The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) was called to order at 2:03 p.m. with President Mike Fong presiding.

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

Student Trustee Kellie N. Williams was not present.

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez was present.

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 2:03 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting reconvened at 3:08 p.m.

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

Student Trustee Kellie Williams was present.

Trustee Moreno led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Welcome Remarks by Laurence Frank, President, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College

Mr. Laurence Frank, President, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC), welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Vela, seconded by Trustee Buelna, to approve the following minutes:

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

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; Ms. Velma Butler, President, AFT College Staff Guild; Dr. Angela Echeverri, President, District Academic Senate; Ms. Christzann Ozan, Higher Education Division Delegate, SEIU Local 99; and Mr. Paul De La Cerda, President of the Administrative Association, Local 911.

Trustee Buelna discussed that Ms. Toni Harris, the first female football player from the East Los Angeles College (ELAC) Huskies, was featured in a Toyota commercial that aired during Super Bowl on Sunday, February 3, 2019. He inquired if someone had helped her negotiate compensation for her appearance in the Toyota commercial.

Mr. Marvin Martinez indicated that the football coach helped her negotiate a better deal. She received monetary compensation, scholarships, and a new car.

Mr. Jeffrey Prieto, General Counsel, recommended that this topic be agenized for further discussion in order to clarify the LACCD’s ability to represent student athletes.

Trustee Svonkin requested that a special recognition be conducted for Local 99 members and that the Chancellor report on the work site issues addressed by Ms. Christzann Ozan, Higher Education Division Delegate, SEIU Local 99, at today’s meeting.
PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS

Oral Presentations

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

President Fong stated that since the Board Rules provide a maximum of 20 minutes per topic and there are more than seven speakers, he entertained a motion for each speaker to be allotted two minutes.

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

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Williams)
APPROVED: 6
NO: 1 (Svonkin)

Mr. Gregg J. Donahue discussed the 2020 Census Jobs available in Los Angeles County.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding various issues of concern at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College with the administration regarding grants and campus leadership:

- Mr. Ralph Tropf, Ms. Lisa Moreno, Dr. Ron Esteroff, Ms. Maria Siccardi, Ms. Deirdre Wood-McDermott, Ms. Juanita Lopez, Mr. John Glavan, Ms. Maryann Galindo, Mr. Lou Siegel, Mr. James Gooden, and Ms. Tarita Whitley.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding their support of the Child Development Centers (CDCs) and the vital educational experience student workers gain in the CDCs:

- Ms. LaTanga Hardy, Ms. Jessica Mccarns, Ms. Olga Serrato, Ms. Amber Chavez, Ms. Diane Stein, Ms. Stephanie Castillo, Ms. Araceli Montes, Ms. Bianne E Linares, Ms. Argelia Tibbs, Ms. Ciara Villanueva, Mr. Andy Zavala, Ms. Maya Gallegos, Ms. Suyapa Ramirez, Ms. Marcia Cagigas, Ms. Stephanie Talavera, Mr. Edwin Cruz, Ms. Diane Stein, Ms. Sonia Campos Rivera, Ms. Araceli Montes, Ms. Marina Henderson, Mr. Miguel Hurtado, and Mr. Brandon Bass.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding their positive experience at LATTC:

- Mr. Blaire Fierce, Mr. John M., Mr. Christian Alvarez, Mr. Marvin Segundo, and Ms. Marcia R. Wilson.
Mr. Carson L. Manuel addressed the Board regarding LATTC’s reentry Pathway to Academic, Career and Transfer Success.

Mr. Ron Jackson discussed George Lucas’ proposed museum in Exposition Park and provided copies of the LA Times article entitled “New Force in LA” to the Board.

Mr. John McDowell addressed the Board regarding legislation and the budget.

Mr. Willard Beasley addressed the Board regarding re-entry Symposium.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding workplace bullying, retaliation, and hostile work environment:

Ms. Chris Ozan, Mr. Brandon Bass, Mr. Max Arias, Mr. Mike Price, Ms. Tracy Marshall, Mr. Dean Brown, and Mr. Ardarius Sanders.

Ms. Melinda Smith addressed the Board with issues of concern regarding the tenure evaluation process.

Ms. Rugmimi Vasquez presented a video created to inform students of the opportunities available to them with AB705 legislation, which helps more students succeed in completing a degree.

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 Svonkin reported on the Facilities Master Planning & Oversight Committee meeting of February 20, 2019.

