The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) was called to order at 2:11 p.m. with President Sydney K. Kamlager presiding.

The following members were present: Gabriel Buelna, Mike Fong, Andra Hoffman, Ernest H. Moreno, Scott J. Svonkin, and Steven F. Veres. Student Trustee Christopher Martinez was not present.

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez was present.

**FLAG SALUTE**

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

President Kamlager indicated that, without objection, the Board meeting would be adjourned in memory of Mr. William Ralph Judge, an employee at Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC), who tragically and unexpectedly lost his life on August 29, 2017.

President Kamlager stated that celebrations were held over the Labor Day weekend honoring the contributions of friends and family members of all colors and ancestry who built the labor movement. Next, we dealt with the decision by Donald Trump to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). This decision announced by Attorney General Jeff Session is cruel and unconscientious. She discussed the importance of leadership now more than ever. "We are entering into unsettling times." She urged the District, faculty, administrators, staff, and student activists to be all the more compassionate and thoughtful in our interactions with each other. She announced that the Chancellor Rodriguez will be reporting on the Los Angeles Community College District's (LACCD) actions in response to DACA being rescinded and the resurrection of the Student Task Force.
Welcome Remarks by Marvin R. Martinez, President, East Los Angeles College

President Kamlager introduced Mr. Marvin R. Martinez, President, East Los Angeles College (ELAC).

Mr. Marvin R. Martinez, President, East Los Angeles College, welcomed everyone to the College. He acknowledged all of the individuals from ELAC. He expressed his appreciation to Ms. Olga Barnes, Executive Assistant to the President, for forty-five years of services at the LACCD. He announced that she will be retiring in December 2017. He stated that she represents ELAC’s spirit and is an amazing lady.

The Board members acknowledged Ms. Barnes and thanked her for all her years of service at the LACCD and wished her a happy retirement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE RESOURCE TABLE

The following individuals reported from the Resource Table:

Ms. Joanne Waddell, President, Los Angeles College Faculty Guild, Local 1521; Ms. Velma Butler, President, AFT College Staff Guild, Local 1521A; Dr. Angela C. Echeverri, President, District Academic Senate (DAS); and Mr. Oscar Cruz, ASU, President, ELAC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

Dr. Otto W. K. Lee, President, Los Angeles Harbor College (LAHC), announced that the Inaugural Pacific Islander Leaders of Tomorrow had a week long institute. He indicated that this was a result of the Asian and Pacific Islander Advisory Committee that was convened by Trustees Mike Eng and Mike Fong with Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez. He extended an invitation to the Board members to attend the Annual Hall of Fame dinner being held on Friday, September 11, 2017 to honor student athletics returning to LAHC. He also announced LAHC is working with a number of local communities to help with the relief efforts of Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Martinez, President, ELAC, announced a partnership that has been established between ELAC, the Vincent Price Art Museum, and the Smithsonian Office of fellowships and internships. He introduced Ms. Pilar Tompkins Rivas, Director of Vincent Price Art Museum.
Trustee Gabriel Buelna stated that he has worked separately from the LACCD on museum issues. He offered his services to volunteer at the Vincent Price Art Museum and for the internships.

President Kamlager stated that museum studies are an important part of East Los Angeles College given that most times when people of color are seen in museum settings, it is as janitorial or security staff rather than curatorial, a trend we hope to curtail with the ELAC museum studies program.

Ms. Reneé D. Martinez, President, Los Angeles City College (LACC), announced that this evening at 7:00 p.m. LACC is hosting the Rodney Dangerfield Institute, Back to School: The Live Stage Reading starring Brad Garrett (Everybody Loves Raymond). She also announced that September 22-28, 2017 LACC is celebrating constitutional week. There will be activities during this week celebrating constitutional rights.

Dr. Erika A. Endrijonas, President, Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC), announced that Friday, September 8, 2017 Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, Chancellor Eloy Oakley of the California Community College, President Kamlager, Vice President Mike Fong, and Chancellor Rodriguez would be attending the official opening of the Workforce Strategy Center, a partnership with the City of Los Angeles. She also announced that the Math and Science Upward Bound grant was funded for the next five years for a total of $1.3 million.

Mr. Laurence B. Frank, President, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC), announced that Tuesday, September 5, 2017 was the official launch of LATTC Resource Center. He thanked President Kamlager for joining the event.

Dr. Denise F. Noldon, Interim President, Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC), announced that on Monday, September 11, 2017 the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) is launching the Hire LAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program in partnership with LATTC and LASC. The Hire LAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program will prepare diverse participants for rewarding careers in the construction industry while helping to fill the region’s ongoing need for skilled labor. She also announced that on Friday, September 15, 2017 the 50th Anniversary Archive Showcase will be held at the Atrium of the Administrative Annex Building. She also announced the LASC’s 50th Anniversary Gala being held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at the Millennium Biltmore hotel, 506 South Grand Avenue, Downtown Los Angeles, 90071.

Mr. Daniel Villanueva, Vice President, Administrative Services, Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC), on behalf of Dr. Monte Perez, President, LAMC, announced that on August 28, 2017 LAMC received occupancy for the Arts and Media Performance building. He also announced that LAMC had a fund raiser where Dr. Monte Perez was in a dunk tank which raised $350.00.
Ms. Iris Ingram, Vice President, Administrative Services, West Los Angeles College (WLAC), on behalf of Dr. James Limbaugh, President, WLAC, indicated that today there was an **open mic session** where students engage in a peaceful exercise of their first amendment right of free speech. She stated that the food pantry reopened this week to service food insecure students. She announced that on September 31, 2017 WLAC will be holding an Art Exhibit of recently acquired art from local prominent donors.

**PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS**

**Oral Presentations**

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

Scheduled speaker Ms. Frida Alexander was not present.

Mr. Durrell Johnson indicated that he is the first legally blind student body officer to serve LATTC. Ms. Tarita Whitley read his comments to the Board regarding the lack of disabled student services at LATTC and that the Board issues need to be handled privately and not during the public’s time.

Ms. Tarita Whitely addressed the Board regarding various concerns with respect to the lack of student success at LATTC and issues with UMOJA.

Mr. James Gooden addressed the Board regarding various issues involving the LATTC administration.

Mr. Leon Hasson addressed the Board regarding the exemption of Falafelicious from RFP 1609.

Ms. Suzane Bricker addressed the Board regarding an “Instructor’s Handbook for Teaching Military Students.”

President Kamplager entertained a motion to allocate two minutes each for the speakers regarding multiple non-agenda items.

Motion by Trustee Moreno, seconded by Trustee Buelna, to allocate two minutes per speaker.

**Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Martinez)**

**APPROVED:** 4 Ayes (Buelna, Moreno, Svonkin, Veres)

3 Noes (Fong, Hoffman, Kamplager)

Mr. John McDowell addressed the Board regarding the enrollment crisis and the problems with the Student Information System (SIS) while registering for classes.
Mr. William Elarton-Selig addressed the Board regarding the healthcare benefits for employee units in the LACCD, College Faculty Guild, AFT 1521, and adjunct faculty members.

The following individuals urged the Board to support the reinstatement of the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA):

Ms. Brigette Thompson, Ms. Monica Thurston, Ms. Kellee Davis, Ms. Guadalupe Garcia, Mr. John Nunez, Mr. Steve Wardinski, Ms. Gail Price, Mr. Fernando Oles, Mr. Julio Isuha, Ms. Grace Chee, Mr. Zack Knorr, and Ms. Ruby Christian-Roughen.

Ms. Regina Vazquez addressed the Board regarding the hardship for students with the new student fee policy to pay tuition fees within six weeks.

Ms. Myla Rahman addressed the Board regarding her concern that the Girls Academic Leadership Academy (GALA) has a dual concurrent enrollment agreement with WLAC to have an instructor teach one class Tuesday evenings but the instructor has not showed up to teach the class.

Trustee Hoffman requested that the coordinator’s name and contact information be provided to the Chancellor so that staff can follow up on this issue.

Mr. Ernesto Yanes-Arnold addressed the Board regarding various issues with respect to Foster Care, Homelessness, and the LATTC administration.

Ms. Myriah Smiley addressed the Board regarding various issues concerning homelessness, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) Student Information System (SISz0, student services, and the LATTC administration.

Mr. Christopher “Teddy” Mundy addressed the Board regarding various issues concerning foster youth services, homelessness, and the LATTC administration.

Mr. Gideon Boakye addressed the Board regarding student success.

Mr. Paul De La Cerda addressed the Board regarding ELAC Foundation “Transform a Life Campaign.”

Proposed Actions

None.

RECESS

There being no objection, the regular meeting recessed for a break at 4:13 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Minutes – Regular Meeting 9/6/17 2:00 p.m.
The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the LACCD reconvened at 4:33 p.m.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Trustee Fong reported on the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee meeting of August 23, 2017.
Trustee Hoffman reported on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting of August 23, 2017.

Trustee Moreno reported on the Facilities Master Planning & Oversight Committee meeting of August 23, 2017.

Trustee Veres reported on the Institutional Effectiveness & Student Success Committee meeting of August 23, 2017.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – MULTIPLE AGENDA MATTERS

The following individuals addressed the Board in support of Com. No. BT3. Adopt a Resolution Initiating a Motion to Sanction Trustee Scott J. Svonkin:

    Ms. Judith Hirshberg and Ms. Joanna Saporito,

The following individuals addressed the Board in support of Trustee Svonkin (BT3A.)

    Mrs. Paula Svonkin and Ms. Jeanine Svonkin

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD

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 Svonkin, 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 contribute 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 recognize the employees for this service and extend best wishes in their retirement.

Sydney K. Kamlager, President  
Board Of Trustees  

David Iwata, Chair  
Personnel Commission

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**ADOPTED:** 7 Ayes

Com. No. BT2. Board Travel Authorizations

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

**ADOPTED:** 7 Ayes

(President Kamlager) “Now onto BT3. I want to re-state that on July 12, 2017 the Ad Hoc Committee was created and charged by this body with investigating allegations of inappropriate conduct by one Board member towards another and to make recommendations for resolving those allegations. While the Ad Hoc Committee has met it has yet to fully act on its charge. If the motion to discharge the Ad Hoc Committee is passed that would once again bring before us the original motion to address the allegations. In the interest of advancing this Board’s primary responsibility of deliberating and acting upon issues of policy for the benefit of higher education., The students and the faculty and staff who count on us, maybe now more than ever to make these issues our priority.”

The Chair (President Kamlager) will entertain a motion to discharge the Ad Hoc Committee.”

