The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) was called to order at 3:01 p.m. with President Mike Fong presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Mike Fong, Andra Hoffman, Ernest H. Moreno, Scott J. Svonkin, David Vela, and Steven F. Veres. Absent: Gabriel Buelna (arrived at 4:00 p.m.).

Student Trustee Kellie N. Williams was present.

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez was present.

Trustee Hoffman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Agenda/Agenda Order Of Business

Without objection the order of business agenda was approved.

Welcome Remarks by Marvin Martinez, President, East Los Angeles College

Mr. Martinez, President, East Los Angeles College (ELAC), welcomed everyone.

President Martinez gave special acknowledgments to the individuals responsible for rescuing a young woman who was distraught over a break-up with her boyfriend and attempted to commit suicide.

Chancellor Rodriguez presented certificates to the following individuals who prevented the attempted suicide at East Los Angeles College on December 21, 2018 for their bravery that helped save this woman’s life.
Ms. Angel Michel Juarez, Mr. Juan Loza, Professor Bunnarith Chhun, Mr. Jesus Guillen, Mr. Richard Castro, and Mr. Ramiro Segovia.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Fong, seconded by Trustee Svonkin, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session: December 12, 2018

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Williams)

* APPROVED: 6
* ABSENT: 1 (Buelna)

**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; Mr. Paul De La Cerda, President of the Administrative Association, Local 91; Mr. Jeff Hernandez, East Los Angeles College; and Ms. Christzann Ozan, Higher Education Division Delegate, SEIU Local 99.

Trustee Svonkin expressed his concern that after normal office hours Los Angeles Trade-Tech College does not have sufficient safety measures in place in order to deal with the homeless after dark. He requested that the Chancellor have staff investigate what measures are needed to safeguard the staff after dark.

**PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS**

**Oral Presentations**

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

Ms. Golden Sheard thanked the Board of Trustees for their efforts in providing additional resources to the Dream Resource Centers.

** Proposed Actions**

None

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

None

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Reports and Recommendations from the Board

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Trustee Vela reported on the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee meeting that was held earlier today.

Student Trustee Williams reported on the Student Affairs Committee.

Proposed Actions

The following action item, 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, was presented by the Board of Trustees and action taken as indicated.

Com. No. BT1. Resolution – Black History Month

Motion by Trustee Moreno, seconded by Trustee Vela, to adopt Com. No. BT1.

The following resolution is presented by President Fong and Trustees Vela and Svonkin:

The month of February is officially designated as Black History Month.

WHEREAS, For more than 400 years, the presence of African-Americans in the United States has had an undeniable and profound impact upon its cultural, political, and social institutions; and

WHEREAS, For over 36 million people of African-American descent, the designation and observation of February as Black History Month represents the nation's acknowledgment of the contributions and continuing role of African-Americans within the United States; and

WHEREAS, Central to the role and history of African-Americans is the acquisition of a thorough and meaningful education which will provide the tools to design and control their own destiny, both economic and political; and

WHEREAS, Current figures and statistics indicate that there are still some challenges to sustaining enrollments of African-American students attending educational institutions, both pre- and postsecondary; and

WHEREAS, The "avenue of equal opportunity access to education" has been the basic premise around which the community colleges of California have acquired support and credibility; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby reaffirms its commitment to egalitarian principles inherent within the term "community colleges" by supporting and enhancing those services, programs, and courses which will encourage African-Americans and other ethnic groups to enroll and attain their identified goals; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chancellor distribute a copy of this resolution to all nine campuses to increase awareness about Black History Month; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District joins with the nation in celebrating February as Black History Month and encourages its colleges and student organizations to promote cultural awareness by featuring various programs, exhibits, and other relevant activities and by participating in events sponsored by local communities.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Williams)
ADOPTED:  6 Ayes
ABSENT:  1 (Buelna)

Com. No. BT2. Resolution – Lunar New Year

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

The following resolution is presented by President Fong and Trustees Vela and Svonkin:

WHEREAS, February ushers in the Lunar New Year of 4717 – The Year of the Pig; and

WHEREAS, People born in the Year of the Pig are diligent, compassionate, and generous; they have great concentration: once they set a goal, they will devote all their energy to achieving it; though pigs rarely seek help from others, they will not refuse to give others a hand; and

