

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 28, 2007 • 11:30 a.m.
Educational Services Center • Board Room
770 Wilshire Boulevard • Los Angeles, California 90017

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District was called to order at 11:38 a.m. with President Sylvia Scott-Hayes presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Kelly G. Candaele, Mona Field, Warren T. Furutani, Georgia L. Mercer, Nancy Pearlman, Angela J. Reddock, and Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Student Trustee Eva Jackson was not present (arrived at 2:55 p.m.).

Chancellor Marshall E. Drummond was present.

RECESS TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Mercer, to recess to the Committee of the Whole.

APPROVED: 7 Ayes

President Scott-Hayes relinquished the gavel to Vice President Candaele.

The regular meeting recessed to the Committee of the Whole at 11:40 a.m.

Northeast City College Satellite Update

Mr. Larry Eisenberg, Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Development, deferred to Mr. James Sohn, Bond Program Manager, BuildLACCD.

Mr. Sohn presented an update regarding the status of the Northeast City College Satellite construction project. He indicated that the estimated date of completion is May 2009 with classes expected to commence in the Fall 2009 semester.

Copies of a document entitled "Los Angeles Northeast Center Development Scenarios" were distributed.

Mr. Eisenberg discussed Scenario 1 in the document as it relates to the layout of the classroom buildings, the Child Development Center, and the parking lots.

Trustee Field inquired as to how much this project will cost and where the money is coming from.

Mr. Eisenberg responded that the total cost of the project is \$62 million of which \$50 million is from Proposition AA, approximately \$4 million is through an economic development administration grant from the federal government, and \$8 million is from the LACC Proposition A/AA allocation.

There was discussion regarding the expenses associated with the project.

Mr. Eisenberg discussed the other three scenarios with respect to the placement of retail establishments and residential housing. He indicated that the revenue generated from these developments would ultimately be sufficient to operate the campus.

Trustee Field expressed her concern that the retail establishments and residential housing should not be part of this project due to the possible risk to District resources.

Trustee Mercer spoke in support of the retail establishments and residential housing as a means to generate revenue for the District.

Dr. Jamillah Moore, Interim President, LACC, indicated that the college is in support of this project. She reported that the curriculum is in the process of being developed. The plan is to offer credit courses as well as noncredit courses.

Trustee Scott-Hayes requested that any decisions be made with a focus on what is in the best interest of the students.

Dr. Moore indicated that once the site is completed, she will apply for center status through the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, which will provide state funding to the Center.

Sustainability Update

Mr. Eisenberg presented a video in which President Scott-Hayes discusses the District's efforts to construct sustainable buildings. He indicated that the many sustainability awards that the District has received are in the display cases in the foyer.

Public Speakers

None.

Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Furutani, seconded by Trustee Scott-Hayes, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole.

APPROVED: 7 Ayes

The Committee of the Whole adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Vice President Candaele relinquished the gavel to President Scott-Hayes.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees reconvened at 12:31 p.m. with President Sylvia Scott-Hayes presiding.

The following members were present: Kelly G. Candaele, Mona Field, Warren T. Furutani, Georgia L. Mercer, Nancy Pearlman, Angela J. Reddock, and Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Student Trustee Eva Jackson was not present (arrived at 2:55 p.m.).

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – CLOSED SESSION AGENDA MATTERS

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions, Roman Numeral II. The Suspension of Permanent Classified Employee

President Scott-Hayes stated that in accordance with The Ralph M. Brown Act, Mr. Damain Raynell Christopher, Sr., a permanent classified employee assigned to West Los Angeles College as a Pool Maintenance Custodian, has requested that he be allowed to speak at the public session of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Christopher was present.

Mr. Michael Shanahan, Associate Vice Chancellor, Employer-Employee Relations, explained what should occur with respect to the disciplinary case.

Ms. Camille Goulet, General Counsel, explained the process for suspending a permanent classified employee.

Mr. Shanahan summarized the charges against Mr. Christopher.

Mr. Christopher addressed the Board regarding the charges against him.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

During the Closed Session, the Board will discuss litigation known as Barakat et al., v. LADWP.

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Furutani, to recess to Closed Session in accordance with The Ralph M. Brown Act and the Education Code. The Board will discuss the matters on the Closed Session agenda as posted and announced (see Attachment A).

APPROVED: 7 Ayes

The regular meeting recessed to Closed Session at 12:39 p.m.

(Student Trustee Jackson arrived at 2:55 p.m.)

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District reconvened at 3:32 p.m. with President Sylvia Scott-Hayes presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Kelly G. Candaele, Mona Field, Nancy Pearlman, Angela J. Reddock, and Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Absent: Warren T. Furutani, Georgia L. Mercer (arrived at 3:35 p.m.). Student Trustee Eva Jackson was present.

Chancellor Marshall E. Drummond was present.

