

# LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 14, 2015  
Public Session 3:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles Valley College  
Monarch Hall – Campus Center Building  
5800 Fulton Avenue • Valley Glen, California 91401

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) was called to order at 3:36 p.m. with President Scott J. Svonkin presiding.

The following members were present: Mike Eng, Mona Field, Nancy Pearlman, and Scott J. Svonkin. Absent: Ernest H. Moreno (arrived at 3:38 p.m.) and Steve Veres (arrived at 3:38 p.m.). Student Trustee LaMont G. Jackson was present.

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez was present.

Student Trustee Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(Trustees Moreno and Veres arrived at 3:38 p.m.)

### **WELCOMING REMARKS BY ERIKA ENDRIJONAS, PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE**

President Svonkin introduced Dr. Erika A. Endrijonas, President, Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC).

Dr. Endrijonas welcomed everyone and introduced the following individuals from LAVC:

Mr. Joshua Miller, Academic Senate President; Dr. Larry Nakamura, AFT Chapter President; Ms. Cynthia Maddren, AFT Staff Chapter Chair; Ms. Mary John, Vice President, LACCD Chapter of SEIU Local 721; Mr. Marco Ledezma, Representative, Local 99; Mr. John Beckers, Representative, Building and Construction Trades Council; Dr. Annie Goldman, Representative, Teamsters Local 911; and Ms. Joanne Waddell, President, Los Angeles College Faculty Guild.

Dr. Endrijonas acknowledged and expressed her appreciation to the following individuals from LAVC who assisted in preparing for the Board meeting:

Mr. Mike Lee, Vice President, Administrative Services; Deputy Frank Velasco, Sheriff's Station; Mr. Tom Lopez, Director of College Facilities; Mr. Brian Everitt, Lead Custodian; Ms. Magdalena Lopez, Executive Assistant, President's Office; Ms. Francie Hurwit, Administrative Secretary, Student Services; and Mr. Hanh Tran, Manager, College Information Systems.

Dr. Endrijonas introduced the following administrators from LAVC:

Mr. Florentino Manzano, Vice President, Student Services; Ms. Michelle Fowles, Dean, Research and Planning; Dr. Deborah diCesare, Dean, Economic Development; Mr. Rudolph Besikof, Dean, Academic Affairs; and Dr. Laurie Nalepa, Dean, Academic Affairs.

(Trustee Field left at 3:43 p.m.)

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Veres, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting and Closed Session – November 5, 2014  
Regular Meeting and Closed Session – November 19, 2014  
Special Meeting – December 10, 2014

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*  
*APPROVED: 5 Ayes Absent: Trustee Field*

(Trustee Field returned at 3:45 p.m.)

### **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE RESOURCE TABLE**

Dr. Luis Dorado, President, California Teamsters Local 911; Ms. Mary John, Vice President, LACCD Chapter of SEIU Local 721; Mr. Ernesto Medrano, Council Representative, Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council; and Dr. Annie G. Reed, Executive Secretary, Teamsters Local 911, introduced themselves.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COLLEGE PRESIDENTS**

Mr. Marvin Martinez, President, East Los Angeles College (ELAC), announced that on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., ELAC will host a candidates forum for the Monterey Park City Council. He indicated that the forum will be cosponsored by the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce, the Pasadena Star News, and ELAC.

Mr. Martinez announced that an art exhibition entitled "Estampas de la Raza: Contemporary Prints from the Romo Collection" will be held in the Vincent Price Art Museum starting on February 7, 2015. He indicated that the artwork is from a collection owned by Dr. Ricardo Romo, President, University of Texas, San Antonio, and his wife, Dr. Harriet Romo. He distributed a flyer regarding this exhibit and two other exhibits that will be opening on January 24, 2015.

Ms. Renee D. Martinez, President, Los Angeles City College (LACC), announced that the LACC Theatre Group has been invited to participate in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, which will be held on February 10-14, 2015 in St. George, Utah.