Minutes – Regular Meeting  
-7-  
9/6/17  
2:00 p.m.
Motion by Trustee Kamlager, seconded by Trustee Buelna, to discharge the Ad Hoc Committee.

APPROVED: 6 Ayes; 1 No (Svonkin)
Student Trustee Martinez: Aye

“Student Trustee Advisory Board Member Martinez: YES; Trustee Buelna: YES; Trustee Fong: YES; Trustee Hoffman: YES; Trustee Kamlager: YES; Trustee Moreno: YES; Trustee Svonkin: NO; Trustee Veres: YES”

President Kamlager: “That Motion passes so, now that that has passed the item BT3 is before us. Is there a Motion?”

Trustee Hoffman: “So I move to approve a Motion to sanction Trustee Scott J. Svonkin. Is there a second?”

Com. No. BT3. Adopt a Resolution Initiating A Motion to Sanction Trustee Scott J. Svonkin

Trustee Hoffman stated. "I just want to reiterate for my colleagues and everyone in this room and for Mr. Svonkin’s family that this was not an argument between two trustees. Trustee Svonkin threatened me during a public board meeting while we were having a break. He cornered me in my chair as I stood up and the Chancellor had to remove him from me, so I just want to make that perfectly clear that this was not an argument between two trustees. We had a speaker talk about work place violence. I followed the policy that is dictated to me as a Board member, as our Board policy states. This is the only way that I knew how to handle this situation. I'm not looking to do anything other than to protect myself, to protect this District, and to protect this Board so that we treat each other with civility, so that we remember that we are elected officials, that the public has elected us to do a job and we need to do that job to the best of our ability. We need to have the freedom to be able to vote on issues that our conscience dictates how we should vote. And If we disagree that is okay...it is okay to disagree, it is not okay to threaten a colleague, it is not okay to bully a colleague. It is not okay to make a colleague afraid to vote a certain way on a certain item, and for that reason we have a code of conduct and my statement is that Trustee Svonkin violated our ethical code of conduct. I responded in the only way I that knew how, which was to follow our Board policies. So, this is the statement I have to make now. Thank you.”

President Kamlager: “I also want to state, that in the event that BT3 does not pass, the Chair will entertain a motion to issue a public warning, which would go on record to Board Member Svonkin and have Trustee Svonkin publicly apologize for incidents of aggressive and insensitive and or unwelcome behavior during interactions with Board member Hoffman.”

Trustee Buelna stated that he was not a trustee when this happened. "But the reality is that I am also a faculty member, I'm an employer, a father of three
females, and my wife too. I think that it is important that when dealing with workplace violence against women, especially as males, we have to set a good example and a higher example, and set the standards. The next generation is watching how we behave, how we talk, and it may be painful at times—so I think dealing with this issue like Trustee Veres said to Student Trustee Martinez—whatever decision you make you have the right to make it, no one is going to be upset at you either way, the fact is you make that decision as a student trustee, whether students are angry at you or not, it is your right. I am going to reiterate we have to send a message. We all made mistakes in life, each and every one of us, it is how we handle them and how we move through them. Like President Frank said “how we organize and set an example.” We are elected by the public. We are not governed internally by the LACCD, which means we are susceptible to the voters, to the courts, and to the Attorney General. We all have to pay attention to that reality and how it affects all of the District. Thank you.”


Motion by Trustee Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Buelna, to approve Com. No. BT3. Adopt A Resolution Initiating A Motion to Sanction Trustee Scott J. Svonkin as follows:

RESOLUTION – INITIATING A MOTION TO SANCTION AGAINST TRUSTEE, SCOTT J. SVONKIN

The following resolution is presented by Board Member Hoffman:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District consists of seven members elected at large and one Student Representative selected by the associated student organizations. In the performance of their governance responsibilities, individual members of the Board shall adhere to the following principles: trustworthiness, honesty, reliability, loyalty and respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship and integrity; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees will adhere to a “Statement of Ethical Values” included herein:

The Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District endorses the following statement of ethical values, and asks each member of the Board to commit to adhering to these values:

Trustworthiness. As a Trustee, I will strive to earn the trust of others. Being trustworthy requires honesty, integrity, reliability, and loyalty.
Honesty: I will be sincere, truthful, and straightforward.

Reliability: I will keep my promises.

Loyalty: I will promote and protect the interests of the District and its colleges.

Respect. As a Trustee I will treat others with respect, even in disagreement, and do my best to earn the respect of others. Being respectful requires civility and courtesy, as well as tolerance for legitimate differences and a willingness to acknowledge that reasonable people can respectfully hold divergent views.

Responsibility. As a Trustee I am willing to make decisions and choices and I will be accountable for them. I will do the best I can by being careful, prepared, and informed. I will finish tasks that I have promised to do. I will lead by example.

Fairness. As a Trustee, I will use open and impartial processes for gathering and evaluating information so that those who disagree with a decision can understand how it was made. I will avoid favoritism or prejudice.

Caring. As a Trustee, I am genuinely concerned about the welfare of others. As public officials, we care about the common good and welfare of the communities and constituencies we serve.

Citizenship. As a Trustee, I will obey the Law, contribute to the community through service and leadership, advocate for the common good and the welfare of the communities we serve, and act in ways that manifest concern for the environment.