Trustee Reddock led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES

None.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE RESOURCE TABLE

Ms. Mary Van Ginkle, Recording Secretary, AFT College Staff Guild Los Angeles, acknowledged the members of the AFT College Staff Guild who are in attendance today.

PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (CATEGORY A)

Oral Presentations

President Scott-Hayes entertained a motion to allocate four minutes each for the speakers who signed up to address the Board regarding issues at Los Angeles Mission College.

(Trustee Mercer arrived at 3:35 p.m.)

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Reddock, to allocate four minutes per speaker.

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

The following individuals addressed the Board with their concerns regarding a situation involving the administration at LAMC.

Mr. Daryl Smith and Mr. Henry Ealy.

Scheduled speakers Ms. Barbara Perkins, Ms. Jacqueline Whatley, and Reverend Zedar Broadus were not present.

The following individuals addressed the Board with their concerns regarding the incident at LATTC on October 17, 2007 involving the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department investigation of drug activity on the campus:

Dr. Tammy Robinson, Dr. Freddie McClain, and Mr. Demetrius Mitchell.

President Scott-Hayes indicated that an investigation of the incident is currently being conducted. The Board of Trustees is taking action to ensure that incidents such as this will never again occur on any District campus.

Trustee Reddock acknowledged the students from LATTC who are in attendance today. She indicated that the Board of Trustees has acknowledged the seriousness of the incident that occurred at LATTC and has accepted responsibility for this incident. She stated that the Board requested an immediate investigation, which is being conducted by Mr. Gene Little, Director, Diversity Programs. A report will be forthcoming with the results of the investigation. The District's policy with the Sheriff's Department has been revisited and will be revised to demand a community-based style of overseeing and managing safety on the campuses. She stated that Chancellor Drummond is in the process of adding a student to the LACCD-Sheriff's Task Force so that the Board can hear from students directly regarding their concerns.

President Scott-Hayes indicated that the Board needs to do a better job on providing information to the greater college community regarding the changes they have implemented.

Trustee Candaele indicated that the Board is open to proposals that would improve the campus environment for the students. He commended the students for their commitment towards completing their education.

Trustee Pearlman indicated that regardless of one's religion, race, ethnicity, and gender, everyone should be treated fairly and decently and stated that she would do everything she can to make this happen.

Trustee Field emphasized the importance of the students to continue their education and indicated that the Board will do everything possible to ensure that the campus is a safe and welcoming environment.

Mr. Robert Ebow addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the status of his employment with the District.

With respect to the remarks by the students regarding the incident at LATTC, Student Trustee Jackson requested that the students work with their student leaders in an effort to resolve their issues and concerns.

Ms. Valerie Johnson addressed the Board regarding the efforts of CALPIRG to encourage students to register to vote. She indicated that an "Environmental Day" was held earlier today to educate people about global warming and other environmental issues.

Ms. Barbara Perkins, who is now present, distributed copies of a document entitled "Image Builders Etcetera A Political Consulting & Public Relations Firm." She addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the lack of consistent leadership at the campuses and the LAMC Presidential selection process.

Mr. Arturo Velasquez addressed the Board with their concerns regarding the incident at LATTC on October 17, 2007 involving the investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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There being no objections, Public Agenda Requests Category B was taken out of order.

PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (Category B)

Oral Presentations

Mr. Dominique Rivers and Ms. Julia Wallace addressed the Board with their concerns regarding the incident at LATTC on October 17, 2007 involving the investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (CATEGORY A) (continued)

Proposed Actions

Com. No. 2/A. Rebuild Snyder Grass Field at LACC to help Al Gore save the environment to prevent lung damage

Mr. Duke Russell addressed the Board requesting that they take action to protect the health of women, children, and men at LACC by rebuilding Snyder Grass Field.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MULTIPLE AGENDA MATTERS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD

The following reports to the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District, considered as a part as if fully set forth hereto and certified copies of which are on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees, were presented by the Board of Trustees and action taken as indicated.

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session – November 28, 2007

President Scott-Hayes indicated that The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that certain matters determined in Closed Session be reported during the public session that follows.

The Board took no actions that The Ralph M. Brown Act requires to be reported.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Trustee Candaele reported on this morning's Committee of the Whole at which there was an update presentation regarding the Northeast City College Satellite project and a video presentation in which President Scott-Hayes discusses the District's efforts to construct sustainable buildings.

President Scott-Hayes announced that the District has received the 2007 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award in recognition of its sustainable building efforts.

Com. No. BT1. Resolution – District Classified Employees Retirement

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt Com. No. BT1. as follows:

- WHEREAS, The classified employees identified below have been with the Los Angeles Community College District for many years; and
- WHEREAS, These classified employees have contributed significantly toward providing the highest quality of services to our students and the public on behalf of the Los Angeles Community College District; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Personnel Commission and the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District do hereby commend the employees for their contributions and extend best wishes in their retirement.