Dr. Linda D. Rose, President, Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC), reported that the Lecture Lab building at LASC has been completely demolished.

Mr. Laurence B. Frank, President, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC), announced that the LATTC Veterans Apprenticeship Preparation Program has achieved 72 percent placement in its first cohort class. He expressed his appreciation to the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council and Build—LACCD for their support.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS**

### Oral Presentations

President Svonkin read the cautionary language for speakers and their personal responsibility and, potentially, personal liability for defamatory remarks.

President Svonkin entertained a motion to allocate four minutes each for the speakers regarding Com. No. BSD1. Ratifications for Business Services Item H. with respect to items related to food services at Los Angeles Pierce College (LAPC).

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Veres, to allocate four minutes per speaker.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: No (Jackson)*  
*APPROVED: 5 Ayes (Eng, Field, Moreno, Svonkin, Veres)*  
*1 No (Pearlman)*

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding Com. No. BSD1. Item H. Agreement Numbers 4500195501, 4500195539, 4500198637, and 4500198641 as they relate to requests to extend agreements to sell food and refreshments at LAPC:

Mr. Ali Asghar, Mr. David Do, Ms. Roxanne Kemrati, Mr. Michael McGee, and Mrs. Barbara Lombroso.

Chancellor Rodriguez indicated that the four agreements would provide temporary vendor support but are not long-term solutions to the need for convenient and affordable food services for students, faculty, and staff.

For the record, President Svonkin indicated that at the Board meeting of December 3, 2014, a food services contract for LAPC was not approved by the Board.

Mr. Dennis Washburn addressed the Board regarding President Obama's two-year free community college initiative.

Mr. James Gooden addressed the Board regarding the closure of the LATTC Library and the impact this will have on students requiring tutoring and other services.

President Svonkin requested that Chancellor Rodriguez provide the Board with information with respect to the hours of operation for each of the nine College Libraries.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding the status of the Pierce Farm Center:

Mr. Robert McBroom, Ms. Cathy McBroom, and Ms. Barbara Oliver

A packet of petitions to save the Pierce Farm Center was distributed.

Mr. Glenn Bailey addressed the Board regarding the importance of early notification with respect to special Board meetings, the need to publicize the LACCD enrollment objectives to the community, and the Pierce Farm Center.

Proposed Actions

None.

**REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – MULTIPLE AGENDA MATTERS**

None.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD**

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Trustee Eng reported on the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee meeting.

Trustee Moreno reported on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting.

Student Trustee Jackson reported that the next Student Affairs Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at Los Angeles City Hall. He indicated that Board of Trustees candidates forums are being planned at LAMC, ELAC, LAHC, LASC, and LATTC during the last week of January 2015.

Proposed Actions

The following action items, considered as a part as if fully set forth hereto and certified copies of which will be on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees, were presented by the Board of Trustees and action taken as indicated.

Com. No. BT1. Resolution – District Classified Employees Retirement

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to adopt Com. No. BT1. as follows:

WHEREAS, The classified employees identified below have been employed with the Los Angeles Community College District for many years; and

WHEREAS, The classified employees have contributed significantly toward providing the highest quality of services to our students and the public on behalf of the Los Angeles Community College District; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Personnel Commission and the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District do hereby commend the employees for their contributions and extend best wishes in their retirement.

SUMMARY OF RETIRED CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>
Viramontes	Magdaleno	Instructional Assistant – CAOT	36	Trade-Tech	11/24/2014
Holmes	Pamela	Bookstore Buyer	12	Pierce	11/29/2014

*ADOPTED: 6 Ayes*

Com. No. BT2. Conference Attendance Authorization

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to adopt Com. No. BT2.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*

*ADOPTED: 5 Ayes (Field, Moreno, Pearlman, Svonkin, Veres)  
1 Abstention (Eng)*

Com. No. BT3. Resolution – Reappointment of Personnel Commissioner

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to adopt Com. No. BT3. as follows:

WHEREAS, The term of office for Commissioner Henry Jones expired on November 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with the Board’s goals to conduct business in an open and transparent manner and to always identify the best available candidate for District service, an open selection process was conducted which included the interview of four applicants by an interview panel composed of constituent group representatives followed by an interview of the recommended candidate by the Chancellor and President of the Board; and

WHEREAS, It is the recommendation of both panels that Mr. Jones be reappointed to a third term; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is uniquely qualified for service as a Personnel Commissioner of the Los Angeles Community College District, having cultivated financial and business management skills while serving as: Chief Financial Officer of the Los Angeles Unified School District, following his tenures as Budget Director and Deputy Budget Director; Business Development Executive for IBM Business Consulting Services and Principal Consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers in the National K-12 Education practice; retiree representative on the CalPERS Board of Administration; and the Treasurer for the National Council of Institutional Investors (over \$1 Trillion invested), the Chief Executive Officer of the Annuity Reserve Fund Board, and board member of the Los Angeles Schools Federal Credit Union; and

- WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has served the Los Angeles Community College District as a Personnel Commissioner since August 24, 2007, where he has been instrumental in implementing changes and improvements in Personnel Commission operations which incorporate merit principles, sound business practice, and the interests of the District and classified employees; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has gained the respect and support of District administration, employees, union leadership and staff in carrying out the role of Personnel Commissioner; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees, Los Angeles Community College District does hereby announce its decision to recommend to the State Chancellor of the California Community Colleges the reappointment of Mr. Jones to serve as Personnel Commissioner.

Ms. Velma Butler, President, AFT College Staff Guild, Local 1521A, indicated that the AFT College Staff Guild endorsed Mr. Jones as Personnel Commissioner. She inquired if there could be a meeting between the AFT College Staff Guild and the Board of Trustees for the purpose of discussing the Personnel Commissioner interview process.

President Svonkin indicated that this could be done during a Committee of the Whole meeting.

*ADOPTED: 6 Ayes*

## **REPORTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR AND COLLEGE PRESIDENTS**

### Reports from the Chancellor Regarding Activities or Pending Issues in the District

Chancellor Rodriguez expressed his appreciation to the LAVC staff, faculty, and administrators for their hospitality. He stated that groundbreaking ceremonies were held prior to the Board meeting for the Gateway Project and the Athletic Training Facility. He further announced that on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room, the LACCD will host a Board of Trustees candidates information session, which will be open to the public.

- Los Angeles Valley College's Newly Developed Foster Youth Program

Chancellor Rodriguez introduced Dr. Endrijonas who in turn introduced Dr. Sheri Rodriguez, Associate Dean, EOPS/CARE, LAVC, and Mr. Alex Ojeda, Guardian Scholars Coordinator, LAVC.

A document entitled "Guardian Scholars Services for Foster Youth" was distributed.

Dr. Rodriguez gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the document with respect to four foster youths—Molly, Javier, Allie, and Tanya—who are participating in this program; the goal and strategy of the program; planning year activities in 2014; and implementation year activities in 2015.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the presentation.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Matters Requiring a Majority Vote**

President Svonkin indicated that he had been informed by staff that Com. No. BF2. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Additional General Obligation Refunding Bonds would be separated for the vote.

President Svonkin requested that Board members identify agenda items about which they had questions.

Trustee Pearlman requested that Com. No. BSD2. Roman Numeral II. Items B. and C. be separated for the vote.

Motion by Trustee Moreno, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt the Consent Calendar on Matters Requiring a Majority Vote with the exception of Com. No. BF2. and Com. No. BSD2. Roman Numeral II. Items B. and C.

Com. No. BF1. Budget Revisions and Appropriation Transfers

Com. No. BSD1. Ratifications for Business Services

Com. No. BSD2. Business Services Routine Report with the Exception of Roman Numeral II. Items B. and C.