Integrity. As a Trustee, I will conform to the provisions of the Education Code as they relate to the award of contracts and employment. I will be consistent in decision-making and behavior and base decisions on a core set of values.

WHEREAS, Trustee Scott J. Svonkin on March 8, 2017 at a closed session meeting at West Los Angeles College yelled at me in a threatening manner claiming I was staring at him and if I did
not stop I would be dismissed from the room if I continued; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Scott J. Svonkin threatened me after I made comments related to a board resolution during a public board meeting on June 7, 2017 where his behavior frightened and intimidated me when he physically came close to me, raised his voice and shook his finger at me; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Scott J. Svonkin approached me at my seat on the dais on a break during the public board meeting on June 7, 2017 where he again stood over me and began verbally harassing and threatening me by stating that I just made the biggest mistake of my political career and he would make sure that I will never be elected to public office again; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Scott J. Svonkin engaged in such intimidating behavior in front of Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez this caused the Chancellor to remind Trustee Svonkin that we were in public and cease his behavior; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Scott J. Svonkin has threatened to call “every union” and tell “everyone” that supported me that I voted against the bond and they should never support me for public office again; and

WHEREAS, Beginning from the period of November 3, 2015 to the present, Trustee Scott J. Svonkin, has had a pattern of harassment including a history of voice mails and text messages, which I have saved and submit as evidence of his contempt, anger, hatred, and disdain toward me as he continually reminds me that I did not vote for him for Board President; and

WHEREAS, I have observed in many circumstances his abusive conduct and dismissive behavior towards women on this board and in this district, including students who have come before the board to speak, and I feel extremely uncomfortable in his presence and he makes me afraid to perform my duties as an elected official and a member of the board of trustees for the Los Angeles Community College District for fear that he will attack me or use intimidation tactics to silence my opinion, vote, and/or voice; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Scott J. Svonkin does not consistently exhibit respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship or integrity; and
WHEREAS, Trustee Scott J. Svonkin does not adhere to the Statement of Ethical Values or the Ethical Code of Conduct, and because of his aggressive and threatening behavior towards me personally, I am very afraid; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Scott J. Svonkin violated the Statement of Ethical Values identified in Board Rule 2300.10 in threatening and disrespecting me and ignoring the requirements of civility and courtesy by the value of “Respect” in the Statement of Ethical Values as set forth as the following:

“As a trustee I will treat others with respect, even in disagreement, and do my best to earn the respect of others. Being respectful requires civility and courtesy, as well as tolerance for legitimate differences and a willingness to acknowledge that reasonable people can respectfully hold divergent views”; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Scott J. Svonkin violated the Standards of Conduct on Campus by exhibiting threatening behavior defined by Board Rule 9803.24 which states:

“A direct or implied expression of intent to inflict physical, mental or emotional harm and/or actions, such as stalking, which a reasonable person would perceive as a threat to personal safety or property. Threats may include verbal statement, written statements, telephone threats or physical threats”; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby adopts a motion to initiate sanctions against Trustee Scott J. Svonkin in accordance with the provisions of Board Rules, Chapter II, Article III, Section 2300.11.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Abstention (Martinez)

FAILED: 3 Ayes (Buelna, Hoffman, Veres)
3 Noes (Kamlager, Moreno, Svonkin)
1 Abstention (Fong)

President Kamlager: “That item does not pass. The Chair will now entertain the motion, to issue a public warning to Board Member Svonkin and to have Trustee Svonkin publicly apologize for incidents of aggressive, insensitive and/or unwelcome behavior during interactions with Board Member Hoffman. Is there a second for this Motion?”

Trustee Moreno: “Second.”
President Kamlager: “Any discussion?”

President Kamlager: “Mr. Svonkin, in as much as this Motion is repudiation on your past behavior, do you have anything you would like to say?”

Trustee Stonking stated: “I do. A lot has been said about me about the interaction I had with my fellow trustees, Trustee Ms. Hoffman. Before I begin my comments, I’m not the best speaker, but I want to thank all the students who have come out, Faculty and staff. And the labor unions who have defended me. Even those who have criticized me. As a public official, you take an oath of office, and you put yourself out there. And people have a right to say whatever they want, whether it’s true or not. But everybody’s entitled to their opinion. But I want to apologize. I want to be really clear with my apology.” “I want to state for the record that, upon having heard the repeated statements of Board member Hoffman and upon reflection—folks, I don’t apologize often or lightly, it is not in my DNA— I now realize that in my passion for advocacy on this Board for our students and taxpayers, it is apparent to me that I have, by either word, tone, demeanor, that I have expressed myself in a way that has caused concern for Board member Hoffman, and perhaps others, which was not my intention and which I take full responsibility for, I want to express my regret, and I also want to declare my intention to conduct myself in a collegial fashion.”

“I want to commit to my colleagues from here on out to handle future disagreements with respect, we will have disagreements, but they will be respectful in order to avoid spending time on anything other than serving and protecting our students and the LACCD community we serve.” “I humbly ask the public and those in the district for second a chance and the opportunity to be a better public servant and help us focus on the students that I and all the Board members want to make sure have an opportunity for a better life, an opportunity go to school, and to be safe on our campuses. I offer this to Ms. Hoffman and to my colleagues and those in the room. Thank you.”

