OPTIONS TO FILL BOARD VACANCY ON AGENDA FOR MAY 9, 2018 MEETING

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees is expected to discuss options and to vote on how to fill a vacancy created after Trustee/Board President Sydney Kamlager assumed her new elective office on April 16 in the California State Assembly.

The issue of whether to appoint someone or call for a special election will be on the agenda for the Board’s next regularly scheduled meeting beginning at 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at Los Angeles City College, 855 N. Vermont Ave. The May 9 meeting agenda, including information about this process, will be available and posted online at www.laccd.edu by close of business Friday, May 4.

State election law requires the Board of Trustees to either appoint someone or call for a special election within 60 days from the onset of the vacancy. At least four members of the Board must agree no later than June 15, 2018 on someone to appoint to the Board of Trustees or agree to call for a special election that would be held as part of the statewide General Election on November 6, 2018.

The person who fills the vacancy, whether by appointment or special election, would hold the seat until the term expires on December 14, 2020. District officials said they have been told by the County that the cost to the District for a special election in November would be about $4 million.

Because the District is a political subdivision of the State of California, the successful new Trustee must be at least 18 years old; be a resident of the District and a citizen of the state; a registered voter and not otherwise disqualified from holding elective office under the California State Constitution or other state laws. He or she must not hold another elective office and cannot be a current employee of the District or must resign from such employment prior to being sworn in.

If the Board approves an appointment process, anyone interested in being appointed would be required to submit an application and be interviewed for consideration. If a special election is called, candidates would have to follow state election law to seek the office.

About the Los Angeles Community College District
LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation’s largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California’s diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Follow us on Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/LACCD, @LACCD, on Twitter, https://twitter.com/laccd @laccd and Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/, laccd_edu.

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