Com. No. FPD1. Facilities Planning and Development Routine Report

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions

Com. No. ISD1. Approve New Educational Programs and Courses

Com. No. ISD2. Approve New Community Services Offerings

Com. No. ISD3. Approve Out-of-State Student Travel

Com. No. PC1. Personnel Commission Actions

Correspondence

The Student Trustee's vote did not apply to HRD1., ISD3., PC1., and the Correspondence.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)  
ADOPTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COM. NO. BF2. AND COM. NO. BSD2.  
ROMAN NUMERAL II. ITEMS B. AND C.: 6 Ayes*

Com. No. BF2. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Additional General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Motion by Trustee Moreno, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt Com. No. BF2.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)  
ADOPTED: 6 Ayes*

Com. No. BSD2. Business Services Routine Report Roman Numeral II. Ratify Service Agreements Items B. and C.

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Veres, to adopt Com. No. BSD2. Roman Numeral II. Items B. and C.

With respect to Roman Numeral II. Item B. as it relates to amendments to renew agreements for attorney services for the building program, Trustee Pearlman expressed her concern regarding the high hourly rates for these services.

Ms. Camille Goulet, General Counsel, indicated that the quoted range of \$250 to \$750 per hour for public agencies is consistent with her experience. She stated that the rates for finance counsel are among the most expensive because this is a highly specialized area.

With respect to Roman Numeral II. Item C. as it relates to an amendment to an agreement with ADP Benefit Services Kentucky, Inc. assignee of SHPS Human Resources Solutions, Inc. to provide third party administration of the District Flexible Spending Account and Health Reimbursement Account, Trustee Pearlman expressed her concern that this firm is difficult to work with in terms of the reimbursement process.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*  
*ADOPTED: 5 Ayes (Eng, Field, Moreno, Svonkin, Veres)*  
*1 No (Pearlman)*

**Matters Requiring a Super Majority Vote**

None.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHANCELLOR**

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There being no objection, President Svonkin took out of order Com. Nos. HRD3. and HRD2.

Com. No. HRD3. Approval of Agreement Between the Los Angeles Community College District and the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to adopt Com. No. HRD3.

*ADOPTED: 6 Ayes*

A signing ceremony was conducted for this agreement.

Com. No. HRD2. Approval of Agreement Between the Los Angeles Community College District and the Service Employees International Union, Local 99

Motion by Trustee Veres, seconded by Trustee Eng, to adopt Com. No. HRD2.

Trustee Field indicated that the Board members received a letter from the Personnel Commission on January 13, 2015, which makes a statement that the Personnel Commission does not wish to interfere with the District's negotiation conclusions.



Chancellor Rodriguez indicated that there were conversations with the Personnel Commission and concerns were outlined. He stated that the Board did not receive a formal document regarding these concerns until January 13, 2015 even though it was requested before the holidays. He indicated that the areas of concern in the letter were expressed to District staff and to SEIU Local 99. He indicated that the concerns have been resolved and that the contract agreement with SEIU Local 99 can be implemented as stated.

Ms. Karen Martin, Director, Personnel Commission, apologized for the lateness of the Board members receiving the letter.

Trustee Field inquired if the Personnel Commission still needs to meet with the Chancellor or Board leadership.

Ms. Martin responded that the Personnel Commission would like to have a meeting with Chancellor Rodriguez, President Svonkin, and anyone else who would like to attend. She indicated that not all of the issues identified in the letter have been resolved.

Trustee Field inquired if a meeting would need to be conducted even if the Board approves the agreement.

Chancellor Rodriguez responded that he would work with the Personnel Commission to ensure the full implementation of the agreement and to address any issues that might be raised.

Ms. Martin outlined the concerns discussed in the letter with respect to internal relationships and the salary structure in the classified service. She requested that the Board not approve this agreement before the requested meeting is conducted.

There was discussion regarding the negotiations process, the issue of internal relationships, and the salary structure issue.

Ms. Diva Sanchez addressed the Board regarding the SEIU Local 99 collective bargaining agreement.