Trustee Kamlager: “The Motion is to issue a public warning to Board Member Svonkin, and have him publicly apologize for the incidents of aggressive and insensitive and/or unwelcome behavior during interactions with Board Member Hoffman.”

Trustee Veres offered the following amendments:

Trustee Veres stated “I want to offer an amendment here. Having sat on the Ad Hoc Committee for a meeting, I had the opportunity to witness some of the challenges of our rules I would say that whole heartedly I agree with Trustee Hoffman saying that she followed our procedures that were available and were in place. But I also heard from others Trustees that perhaps the procedures we have in place do not handle these things officially well. If this was an employee matter we would follow very specific rules and it would have been clear but it is a Trustee Matter. So most of the matters we deal with publicly and follow a different sort of procedures and essentially follow the Board rules provided. I want to ask the
maker of the motion and the seconder of the motion to consider a couple of additions."

1. "To have a review of our Board Rules and code of conduct to ensure that these kinds of things of bullying in work place violence do not happen again at the Trustee level. I don’t know what that would look like but from having heard from many sources I believe the rules need a review and revisit to deal with bullying and workplace violence."

2. "I ask the maker of the motion to consider having a special presentation to the Committee of the Whole that deals with confronting bullying in workplace violence. Often times in many institutions trainings are made available. We take an ethics training course. I know Ms. Kamlager and I also have workplace violence training in our day jobs and I think it emphasizes the point to us very clearly, at least in my experience. I think we have to highlight and underline the fact that this is a behavior that we do not want to see and sometimes understanding how one takes it, how one delivers it, comes forward in training, and comes forward in evaluation. I think those are two things that are reasonable that I would like to urge the maker and seconder of the motion to consider and I think it gives us a better chance to confront bullying as a big picture item as a whole."

Trustee Hoffman, thanked Trustee Veres: “and I echo everything you just said. I just want to make one final comment while this clearly did not have the votes to pass for a sanction, a Motion to sanction Trustee Svonkin, it is clear to me, and I don’t know how to say this— he has not taken responsibility for his actions towards me— so I would like to have some kind of amendment to your motion in place, in addition to a warning indicating what would happen if this should happen again, maybe the next step. So that we can have final closure and resolution. I don’t want to see this go on any further and I want to protect this kind of situation from happening again."

President Kamlager stated, "I will state that this motion is a motion for an official warning; it is admonishment, it is formal, it is public, and if unwelcome insensitive behavior continues to happen the Chair will entertain a motion for progressive steps of discipline including a sanction and beyond. I would like our Counsel to speak, on this issue, but before I have you speak, will you also respond to Trustee Veres’ comments. I think those are two separate Motions that we should chunk out and take separately, and vote on, but they will require a Second."

President Kamlager deferred to Mr. Jeffrey M. Prieto, General Counsel.

General Counsel Jeff Prieto: “Madame Chair, to respond specifically to the procedures in place I would agree that we do need to look at these particular procedures. I think what was said even publicly, that if in fact we were to use this sanction process, as a judicial process, that we did not have in place evidentiary rules. We did not have in place, frankly the protocol to conduct a hearing to do it in a fair and equitable way. So yes, Trustee Hoffman was afforded what was available, but I would fully support a re-look at those particular rules that were
used in this process, with the understanding that if they were ever to be used that
we would have something in place, that the District will be protected and will be
able to defend. I would also agree that in terms of the Motion that it might be
appropriate to have a second Motion, relative to that particular issue. And I can
pledge that the Office of General Counsel will do everything we can to assist in
providing the training and report that in whatever manner the Board deems fit."

Motion by Trustee Veres, seconded by Trustee Buelna, to have a presentation to
the have a special presentation to the Committee of the Whole that deals with
confronting bullying in workplace violence.

Trustee Buelna stated that it is important to inform the student body in terms of
how we deal with these issues among the LACCD students and if there can be a
friendly amendment that education also occurs among our student body.

Trustee Veres stated that this will be covered in the Code of Conduct Policy review.

Trustee Buelna agreed.

President Kamlager continued with the first motion as an official warning as follows:

Motion by President Kamlager seconded by Trustee Moreno, to issue a public
warning which could be considered the first of series of progressive steps to Board
member Svonkin and to have Trustee Svonkin publicly apologize for incidents of
aggressive and insensitive or unwelcomed behavior during interactions with Board
member Hoffman.

Trustee Svonkin stated that he was going to abstain since he already publicly
apologized.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Abstention (Martinez)*

*ADOPTED:* 6 Ayes (Buelna, Fong, Hoffman, Kamlager, Moreno, Veres)
1 Abstention (Svonkin)

Com. No. BT3A. Response to Com. No. BT3. (“Adopt a Resolution Initiating a Motion
to Sanction Trustee Scott J. Svonkin”)

No motion was presented.

**FAILED.**

Com. No. BT3A. Response to Com. No. BT3. (“Adopt a Resolution Initiating a Motion
to Sanction Trustee J. Svonkin”)

*The following response is presented by Trustee Svonkin:*

This is nothing short of a negative and politically charged smear attack, the likes of which
remind me of what we see from Donald Trump on a near daily basis.
We, here at this body, the governing institution for the most dynamic and respected community college district in the nation, can, should and ought to do better.

Do we, on this Board, have our differences? You bet.