Trustee Buelna reported on the Institutional Effectiveness & Student Success Committee of February 20, 2019.

Trustee Hoffman reported on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting of November 28, 2018.
Trustee Vela reported on the Legislative & Public Affairs Committee meeting that was held earlier today.

Student Trustee Williams reported on the Student Affairs Committee of February 7, 2019.

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 – District Classified Employees Retirement

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Buelna, to adopt Com. No. BT1.

APPROVED: 7 Ayes

Com. No. BT2. Resolution – Sexual Harassment Awareness Month

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

The following resolution is presented by Vice President Hoffman:

WHEREAS, Sexual harassment is illegal, a form of sex discrimination, and is a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, April has been declared National “Sexual Harassment Awareness Month” and is intended as a means of educating employees to the many actions and behaviors and their consequences that can contribute to and cause a hostile or offensive work and learning environment; and

WHEREAS, The "Me Too" movement spread virally in October 2017 as a hashtag used on social media to help demonstrate the widespread prevalence of sexual assault and harassment, especially in the workplace has brought about vital conversations about sexual violence into the mainstream; and

WHEREAS, The current purpose of the “Me Too” movement is to give people the resources to have access to healing, and advocates for changes to laws and policies; and

WHEREAS, Research shows that up to forty percent (40%) of middle and high school students report being victims or sexual violence or sexual harassment, with vast underreporting of these statistics also identified; and
WHEREAS, Research shows that twenty percent (20%) or more of college-age students report being victims of sexual harassment and sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, Research further indicates that educational institutions are the most common location of peer sexual victimization; and

WHEREAS, Sexual violence or sexual harassment have devastating effects on students by negatively impacting their emotional and physical well-being, and can become a barrier to equal and free access to public education; and

WHEREAS, California Law AB1825 mandates sexual harassment training for supervisors and the Los Angeles Community College District’s Prohibited Discrimination and Harassment Policy supports an education and training program for all employees; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Community College District’s Chancellor and College Presidents support having all employees educated and trained about federal and state laws concerning sexual harassment violations; and

WHEREAS, Harmful attitudes, behaviors and misunderstandings allow sexual harassment violations to persist and allow victims/survivors to be re-victimized; and offenders to continue such behaviors; and

WHEREAS, With proper education and promotion on the matter, we can be successful in raising better awareness of the seriousness of this issue and in turn reduce the number of incidents and complaints of sexual harassment in the workplace and on our campuses; and

WHEREAS, Proper education and promotion on the matter is the best way towards creating a harassment free community; and

WHEREAS, Creating a harassment free community requires the ongoing commitment on the part of everyone so that we can foster an environment that recognizes the worth and potential of every individual and promote the highest degree of respect among members of our college community; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District strongly supports the efforts of the District’s Office of Diversity Programs and the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to educate the college community about the significant impact and legal liability ramifications of sexual harassment in the workplace and on our campuses; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District does hereby proclaim the month of April as “Sexual Harassment Awareness Month,” and supports the strengthening of Title IX and other federal, state and local laws that identify, address the effects of, and prohibit sexual harassment and sexual violence impacting students; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees encourages all employees to increase their knowledge of the many types of sexual harassment and to engage in and promote an environment of mutual respect and dignity in the workplace; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chancellor distribute a copy of this resolution to all nine campuses to increase awareness about “Sexual Harassment Awareness Month.”

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

Com. No. BT3. Resolution – In Remembrance of Dr. Armando M. Rodriguez
Former President of East Los Angeles College

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

The following resolution is presented by Trustees Fong, Moreno, and Veres:

WHEREAS, Dr. Armando M. Rodriguez was a pioneering educator, civil-rights activist and former East Los Angeles College President from 1973 - 1978; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rodriguez demonstrated love for his country as a cryptographer in the U.S. Army during World War II, becoming a U.S. Citizen shortly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rodriguez received a Master’s degree in Special Education from San Diego State University, and received his Doctorate from John F. Kennedy College, and the National Hispanic University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rodriguez served as Vice Principal at Gompers Junior High School, and later became the first Latino Principal at Wright Brothers High School in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rodriguez was active in local, state and national politics. He ran for the California State Assembly in 1962, and also held a leadership role in the Southern California “Viva Kennedy” 1960 Presidential campaign; and


WHEREAS, Dr. Armando M. Rodriguez served the Administrations of four United States Presidents; including Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson, Jimmy Carter, Richard Nixon, and Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, In 1967, President Johnson appointed Rodriguez to head the Office of Spanish Speaking American Affairs in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and