*ADOPTED: 4 Ayes (Eng, Field, Svonkin, Veres)  
2 Abstentions (Moreno, Pearlman)*

A signing ceremony was conducted for this agreement.

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Com. No. CH1. Approve Placement of a Plaque on the Los Angeles Pierce College Weather Station in the Memory of William "Bill" Russell

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Pearlman, to adopt Com. No. CH1.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*

*ADOPTED: 6 Ayes*

Com. No. CH2. Revise Chapter VII, Article VIII of the Board Rules

Dr. Adriana D. Barrera, Deputy Chancellor, noted that Com. CH2. Had been withdrawn.

**Withdrawn.**

## **NOTICE REPORTS AND INFORMATIVES**

None.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INDICATIONS OF FUTURE PROPOSED ACTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Pearlman requested that the Board meeting be adjourned in honor of the people who were killed in Paris, France and that the college communities be notified that the Board of Trustees believes in free speech.

Student Trustee Jackson requested that the Board meeting also be adjourned in honor of the people in Nigeria.

President Svonkin indicated that these requests would be noted.

President Svonkin announced that the Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Safety and Emergency Preparedness (Blue Ribbon Committee) will conduct a meeting on January 21, 2015.

## **REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA MATTERS**

None.

## **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

President Svonkin indicated that the Board will also be discussing the case of LACCD v. Eleanor Walker in Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9.

There being no objection, the regular meeting recessed to Closed Session in accordance with The Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code sections 54950 et seq., and the Education Code to discuss the matters on the posted Closed Session agenda pursuant to Government Code section 54954.5 (see Attachment A).

The regular meeting recessed to Closed Session at 6:08 p.m.

(Student Trustee Jackson left the meeting at 6:09 p.m.)

## **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the LACCD reconvened at 7:29 p.m. with President Scott J. Svonkin presiding.

The Board members were present with the exception of Student Trustee Jackson.

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez was present.

## **REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION – JANUARY 14, 2015**

President Svonkin indicated that The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that certain matters be reported after closed session during the public session that follows.

He stated that with regard to the R&J Sheet Metal case and related cases, the Board of Trustees accepted a settlement for slightly more than \$1.6 million and that a copy of the agreement may be obtained from the General Counsel. The vote was five in favor with Trustee Moreno voting no.

The Board took no further actions required to be reported.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no objection, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. in honor of the Paris victims and people in Nigeria.

FRANCISCO C. RODRIGUEZ  
Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By: Laurie Green  
Laurie Green  
Assistant Secretary to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Scott J. Svonkin  
Scott J. Svonkin  
President of the Board

Date February 11, 2015



# Board of Trustees

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
770 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90017 213/891-2000

## AGENDA

### ATTACHMENT A

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

**Los Angeles Valley College  
Campus Center, Room 104  
5800 Fulton Avenue  
Valley Glen, CA 91401**

- I. **Conference with Labor Negotiator**  
(pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6)
  - A. District Negotiators: Albert Román  
Adriana D. Barrera  
  
Employee Units: All Classified employees
  - B. District Negotiators: Albert Román  
Adriana D. Barrera  
  
Employee Unit: Clerical/Technical – Local 1521A
- II. **Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Charges/Complaints**  
(pursuant to Government Code section 54957)
- III. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation**  
(pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)
  - A. *Sylvester Carr v. LACCD*
  - B. *Julian Camacho v. LACCD*
  - C. *Carlos Perez v. LACCD*
  - D. *Delicia Mosley v. LACCD, et al.*
  - E. *State of California v. BP America Production Company*

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*F. Rhonda Guess v. LACCD*

*G. Laronda Davison v. LACCD*

*H. Ronald Vaught v. LACCD*

*I. LACCD v. Roosevelt Lofts*

*J. R&J Sheet Metal v. Woodcliff Corp., LACCD, et al.*

*K. Cruz Prado & Associates, Inc., dba CP Systems v. Pankow Special Projects, LP, Federal Insurance Co., LACCD, et al.*