And you know what, good debate, dialogue and discourse is a healthy thing for any governing body. Pure, relentless and unyielding consensus will never produce the best results for the taxpayers and the students that we serve.

We've seen that throughout our nation's history—from the halls of Congress to our State Capitol to the LACCD. It is great debate, passion, and competing conversations about ideas that is what often delivers the very best legislation and thus policies for the people who we all serve.

One very important thing you need to know is while I might not always be the most eloquent or artful speaker, know that my heart, my passion, my high-energy and the values that inspired me to run for this office, are what drive me every day. It is unrelenting zeal and a boundless commitment to protecting taxpayers and our students.

It's why I am vigorously fighting corruption anywhere it lies, and that includes politicians who work in the shadows in order to advance the interests of corrupt entities that exploit and price-gauge our taxpayers and students.

These are the reasons why I simply won't stand for this deceitful and malicious political retribution by my colleague.

The fact is, for me, there is no gray area. There is only black and white when it comes to the issues of corruption, transparency and good government.

So as the board debated and will debate these issues publicly the issue of the bidding process and the hiring of a project management firm for the new LACCD bond, a bond campaign that I strongly endorsed and pushed for, including the bond monitor, and which my colleague, Andra Hoffman, repeatedly refused to support, I had a very strong opinion about the undertaking.

It's why as Board President, I helped form the Facilities Committee and an ad hoc to monitor the process and made sure they reviewed the timeline for the procurement and process in public—we should debate about who ought to oversee the bond projects. Knowing full well what it's like to have to grapple with and reform a corrupt bond project in the past, from day one of this process, I've been determined to ensure such wrongdoing and exploitation of our taxpayers and students never happens again.

As such, when my colleague, Andra Hoffman, who again, failed to endorse and push for the bond measure and bond monitor, refuses to set the highest standards for the program and only work with firms that hire executives that have zero history of fraud or improper activities, I was, am and continue to be shocked by her egregious hypocrisies.

Not only did she neglect to back the bond effort in the first place, but the resolute nature surrounding Andra Hoffman's advocacy for firms that have engaged in publicly reported inappropriate activities raised serious questions for me.
Regardless, there was a debate about the issue.

Clearly, Ms. Hoffman does not share my values and has not gone on record publicly that we will not hire a corporation with a past track record of greed and corruption. And I, as a warrior for taxpayers and as a fierce advocate for our students, debated back.

But let me tell you—these baseless, unfounded and unjust claims of this conversation being anything else than a political debate, are nothing more than a fallacy and a cheap and desperate attempt to attack my character for political gain. It's just plain wrong—and our taxpayers and students deserve better.

I'm not saying that I'm not sometimes both vigorous and very passionate about these issues. I recognize and admit that. But, what I am saying is that making something out of nothing—a simple political debate like this—is both disingenuous and deplorable.

Irrespective of these false and malicious attacks against me by my colleague, Andra Hoffman, I'm more than happy to apologize for my vigor, my passion and my high energy in this political debate—and any debate—I have about the issues that drove me to run for this office.

My intention, of course, was not, nor has it ever been, of malice, but rather simply to safeguard our students and the monies that taxpayers are entrusting to this Board as we execute this $3.3 billion dollar project.

**FAILED** – No motion was made.

**Com. No. BT4. Student Board Member Absence**

Motion by Trustee Fong, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to adopt Com. No. BT4.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Abstention (Martinez)*

ADOPTED: 7 Ayes

**Com. No. BT5. Resolution – In Support of the Los Angeles Performance Partnership Pilot (LAP3) 2017-2020 Strategic Plan**

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Fong, to adopt Com. No. BT5. as follows:

The following resolution is presented by Board Members Fong and Kamlager:

Whereas, In Fall 2015, the White House announced that Los Angeles was selected as one of nine communities to participate in the first round of the Interagency Performance Partnership Pilots for Disconnected Youth initiative (P3); and
Whereas, The region’s LAP3 initiative is a collaboration of public and private agencies who have developed a strategic plan to reduce the population of disconnected youth in the Los Angeles Basin; and

Whereas, The LAP3 is a leading effort by the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles Community College District, the five local California State Universities (CSUS), Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles Housing Service Agency, and over 50 public, philanthropic and community-based organizations to improve the service delivery system for this disconnected young adult population to improve their educational, workforce, housing and social well-being outcomes; and

Whereas, The Regional Challenge is that nearly one out of six young people, ages 18-24, in the City and County of Los Angeles are out of school and out of work; and

Whereas, This statistic translates into over 170,000 young people in the County, of which 66,400 live in the City of Los Angeles, who will face future economic challenges unless they are reconnected to educational and employment opportunities; and

Whereas, Every young adult deserves the opportunity to fulfill their hopes and aspirations to graduate from high school, receive post-secondary training, find employment, afford safe and secure housing, and receive health and mental health services; and

Whereas, LAP3’s Strategic Plan lays out a systemic change effort to build a better system of care that will reduce the number of disconnected youth in the Los Angeles Basin; and

Whereas, For young adults who dropped out of high school, the LAP3 initiative plan provides a second chance for young adults to access education and employment as well as provides entry into employment and training for those not in the workforce; and

Whereas, The plan covers strategies to access housing, health, and social resources and services and lays out the following priorities:
  ▪ Aligning and coordinating with public and private agencies
  ▪ Increasing capacity and sustainability of the regional Workforce Development System
  ▪ Championing policy and systems change
  ▪ Developing programs and policies that empower youth to be self-sufficient and resilient; and