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is of great significance and represents a major celebration for China and other Asian people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year represents a number of important traditional, social, and cultural events, many of which have become customary to observe in the United States; and
WHEREAS, Immigration from Asian nations continues to be a source of population growth in the United States and provides a significant increase in the student population of the Los Angeles Community College District; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of the Lunar New Year is an occasion of reflection and thanksgiving; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Chancellor distribute a copy of this resolution to all nine campuses to increase awareness about Lunar New Year; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District does hereby offer its best wishes to all its students, staff, and constituents who observe the Lunar New Year.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Williams)
ADOPTED: 6 Ayes
ABSENT: 1 (Buelna)

Com. No. BT3 Board Travel Authorizations

Motion by Trustee Moreno, seconded by Trustee Svonkin, to approve Com. No. BT3.

ADOPTED: 6 Ayes
ABSENT: 1 (Buelna)

President Fong reported with a heavy-heart that Mr. Juan Mendoza, Manager, College Information Systems, Los Angeles City College, and Mr. David Lee Bush, Director, Plant Facilities, Los Angeles Pierce College, recently passed away. He indicated that the Board meeting would be adjourned in their memory.

Trustee Svonkin announced that Barbara Yaroslavsky, wife of former Los Angeles County Supervisor and Los Angeles City Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky, was a longtime community leader and activist. She was diagnosed with West Nile virus. She was hospitalized at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center but showed signs of improvement recently and was discharged on Dec. 21 to a care facility for recovery. She suddenly collapsed at the facility on Dec. 26 and died a short time later. Trustee Svonkin requested that the Board meeting be adjourned in her memory also.

Trustee Svonkin also reported that Ms. Roberta Lynn Weintraub, former L.A. school board and a nationally-recognized leader in education and philanthropy, passed away peacefully on January 1, 2019. She was a tireless champion of young people, particularly those in underserved communities. Trustee Svonkin requested that the Board meeting be adjourned in her memory as well.
REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Report from the Chancellor Regarding Activities or Pending Issues in the District

Chancellor Rodriguez welcomed everyone back from the holiday. He gave an overview of the Chancellor’s Chat that was held earlier today and thanked everyone that was present for their hospitality and warm welcoming. He noted that some University of California colleagues were also in attendance and recognized Alfred Herrera, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Partnerships and Director of UCLA’s Center for Community College Partnerships, was chosen to receive the Campaign for College Opportunity’s inaugural “Unsung Hero” award at its third annual Champions of Higher Education celebration this December.

Chancellor Rodriguez distributed a document entitled “January 7, 2019 – Chancellor’s Monthly Report” and the “Board Meetings and Board Standing Committees Follow-up Items” as informational only.

He announced and congratulated Dr. Erika A. Endrijonas, President, Los Angeles Valley College, for her appointment as the district’s next superintendent/president of Pasadena City College. He noted that Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) was experiencing accreditation and budget difficulties and that with Dr. Endrijonas leadership, along with help from faculty and staff, those issues have been completely resolved and now LAVC is very much on solid footing.

A photo shoot was conducted with the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees.

President Fong and the Board members expressed their appreciation to Dr. Endrijonas for all her years of service to the LACCD and congratulated her on continued success.

- College Presentation: East Los Angeles College Achieving Excellence in Transfer

Mr. Martinez gave an overview of the PowerPoint presentation entitled “Achieving Excellence in Transfer.” He introduced the Team lead by Ms. Paulina P. Palomino, Dean of Student Services; Mr. Christopher Garcia, Counseling Department Chair; and Mr. Kirby Dominguez, General Counseling. He recognized Ms. Palomino and congratulated her for being awarded the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students (NISTS) Catalyst Award. The Catalyst Award recognizes mid-career professionals who are game-changers in the transfer field. In short, these individuals have worked over time to make a significant impact at the institutional, regional, and/or state level. Awardees demonstrate evidence of leadership, appropriate risk-taking and disrupting the status quo, along with using relevant research and theoretical frameworks to develop programs and services for transfer students.

Ms. Palomino, Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Dominguez gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Achieving Excellence in Transfer.”

A robust question and answer session was conducted regarding the presentation.
Trustee Svonkin discussed the heroic and extraordinary work that many individuals from Pierce College did during the Woolsey Fires. He noted that it has been decided to have a special recognition of the bravery that was demonstrated by so many individuals and asked when this would occur and for a post-mortem debrief from the Disaster Planning meeting as to what lessons were learned as well as an indication of areas of improvement.