WHEREAS, President Richard Nixon appointed Rodriguez as the Assistant Commissioner of Education; and

WHEREAS, President Jimmy Carter appointed Rodriguez as the Director of the U.S. Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), a post he retained under President Ronald Reagan until 1983; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, because of his passion and steadfast commitment to expanding access to higher education, Dr. Rodriguez was appointed President of East Los Angeles College; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby publicly honors and recognizes Dr. Rodriguez’ dedication and accomplishments to the Los Angeles Community College District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community District (LACCD) expresses a profound appreciation and gratitude for Dr. Rodriguez’ unparalleled contributions, leadership, and commemorate that expression of gratitude by adopting this Resolution of Remembrance.

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

Com. No. BT4. Resolution – In Support Of California Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 31 (Limon) Which Would Recognize April 2019 As California Community College Month

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Vela, to adopt Com. No. BT4.

The following resolution is presented by Trustees Moreno and Svonkin:

WHEREAS, April is celebrated as National Community College Month across the nation, and April 2019 marks the Community College Centennial; and

WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges, the largest system of higher education in the country with 2,100,000 students, are an essential resource for the State of California, its people, and its economy; and
WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges provide excellent educational offerings for students wishing to transfer to the California State University, the University of California, and independent colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges offer career education programs for students to be competitive in today’s demanding workforce, leading them to productive, higher-wage futures, and provide the state’s fastest growing industries with the skilled labor upon which their success depends; and

WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges bring higher education within the reach of every Californian because of their open admissions, low enrollment fees, financial assistance for low-income students, academic and career guidance, outstanding teaching by dedicated faculty, and specialized support services for students; and

WHEREAS, The California Community Colleges serve the state in 114 communities and online with innovative programs that respond quickly to the needs of students, employers, and regional economies, and serve as a primary driver of social and economic mobility for Californians; and

WHEREAS, By 2020, 65 percent of jobs in the United States will require some type of college credential or degree, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges adopted the Vision for Success, a strategic plan that articulates bold goals to improve student outcomes, including increased attainment of degrees and certificates, transfers to four-year institutions, reduction of excess unit accumulation by students, securing gainful employment, and closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, The Vision for Success puts a sharp focus on students’ goals and needs, designing programs and making decisions that put students first; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees declares April 2019 as California Community College Month, and commends the nation’s community colleges on providing opportunity and excellence in higher education and workforce preparation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees urges the residents of California to participate in public events held on their local community college campuses during California Community College Month; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees support California Assembly Concurrent Resolution 31 (Limon) which recognizes April 2019 as California Community College Month.

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

Com. No. BT5. Board Travel Authorizations

Motion by Trustee Buelna, seconded by Trustee Hoffman, to adopt Com. No. BT5.
APPROVED: 7 Ayes

Com. No. BT6. Trustee Absence Ratification

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Hoffman, to approve Com. No. BT6.
APPROVED: 7 Ayes

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

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

Chancellor Rodriguez announced that the “March 2019 – Chancellor’s Monthly Report,” “District Quarterly publication,” and the “2017-2018 Annual Report” are displayed on the District’s website for the public’s viewing. The reports have a lot of valuable information illustrating all the LACCD’s accomplishments.

Chancellor Rodriguez discussed that he has met twice with the SEIU Local 99 members to address their workplace concerns and the campuses’ cleanliness. He indicated that outlined measures are being discussed that will result in stronger leadership. He indicated that professional development workshops will be available to them as well as the right tools to support our custodians. He will have a full report to the Board soon.

With respect to the work environment component, Dr. Albert Roman added that they are currently conducting a mediation intervention process and conducting interviews with the Local 99 members that addressed the Board during Public Comment. This should be completed in two-three weeks.

College Presentation: “Black History Month at LATTC”

Dr. Frank gave a summary of the presentation and introduced Dr. Linda Cole and Dr. Ayesha Randall.