Whereas, LAP3’s strategic plan will strengthen the ability for the City, County, school districts, higher education institutions, employers, and
community based partners to work together, share resources, and develop an operational plan to enable thousands of young people to not only realize a better future for themselves, but also our collective future as a region; and

Whereas, The adoption of LAP3’s Strategic Plan would support the advancement of Los Angeles Community College District mission, with an explicit focus on disconnected youth, to provide our students with an excellent education that prepares them to transfer to four-year institutions, successfully complete workforce development programs designed to meet local and statewide needs, and pursue opportunities for lifelong learning and civic engagement; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, LACCD Board of Trustees supports the LAP3’s Strategic Plan; and, be it further

Resolved, That LACCD will join the Los Angeles City Council, Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles Unified School Board and CSU5 as supporters and serve as an integral partner in the implementation one of the most ambitious, comprehensive, and far-reaching models in the country to integrate the delivery of education, workforce and social services to disconnected youth.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Martinez)
ADOPTED: 6 Ayes
ABSENT: 1 (Hoffman)


Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Fong, to adopt Com. No. BT6. as follows:

The following resolution is presented by Board Members Buelna, Fong, and Hoffman:

WHEREAS, On August 12, 2017, white supremacists marched with Confederate flags and swastikas, chanted anti-Semitic and hateful messages, brandished weapons and torches, and assembled unlawfully to protest the removal of a Confederate statue in Charlottesville, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Counter-protesters gathered to object to the so-called “Unite the Right” rally, and to stand up for diversity and the inclusive values of this country; and
WHEREAS, James Alex Fields slammed his car into a crowd of counter-protesters, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer and injuring at least 19 others; and

WHEREAS, A police helicopter monitoring the protest also crashed, resulting in the deaths of Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen III and Trooper-Pilot Berke M. M. Bates; and

WHEREAS, The hate and violence in Charlottesville was celebrated on Nazi Web sites and social media accounts for the world to see; and

WHEREAS, President of the United States Donald Trump failed in his initial response to admonish or name the neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klan, and white supremacists. Instead, he said that there was blame on “many sides”; and President Trump gave moral equivalency to the white supremacists who descended on Charlottesville with an intent to commit violence, with counter-protesters defending the values of the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Trump said that there were “very fine” people among those who carried Nazi and Confederate flags, chanted anti-Semitic and racist messages, and marched proudly alongside white-robbed Klansmen, white supremacist Richard Spencer, and former Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan David Duke; and

WHEREAS, President Trump expressed skepticism that the murder of Heather Heyer and the injury of 19 people by James Alex Fields was an act of domestic terrorism; and has not offered reassurances to the millions of Americans of color whose lives are under constant threat by white supremacists; and President Trump showed a complete lack of understanding about the racially motivated and unjust history of the Confederate movement by comparing Robert E. Lee to George Washington; and

WHEREAS, President Trump expressed sadness over the removal of “beautiful statues and monuments” that honor the Confederates who were willing to fight their own country to maintain slavery and their racist institutions; and

WHEREAS, President Trump sanctioned white supremacy and hatred across this country by failing to condemn these acts of violence and racism, and emboldened these groups into further action; and
WHEREAS, Dozens more protests and rallies are now planned for cities across the United States with similar messages and goals, and that are likely to end in more violence; and

WHEREAS, There can be absolutely no tolerance for white supremacy, racism, and bigotry in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The people of the United States of America look to their President for moral leadership in a nation where all people are Created equal, and President Trump has proven that he is unfit to be a moral leader; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America, is a civilized nation of people and rejects the politics of division and isolation that fan anger and hate toward any group or individual; and

WHEREAS, House Resolution 57 was introduced by Assembly Member Tony Thurman on August 23, 2017 to recognize the value of the diversity of our state and vehemently object to the threat that white supremacy poses to the residents of California; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Community College District strives to be an inclusive community that champions diversity, embraces its immigrant community, respects sexual and gender identity, makes room for all faiths, pursues equity, and rejects hatred, violence, and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Disagreements can occur respectfully without resorting to, or threatening, violence, and without defacing or destroying property;

WHEREAS, The idea that one group or individual is supreme over another is not only wrong — it is ethically, morally and criminally reprehensible; now therefore, bit

RESOLVED That the Los Angeles Community College District shall denounce the actions and words brought forth by our current President Donald Trump and will not support any policies or actions that promote discrimination; now be it further

RESOLVED That the Los Angeles Community College District supports California Assembly House Resolution 57 and Congress’ efforts to censure President Donald Trump, calls upon President Donald Trump to publicly apologize to all Americans for his racist and bigoted behavior, and calls upon all other bodies to ask the same of Congress and the President.
Student Trustee Advisory Vote:  Aye (Martinez)
ADOPTED:  6 Ayes
1 No (Moreno)

Com. No. BT7.  Approve Resolution – Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 – October 15, 2017

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Buelna, to adopt Com. No. BT7. as follows:

The following resolution is presented by Board Members Svonkin and Moreno. Hoffman:

WHEREAS,  In 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim a week in September as National Hispanic Heritage Week and in 1988, this celebration was expanded to National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 of each year; and