The Chancellor responded that there has been a post-mortem debrief and that he is happy to provide a summary. He also indicated that there is going to be public recognition on behalf of the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters Requiring A Majority Vote

President Fong noted for the record the following corrections: Com. No. BSD1. Lease of Facilities for District Use, agreement number 4500265417 East. Total estimated cost $9,217 $768.07.

BSD1. License Agreements, agreement number 4500263991 East. Agreement with Social Solutions Global, Inc. to provide use of the Efforts-to-Outcomes software... to December 31, 2018 June 30, 2019, inclusive.

The following item was requested to be discussed further:

Com. No. BSD1. J. Service Agreements – Outreach and Marketing, agreement number 4500264393 East and 4500264521, Trustee Moreno asked what positive impact on the enrollment will these outreach services produce.

Mr. Martinez responded that he will evaluate this effort and report back to the Board.

Trustee Svonkin requested that this item J. be pulled for a separate vote. He expressed his concern that these are not coordinated efforts and not necessarily utilizing any research that correlates the students demographic that would gain from these outreach services.

Trustee Hoffman noted for the record that a motion to discuss the Consent Calendar had not been conducted.

President Fong requested that at this time a motion be presented.

Motion by Trustee Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Veres, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

With respect to BDS1. K. Service Agreements, contract 4500265464, Educational Services Center (ESC). Agreement with David Quintana of Quintana and Watts & Hartmann for state lobbyist panel to provide legislative and consulting services to assist the Los Angeles Community College District, and Various, ESC, Amendment No. 3 to
extend agreements with the state lobbyist panel (McCallum Group, Mercury Public Affairs an Strategic Education Services), Trustee Moreno expressed his concern that he had not received information on these agreements.

Trustee Svonkin requested that these two agreements be pulled for a separate discussion and vote.

Trustee Veres noted that this topic was discussed and that it was the desire of the Board to have this wait until after the electoral elections as it filtered the need for a one year contract with option years. These are the options that were proposed.

Com. No. BSD2. Authorize Services Agreements, Item B. Authorize an Agreement with CDW Government LLC to purchase server hardware and maintenance support for the Educational Services Center and the secondary data center at Los Angeles Valley College. The servers will host the production and backup environments for the Student Information System. Total Cost: $800,000, Trustee Moreno expressed his concern that his recollection of this is that the data center at Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) was deemed not the best choice and that other locations were being considered.

Dr. Robert B. Miller, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Resource Development, responded that it was his understanding that after reviewing the situation at LAVC it was deemed appropriate to have the secondary data center located at LAVC.

Trustee Svonkin stated that Huron Consulting Group reported that the District had too many servers, over spent, and over built. He expressed his concern that this item is being presented for $800,000 despite the previous observations noted in the Huron report.

Mr. Charlie McMahon responded that LAVC does seem to be an appropriate location for one of the primary sites. He continued to discuss various components regarding the upgrades that need to happen concerning redundancy in the power generation and chillers. They are evaluating options for the second site. He noted that the Huron report indicated that there are too many data centers and that by consolidating them the District can save money.

With respect to the servers hosting the production and backup environments for the Student Information System (SIS), Total Cost: $800,000, Mr. McMahon indicated that the servers we are running SIS on are approaching eight years old and we anticipate that it will be four to five years before we are able to move the data to the cloud. The PeopleSoft systems have to be kept active in our systems for another five years.

Trustee Svonkin asked what year will SIS Oracle system stop supporting the SIS server base.

Mr. McMahon responded that the current version 9.0 (system) will expire on December 2019.
Trustee Svonkin noted for the record that the LACCD spent $15 million and that in December 2019 the 9.0 version will no longer be supported.

Mr. McMahon indicated that we are in the process of upgrading from 9.0 to 9.2 and that the upgrade is included in the reoccurring maintenance fee.

Trustee Svonkin motioned to table this item until the risk assessment is conducted.

Chancellor Rodriguez inquired what the impact to support our students will be.

Ms. McMahon replied that the servers we are running the SIS system on are approaching eight years old and are possibly having problems with data base refreshers that related to the age of the system and coding issues. He discussed the immigration to version 9.2 that will position us to have a robust continuity plan.

Trustee Svonkin urged the Board to second his motion.