Dr. Cole and Dr. Randall discussed the various activities honoring Black History Month and presented a video depicting, “Black Migration, National 2019 Black History Month Theme from Carter G. Woodson’s Association for the Study of African American Life and
History.” Dr. Cole introduced Coach Richard Wells, Athletic Director of the Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC) Athletics Department. He has been a coach and faculty member at LATTC since 1979. Coach Wells is currently the head coach of the Men's Basketball Team. Coach Wells is also a professor of Health and Kinesiology. He is currently the President of the LATTC Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA) local chapter. The LACCD Black Faculty & Staff Association and the LATTC Basketball Team honored Coach Wells on his last day at LATTC.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Matters Requiring a Majority Vote**

President Fong noted for the record that the following are withdrawn:

- Com. No. BT5. Board Travel Authorization Item A.
- Com. No. CH1. Amend Board Rule 10509
- Com. No. BSD1. Item L. Service Agreements, Contract 4500266922
- Com. No. FPD1. Roman Number II. Authorize Construction Contracts Item A.

Motion by Trustee Moreno, seconded by Trustee Veres, to adopt the Consent Calendar for Matters Requiring a Majority Vote.

- Com. No. BF1. Ratify Budget Revisions and Appropriation Transfers
- Com. No. BF2. Amend the List of Organizational Membership
- Com. No. HRD1. Approve Personnel Services Routine Action
- Com. No. ISD1. Approve New Educational Courses and Program
- Com. No. ISD2. Approve New Community Services Courses
- Com. No. ISD3. Approve College and Career Access Pathway Partnership Agreement Between The El Camino Unified School District and The Los Angeles Community College District
- Com. No. ISD4. Approve Out of State Student Travel
- Com. No. ISD5. Ratify In-State Student Travel
- Com. No. ISD6. Ratify Out of State Student Travel
- Com. No. ISD7. Approve In-State Student Travel
- Com. No. PC1. Personnel Commission Actions

**Correspondence**
The Student Trustee’s vote did not apply to HRD1., ISD4., ISD5., ISD6., ISD7., and the Correspondence.

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

Business Services Division
Matters Requiring a Majority Vote

Com. No. BSD1. Ratify Business Services Actions

Motion by Trustee Veres, seconded by Trustee Hoffman, to adopt the Consent Calendar for Com. No. BSD1.

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

Com. No. BSD2. Approve Business Services Actions

Motion by Trustee Vela, seconded by Trustee Veres, to adopt the Consent Calendar for Com. No. BSD2.

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

Facilities and Planning Division
Matters Requiring a Majority Vote

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

Motion by Trustee Veres, seconded by Trustee Svonkin, to adopt the Consent Calendar for Com. No. FPD1.

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

Roman Numeral II. A. Authorize Construction Contracts

Authorize a contract with NoHo Constructors to provide general construction services for the Repair/Replace . . .

Withdrawn

With respect to Roman Numeral VII. Ratify Amendments to Design-Build Agreements Item A. Ratify Amendment No. 15 to Design-Build services for the S.A.I.L.S.- Student Union project at Los Angeles Harbor College, Trustee Svonkin expressed his concern
regarding the significant amendments that increased the cost by $9 million. He asked what we can do differently to keep projects on time and on budget.

Mr. Prieto recommended that mitigation be a consideration to address over spending.

With respect to Roman Numeral IX. Ratify Amendment to Lease Lease-Back Agreement, Ratify amendment $1 million, Trustee Svonkin registered a “No” vote.

Trustee Veres stated for the record that the Board has requested a Special Closed Session on this item. He noted that the procurement process component is difficult and might take longer to address.

Com. No. FPD2. Authorize Disposal of Surplus Personal Property from Los Angeles Community Colleges

Motion by Trustee Veres, seconded by Trustee Svonkin, to adopt the Consent Calendar for Com. No. FPD2.

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

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Matters Requiring a Super Majority Vote

NOTICE REPORTS AND INFORMATIVES
Matters Requiring a Super Majority Vote – None


Noticed by Chancellor Rodriguez.


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

Noticed by Chancellor Rodriguez.

Com. No. FPD/A. [Notice] Revise Board Rule 7706 Et. Seq. – Los Angeles Community College District Records


Noticed by Chancellor Rodriguez.
Com. No. CH/A [Notice] Repeal Board Rule Chapter IX, Article IX ET SEQ.

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 6:30 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 – March 6, 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. HRD2. Employment Actions Regarding Academic and Classified Employees

Motion by Trustee Moreno, seconded by Trustee Veres, to approve Com. No. HRD2. With the exception of Com. No. HRD2. II. Item C.

APPROVED: 7

Com. No. HRD2. II. Item C. was approved as follows:

APPROVED: 4
NOES: 2 (Buelna and Veres)
ABSTAIN: 1

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.

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 ____April 3, 2019_______