WHEREAS,  During this time, America celebrates the culture and traditions of United States residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, and the Spanish-speaking nations in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS,  The founding origins of the city of Los Angeles are Latino and we take this opportunity to recognize the contributions of Latino-Americans for helping shape our national character and strengthen our communities for a better tomorrow; and

WHEREAS,  Latinos continue to be the largest and fastest growing group, comprising 58 percent of the total student population (Fall 2016) as compared with Los Angeles County which is 48 percent Latino; and

WHEREAS,  Latinos comprise 53 percent of the 18-34 year-old age group in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS,  The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Latino workforce continues to grow but, overall, it still lacks parity within the total District workforce; and

WHEREAS,  The LACCD family is encouraged to become enriched by the contributions and achievements of the many cultures that foster the pride of the Latino community; and

WHEREAS,  Understanding, tolerance, and acceptance of the diverse populations living in our communities is especially critical in these days; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District does hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2017 as Hispanic Heritage Month in honor of the diverse cultures that comprise the Latino communities of the greater Los Angeles area and specifically the Los Angeles Community College District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District does hereby encourage faculty during this month to integrate and share the contributions of Latinos with their students, via their curriculum, to further enlighten the students to be well-informed individuals.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Martinez)
ADOPTED: 7 Ayes

CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters Requiring a Majority Vote

Motion by Trustee Fong, seconded by Trustee Svonkin, to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended from Matters Requiring a Majority Vote.


Com. No. BSD1. Ratify Business Services Actions

Com. No. BSD2. Approve Business Services Actions

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

Com. No. FPD2. Authorize Joint Occupancy Lease Agreement With Pacific Dining Food Service Management For Food Services, (Including Mobile Food Operations) and Vending Machine Facilities

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions

Com. No. HRD2. Authorize Executive Employment Actions

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

Com. No. ISD2. Approve New Community Services Offerings

Com. No. PC1. Personnel Commission Action
Correspondence

The Student Trustee’s vote did not apply to HRD1., HRD2., PC1., and the Correspondence.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Martinez)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED: 7 Ayes

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

- Public Hearing to Adopt the 2017-2018 Final Budget

President Kamlager declared the public hearing open to adopt the 2017-2018 Final Budget.

Public Speakers

None.

President Kamlager declared the public hearing closed.

A document entitled “Final Budget 2017-2018” was distributed.

Com. No. BF3. Adopt the 2017-2018 Final Budget

Motion by Trustee Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to adopt Com. No. BF3. 
Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Martinez)
ADOPTED: 7 Ayes

Com. No. CH1. Revise Board Rule Chapter VI. Article II. ET. SEQ.

Motion by Trustee Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Fong, to adopt Com. No. CH1. 
Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Martinez)
ADOPTED: 7 Ayes

Com. No. CH2. Revise Board Rule Chapter VI. Article VII. ET. SEQ.

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Fong, to adopt Com. No. CH2. 

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Martinez)
ADOPTED: 7 Ayes

Com. No. CH3. Approve Accreditation Follow-Up Reports (9 Colleges)

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to adopt Com. No. CH3.
Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Martinez)  
ADOPTED: 7 Ayes  

MATTERS REQUIRING A SUPER MAJORITY VOTE  

Com. No. BSD3. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Lease Agreement  

Motion by Trustee Moreno, seconded by Trustee Fong, to adopt Com. No. BSD3.  

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Martinez)  
ADOPTED: 7 Ayes  

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – CLOSED SESSION AGENDA MATTERS  

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

With respect to Com. No. HRD3. Approve Disciplinary Action for Classified Permanent Employees Roman Numeral I. Dismissal of Classified Permanent Employees Item A., Mr. Erick Warren addressed the Board regarding the charges against him.  

Scheduled speakers Mr. Devon Simmons and Mr. Carlos Diaz were not present.  

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION  

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 6:03 p.m.  

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING  

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the LACCD reconvened at 9:30 p.m. with President Sydney K. Kamlager presiding.  

The following members were present: Gabriel Buelna, Mike Fong, Andra Hoffman, Sydney K. Kamlager, Ernest H. Moreno, Scott J. Svonkin, and Steven F. Veres.  

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez was present.  

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION – JANUARY 11, 2017
President Kamlager indicated that The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that certain matters determined in Closed Session be reported during the public session that follows.

The Board voted 4 to 3, with no abstentions, to authorize staff to initiate unlawful detainer litigation against:

- Tri-Star Vending; and
- Compass Group USA, Inc.

The Board voted 5 to zero, with no abstentions, to accept the settlement with Hartford Fire Insurance regarding the Media Arts project at Los Angeles Mission College.

Copies of the relevant settlement agreement can be obtained from the General Counsel.

The Board took no further action that The Ralph M. Brown Act requires to be reported.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)**

**Matters Requiring a Majority Vote**

**Com. No. HRD3. Approve Disciplinary Action for Classified Permanent Employees**

Motion by Trustee Fong, seconded by Trustee Svonkin, to approve Com. No. HRD3.

APPROVED: 5 Ayes (Buelna, Hoffman, Moreno, Svonkin, Veres)
1 Abstention (Kamlager)
1 Absent (Fong)
ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. in the memory of Mr. William Ralph Judge.

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

By: Guadalupe M. Orozco
Assistant Secretary to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Sydney K. Kamlager
President of the Board

Date November 1, 2017