Trustee Moreno seconded to table this item until a risk assessment is conducted.

A robust question and answer session was conducted regarding the presentation.

Mr. McMahon indicated that the SIS runs a risk of something significant happening. He stated that we do not have the server storage capacity to build the new environment in our existing hardware.

Trustee Veres expressed his concern that there were a couple of flare ups in the pass with online enrollment registration and that his fear is that that technology will be an excuse for a decline in enrollment. He stated that staff and professionals are making a recommendation and we should trust their expertise.

Trustee Svonkin urged the Board to table the item so that Trustee Buelna’s IT Committee can weigh in on this item and that this item did not go through the appropriate bidding process.

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to table this item until a risk assessment is conducted.

President Fong noted for the record that Trustee Buelna is present and informed him regarding the motion on BSD2. Authorize Services Agreements, Item B. Authorize an Agreement with CDW Government LLC, to table this until an assessment is conducted.

President Fong called for the question.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Williams)*

**APPROVED:** 3 Ayes (Fong, Moreno, Svonkin)  
**NOES:** 4 (Buelna, Hoffman, Vela, Veres)
MOTION FAILED

Trustee Svonkin inquired on the record the following questions.

- Was this competitively bid? Mr. McMahon indicated that they provided a set of specifications with a number of CPUs, the amount of memory, and the amount of storage. We asked Build and HP to provide quotes and we are awarding to the lowest bidder.
- Why was the standard bid process not administered? Mr. McMahon responded that the two candidates were the mostly likely candidates.
- How does that serve the public? He noted that this does not follow District rules, we have Board policies, and the State’s purchasing guidelines to limit an $800,000 contract that the vendor determined who is allowed to bid.

Trustee Buelna expressed his concern that this is being escalated and mischaracterized and is bad for the District. He asked that Dr. Miller clarify the selection process that awarded the contract to CDW Government LLC.

Dr. Miller assured the Board that they researched for the best product with the best price. He indicated that CDW Government LLC has been working with the District for many years.

Trustee Svonkin protested that the California law was not executed in awarding the contract since it was not a competitive bid process.

Mr. Jeffrey Prieto, General Counsel, explained that the District utilized a “piggyback” procurement process which allows the District to be able to execute this agreement with CDW Government LLC.

Trustee Buelna asked Mr. Prieto if this process was legally executed.

Mr. Prieto responded in the affirmative.

Trustee Buelna stated that General Counsel has provided his opinion and that the Board should proceed with the Order of Business.

Trustee Svonkin noted for the record his objections:
- There were only two firms that were considered to bid on the $800,000 contract
- He recommended that General Counsel seek the opinion of the Attorney General regarding the piggyback process conducted for this contract

Trustee Buelna stated that once our General Counsel has gave his opinion we should move on and that the request to have the Attorney General’s opinion is a separate issue.

President Fong continued with the consent calendar inquiries from the Board.
Trustee Svonkin requested that Com. No. HRD4. Roman Numeral II. be pulled from the consent calendar to discuss in closed session and vote.

Trustee Svonkin requested a total amount that has been expended for all of the Service Agreements for Outreach and Marketing.

Trustee Svonkin requested that FPD1. IV. Ratify Amendment to Lease Lease-Back Agreement be separated for the vote.

Trustee Svonkin requested a matrix on all the executive search firms that we have utilized, the purpose of their services, and the cost.

President Fong noted for the record that BSD2. IV. the period ending is February 28, not the 29.

Com. No. BF1. Ratify Budget Revisions and Appropriation Transfers

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. HRD1. Approve Personnel Services Routine Actions

Com. No. HRD2. Authorize Presidential Selection Process for Los Angeles Valley College

Com. No. HRD3. Approve Retention of Search Consultant Firm

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

Com. No. ISD2. Approve New Community Services Courses

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

Com. No. ISD4. Approve In-state Student Travel

Ms. Mercedes Gaitan, AFT 1521A, expressed her concern regarding HRD.5 Approve Extension of Contracts and Step Increases for College Presidents and District Executive with enrollment is declined and the new funding formula uncertainties.

Trustee Svonkin noted that this item has been separated for discussion and vote.

President Fong called for roll call.

Correspondence
The Student Trustee’s vote did not apply to HRD1., HRD2., HRD3., ISD3., ISD4., and the Correspondence.

