, Diane Loera, Victoria Vaja

Meeting summary

The meeting focused on construction updates and campus safety concerns. Elmer provided detailed information on various construction projects, including the SSA building, Health Science Renovation, soccer field replacement, and upcoming developments like Falcon Square and the stadium complex. The committee approved last month's minutes with one correction to Chelsea's name. There was discussion about campus solicitors potentially disrupting student organizations' tabling events, with the committee agreeing to monitor the situation and take action if needed. The group also touched on immigration activities on campus and the recent federal court decision regarding immigration enforcement in places of worship. The next meeting was scheduled for March 18th, despite it falling during spring break.

Next steps

- Vaja: Send Mueller the highlighted correction for the meeting minutes regarding Chelsea's last name.
- Elmer: Look into the impact of construction equipment and parking around the softball and soccer fields and report back to Dela, especially in relation to the upcoming kickball game.
- Dela: Email Elmer closer to the event date to check on construction progress and potential parking impacts for the kickball game on the softball field.
- Elmer: Investigate which agency or entity is handling the traffic and crime impact analysis for the student housing project and report back to Adrian.
- Van: Share upcoming President's Hour dates with Mueller to coordinate event spacing and avoid interference from other groups.
- All participants: Contact Mueller or campus police immediately if aggressive or disruptive petitioners or outside groups are interfering with official campus events or chartered club activities, so staff can address the issue in real time.

Summary

Meeting Minutes and Construction Updates

The meeting was attended by a small number of participants due to scheduling conflicts, with Mueller noting that a quorum was not present. The group discussed the approval of meeting minutes, with Vaja pointing out a correction needed for a name reference. They agreed to postpone voting on the minutes until the next meeting. The agenda included updates on construction issues, parking reopening, access to SSA for photos,

furniture procurement, Johnson Controls' involvement with fire alarms in health sciences, and evacuation procedures, though these topics were not fully addressed due to the limited attendance.

Campus Construction Projects Status Update

Elmer provided updates on various construction projects across campus. The SSA building is at 87% completion with a move-in date set for November-December 2026. The Health Science Renovation Building is complete, though there are ongoing discussions about furniture ergonomics. The soccer field replacement project is at 8% completion with a July 2026 move-in date, though there are temporary restroom access issues. Several other projects were discussed including the Child Development Center expansion, Campus Safety Building, football stadium complex, and Falcon Square, with details provided on timelines, budgets, and interim housing arrangements. The conversation ended with questions about parking near the softball field and traffic/crime impact analyses for new developments, which Elmer agreed to investigate further.

Committee Minutes and Immigration Update

The committee approved last month's minutes with Chris moving to approve and Adrian seconding, while Diane abstained as she was not present at the previous meeting. The main agenda item, Micki Englund's suggestions, was postponed to the next meeting due to her absence, as she had to attend to a family pet's passing. There was no significant immigration activity reported on campus in the past month, though federal court ruled that immigration cannot enter places of worship, reversing a previous policy change that had worried schools and churches.

Sanctuary Campus Resolution Challenges

The meeting focused on sanctuary campus resolutions and concerns about aggressive petitioners on campus. Mueller explained that while the Faculty Senate previously passed a safe campus resolution, the student senate rescinded a broader sanctuary campus resolution due to concerns about its wording. The group discussed how to balance supporting undocumented students while avoiding federal attention, with Mueller noting they've removed sanctuary-related content from their website to avoid targeting. The discussion concluded with concerns about aggressive religious groups disrupting campus events, particularly during President's Hour, with the group agreeing to monitor and address these disruptions through proper channels.