

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Educational Services Center
Board Room – First Floor
770 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Wednesday, June 24, 2009
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

Committee: Angela J. Reddock, Chair; Miguel Santiago, Sylvia Scott-Hayes

Participants: Adriana D. Barrera, ESC; David Beaulieu, DAS; A. Susan Carleo, LAVC; Marshall E. Drummond, ESC; Larry Eisenberg, ESC; Camille Goulet, ESC; Karen Hoefel, LAMC; Kevin Jeter, ESC; Judith Valles, LAMC

Trustee Reddock called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Trustee Elections Legislation

Ms. Camille Goulet indicated that a few years ago, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution requesting that various options be explored with respect to reducing the cost of Board of Trustees elections. One of the options presented was Instant Runoff Voting, which would require the participation of the City of Los Angeles and an amendment to the Los Angeles City Charter. The Board has requested that Ms. Goulet look into other election options. She discussed an option whereby the Board of Trustees election would be changed from a seat-by-seat election to electing the candidates with the highest number of votes to the available seats. She distributed copies of a draft document regarding potential legislation to amend Education Code section 72031 and stated that this Section applies only to the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD).

Ms. Goulet further indicated that a resolution is being presented for action at today's special Board meeting that supports the concept of changing to a single election in which the individuals with the highest number of votes for the available seats will be elected. They will not be elected by seat number. The candidate with the highest number of votes will be assigned the lowest seat number. One exception to this would be a special election to complete the balance of a term.

There was discussion regarding the concept of the proposed election process.

Ms. Goulet indicated that the new election process would eliminate the need for runoff elections.

Trustee Santiago inquired as to approximately how much money the District would save with the new process.

Mr. Larry Eisenberg responded that multi-million dollars would be saved.

Ms. Goulet indicated that the goal is to implement the new election process for the regular election in 2011. If the resolution is adopted today, she will notify the Los Angeles City Clerk that the District is putting forward the proposed legislation. In September or October 2009, the Board will take action to consolidate the elections. She requested that the Committee make a motion to recommend to the full Board adoption of the resolution.

Motion by Trustee Scott-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Santiago, to recommend to the full Board adoption of the resolution.

APPROVED: 3 Ayes

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.