

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES – BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
Educational Services Center
Board Room – First Floor
770 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90017
Wednesday, February 25, 2015
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Committee: Ernest H. Moreno, Chair; Mike Eng, Vice Chair; Scott J. Svonkin, Alternate. Absent: Steve Veres, Member

Trustee Moreno called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION

- Review of the Los Angeles Valley College Financial Stability Plan

The following documents were distributed: Attachment "A" ECDBC Review of the Los Angeles Valley College's Response to "Executive Committee of the District Budget Committee" (ECDBC) Recommendations: Enrollment Management, Balance Budget, and Debt Reduction Plan, December 16, 2014; Attachment "B" Los Angeles Valley College, Follow-up Report, March 15, 2015, Submitted to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges; and Attachment "C" Adopted District Financial Accountability Measures."

Trustee Moreno indicated that in response to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges' (ACCJC) recommendation regarding the Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) fiscal stability, the Institutional Effectiveness & Student Success Committee and subsequently the Budget & Finance Committee had recommended deferment of the 2014-2015 debt repayment of \$558,037 to ensure that the college has adequate resources to support its operations in Fiscal Year 2014-2015. However, the Board of Trustees adopted the District Accountability Measures on October 9, 2013 that were not considered at the time of the approval of the deferment of the LAVC 2014-15 debt repayment.

Ms. Jeanette L. Gordon, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, indicated that the LACCD incorporated numbers 8, 9, and 10 to the Fiscal Accountability Measures in response to the ACCJC District recommendation regarding the LAVC fiscal stability. She indicated that the ACCJC accepted and approved the additional measures.

A question and answer session was conducted with respect to the various components regarding the Executive Committee of the District Budget Committee (ECDBC) recommendation and the LAVC responses in addressing various issues of concern of the Committee regarding the five-year plan in order to achieve fiscal stability.

Dr. Adriana D. Barrera, Deputy Chancellor, and Ms. Gordon gave an overview of LAVC's last three years in their attempt to address the college's deficit.

Trustee Svonkin requested that the following be executed:

- That a review of LAVC five-year recovery plan be conducted in order to reduce the five-year recovery plan to a responsible length of time.
- That measure number 9 of the District Financial Accountability Measures be implemented.
- That the LACCD meet the Faculty Obligation Number (FON) requirement and that LAVC should not be expected to contribute to meeting the District's FON based on its financial issues, unless it is needed.

For the Record: Trustee Moreno stated that he would not have agreed to the ECDBC recommendation if it were not for the fact that LAVC is facing accreditation issues. He stated that historically the District's method of dealing with colleges' deficits is incompetent. He indicated that this sends the wrong message, that the LACCD will subsidize any college that over spends and that this will set precedents in dealing with college deficits. He expressed his concern that this problem be dealt with and that if expenditures are not the issue, he recommended that the District reduce expenditures in other areas and fully fund the colleges.

Chancellor Rodriguez stated that the Committee's direction is noted.

FUTURE BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

- March 11, 2015

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SUMMARY – NEXT MEETING

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.