Trustee Svonkin registered a “No” vote on Com. No. BSD2. Authorize Services Agreements, Item B. Authorize an Agreement with CDW Government LLC.

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CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

Matters Requiring a Majority Vote

Com. No. FPD1. IV. Ratify Amendment to Lease Lease-Back Agreement

Trustee Svonkin noted that this is the 8th amendment to the lease. He expressed his concern that the cost has escalated. He noted that he will register a “No.” He asked President Fong to address this in Closed Session. He urged the Board to vote “No”.

President Fong called for roll call.

Motion by Trustee Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Veres, to adopt the Consent Calendar, Com. No. FPD1. IV.

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Com. No. BDS1. Roman Numeral II. Authorize Service Agreements, Agreement number 4500265464

President Fong opened the topic for discussion.

Trustee Svonkin discussed that this agreement doesn’t seem to have any correlation to the previous agreement.

Ms. Maria Luisa Veloz explained that this is an extension of the original contract with the same firms but includes a separate agreement for David Quintana which was under the Patrick McCullum Group. This will assist to facilitate the work performed.

Trustee Vela explained that these are the same consultants and that the only difference is that David Quintana was under McCallum Group and that this will assist the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee to be more efficient. Trustee Vela urged the Board to support this contract. He requested that performance measures be provided to the Board and include last year’s cost and the new negotiated cost for this year.
Motion by Trustee Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Veres, to adopt the Consent Calendar, Com. No. BDS1. II. Service Agreements, agreement number 4500265464.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the presentation.

* Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Williams)  
* APPROVED: 7 Ayes

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHANCELLOR**

Com. No. CH1. Repeal Board Rule Chapter IX, Article IX Et. Seq.

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Buelna, to adopt Com. No. CH1.

* Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Williams)  
* APPROVED: 7 Ayes

Com. No. CH2. Appointment to the District Citizens’ Oversight Committee (DCOC) For Propositions A/AA and Measures J/CC Bond Programs

Motion by Trustee Buelna, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to adopt Com. No. CH2.

* Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Williams)  
* APPROVED: 7 Ayes

Matter Requiring a Super Majority Vote _ None

**NOTICE REPORTS AND INFORMATIVES**


Noticed by Chancellor Rodriguez.

Com. No. FPD/A [Notice] Authorize the Adoption of the LACCD Construction Program Records Retention Policy

Noticed by Chancellor Rodriguez.

Com. No. ISD/A [Informative] Notification of Out of State Travel

Noticed by Chancellor Rodriguez.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INDICATIONS OF FUTURE PROPOSED ACTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA MATTERS

None

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

There being no objection, the Board 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 6:09 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

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

Student Trustee Kellie Williams was absent.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION – January 9, 2019

President Fong indicated that The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that certain matters determined in Closed Session be reported during the public session that follows:

CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

Matters Requiring a Majority Vote

Com. No. HRD4. Authorize Executive Employment Action Roman Numeral II.

Motion by Trustee Vela, seconded by Trustee Hoffman, to approve Com. No HRD4. Roman Numeral II. Approve contract of employment for Dr. Denise Noldon to serve as the Interim President of Los Angeles Valley College.

APPROVED: 7 Ayes

Com. No. HRD5. Approve Extension of Contracts and Step Increases for College Presidents and District Executives

Motion by Trustee Vela, seconded by Trustee Hoffman, to approve Com. No. ISD5.

APPROVED: 6 Ayes
ABSTAIN: 1 (Svonkin)
Com. No. ISD5. Approve Student Discipline – Expulsion Without Reconsideration

Motion by Trustee Hoffman, seconded by Trustee Veres, to approve Com. No. ISD5.

APPROVED: 7 Ayes

President Fong noted that the Board took no further actions that The Ralph M. Brown Act requires to be reported.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the regular meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. in the memory of the following individuals:

- Mr. Juan Mendoza, Manager, College Information Systems, Los Angeles City College (President Fong)
- Mr. David Lee Bush, Director, Plant Facilities, Los Angeles Pierce College (President Fong)
- Ms. Barbara Yaroslavsky (Trustee Svonkin)
- Ms. Roberta Lynn Weintraub (Trustee Svonkin)
FRANCISCO C. RODRIGUEZ
Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By: Guadalupe M. Orozco
   Administrative Assistant to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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Mike Fong
President of the Board

Date January 9, 2019