Dr. Hall retired on July 27, 2007 after 12 years of service as a member of the District’s Personnel Commission including 4 years as Chair.

Dr. Hall’s contributions to the Los Angeles Community College District will continue to influence the way the Personnel Commission does business for many years to come. During his tenure with the Personnel Commission, Dr. Hall was responsible for spearheading efforts to increase the accessibility of the Personnel Commission to classified employees. He was instrumental in creating the Personnel Commission’s Personnel Services Representative program. This program was developed five years ago to enhance employee access to information relevant to their employment and to improve overall communication among classified staff, the Personnel Commission, and college administrators. He advocated for increased dialogue among different District governing entities on matters of collective concern, including regular meetings between the Personnel Commission and Board of Trustees. He also emphasized the importance of classified employee participation in the decision making processes that impact their employment.

Those that had the opportunity to know Dr. Hall, know that his contributions to public education began well before he joined the Los Angeles Community College District. He devoted 44 years of service to education, working his way up from Mail Room Clerk to Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Business Services at the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Dr. Hall is responsible for creating California’s first Academy for Business Career Development aimed at helping classified employees obtain the skills needed to perform their jobs and promote, co-founding California’s first state-wide self insurance liability fund for schools, implementing the largest educational information technology system of its time, and developing an economic affirmative action procurement program.

Mr. Henry Jones became the newest member of our Personnel Commission on August 24, 2007.

Mr. Jones began his career at Los Angeles Unified School District as a custodian and promoted his way up through the ranks to the position of Chief Financial Officer. As CFO he was responsible for managing a $7 billion budget, overseeing the District’s investment practices and managing the implementation of CalPERS and CalSTRS reporting requirements for more than 90,000 employees. Mr. Jones also shares another experience with many of you. He has been a part-time teacher at California State University Los Angeles and the LAUSD. During the course of his career Mr. Jones has worked extensively with Superintendents, members of the Board of Education, union representatives, and private and governmental agencies. He has often been commended for his ability to make effective decisions based on sound judgment and at the same time recognize every voice.

After retiring from the Los Angeles Unified School District, Mr. Jones continued his career by serving as a consultant to many school districts throughout the nation. Some of his accomplishments include managing a project to develop a comprehensive program for renewal of the Norwalk Connecticut Public School facilities, leading a team to improve the processes for calculating and processing payment funds to all school districts in Texas, and leading a team on management and organizational analysis of the Santa Fe Public School District. He has also served as Chief Executive Officer of the Annuity Reserve Fund Board and as a Board Member of the Los Angeles Schools Federal Credit Union.

Mr. Jones is currently in a run-off election to fill the CalPERS Board of Administration-Retiree Seat. Jones’ extensive experience in advising on pension fund issues includes having been twice-elected as Treasurer of the Council of Institutional
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Dr. Hall has also been very active in civic involvement during his career. He has served on the Wilshire Division Community Based Police Services Advisory Committee, Rebuild Crenshaw Area, and the Black Support Group at California State University, Los Angeles.

The Personnel Commission staff wishes him best wishes for a happy and well deserved retirement.

Welcome Jones continued

Investors, a shareholder rights organization comprised of more than 100 public, labor and corporate pension funds with assets then totaling more than $1 trillion.

Mr. Jones has also been active in civic organizations such as the Association of School Business Officials, the Council of Black Administrators, EDUCARE, the International Foundation of Employee Benefits Plan, and the National Council on Teacher Retirement.

As an active community member with abundant management and public service experience, Mr. Jones promises to bring an energy that will challenge us to continue pursuing proactive and innovative ways of improving our services for classified employees.

Please join us in welcoming Commissioner Jones.

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