SUMMARY OF RETIRED CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE
October 1, 2007 – October 31, 2007

| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | JOB CLASSIFICATION | YEARS OF SERVICE | LOCATION |
|-------------|------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 1 Grant | William W. | Gardening Supervisor | 40 | Pierce |
| 2 Pham | Loc B. | Gardener | 17 | West |
| 3 Pavlovich | A. | Electrician | 8 | East |

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)
ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

Com. No. BT2. Conference Attendance Authorizations

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt Com. No. BT2.

Trustees Candaele, Pearlman, and Reddock requested that their names be added to Item B. as follows:

- A. Authorize payment of necessary expenses for Sylvia Scott-Hayes and Mona Field, members of this Board of Trustees, to have attended the 2007 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards Program held on November 20, 2007 in Sacramento, California.
- B. Authorize payment of necessary expenses for Mona Field, Kelly G. Candaele, Nancy Pearlman, and Angela J. Reddock, members of this Board of Trustees, to attend the Community College League of California 2008 Annual Legislative Conference to be held on January 27-28, 2008 in Sacramento, California.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED: 6 Ayes

REPORTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR AND COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

The following reports to the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District, considered as a part as if fully set forth hereto and certified copies of which are on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees, were presented by Chancellor Drummond and action taken as indicated.

Chancellor Drummond reported that all of the awards that the District has received for its sustainability efforts are in the display cases located in the first floor foyer.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Student Essay Contest

Chancellor Drummond deferred to Ms. Lisa Winter, Compliance Officer, Office of Diversity Programs.

Ms. Winter distributed packets of materials regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the LACCD Essay Competition. She discussed statewide and national domestic violence statistics for 2006. She introduced the following winners of the Domestic Violence Awareness Month LACCD Student Essay Competition:

Ms. Rosa Alvares, LATTC; Ms. Victoria Calzada, LAHC; Mr. Jess Lopez, ELAC; Ms. Shonnie Clayton, LAVC; Ms. Pamela Hernandez, LASC; and Ms. Earica Lee Wells, WLAC.

President Scott-Hayes congratulated the contest winners and commended them for their educational efforts.

Ms. Winter introduced the members of the District Healthy Advocacy Response Teams (HART) Committee.

Trustee Pearlman emphasized the importance of having support programs that help people get out of abusive situations.

Chancellor Drummond expressed his appreciation to the students for attending and sharing their essays.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Matters Requiring a Majority Vote

President Scott-Hayes entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar Items on Matters Requiring a Majority Vote, with the limitation that the Student Trustee's vote shall not apply to HRD1., HRD2., PC1., and the Correspondence.

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Mercer, to adopt the Consent Calendar Items on Matters Requiring a Majority Vote.

The Trustees discussed the following Consent Calendar agenda items:

Com. No. BF1. Budget and Finance Routine Report

With respect to Roman Numeral III. Acceptance of Funds and Authorization to Contract as it relates to the acceptance of funds from the United States Department of Education for the continuation of the Academic Competiveness Grant at the nine District colleges, Trustee Mercer inquired as to what the students can use the money for.

Dr. Tyree Wieder, President, LAVC, responded that the funds are supposed to be used for school expenses.

Com. No. BSD1. Business Services Routine Report

With respect to Roman Numeral III. Ratify Lease of District Facilities as it relates to an amendment to renew a lease with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for the use of District facilities by Jefferson High School at LATTTC, Trustee Field inquired if Jefferson High School uses LATTTC classrooms or does LATTTC use Jefferson High School classrooms.

Dr. Roland Chapdelaine, President, LATTTC, responded that Jefferson High School uses LATTTC classrooms. He indicated that the program involves high school students taking high school classes and college classes concurrently.

With respect to Roman Numeral II. Ratify Service Agreements Item G. and Roman Numeral V. Foundation Agreement as they relate to agreements for the operation and fundraising activities of the LACCD Foundation, Trustee Mercer inquired as to how these two items are related.

Ms. Goulet responded that Roman Numeral V. is the agreement between the District and the LACCD Foundation and Roman Numeral II. Item G. is the contract for fundraising that supports the Foundation activities.

Com. No. BSD2. Ratifications for Business Services and Facilities Planning

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

With respect to Roman Numeral I. Authorize Professional Services Agreements Item G. as it relates to an agreement to provide design services for the Campus Improvements – Geriatrics Program project at WLAC, Trustee Field requested an explanation of the Geriatrics Program.

Dr. Mark Rocha, President, WLAC, indicated that WLAC has a Certified Nurses Assistant certificate program with an emphasis in Gerontology and Geriatrics.

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

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions

Com. No. HRD2. Agreement Between the Los Angeles Community College District and the American Federation of Teachers College Staff Guild, Local 1521A, CFT/AFT, AFL/CIO

President Scott-Hayes announced that cake would be served at the conclusion of today's Board meeting to acknowledge the Board's approval of this agreement.

Dr. A. Sue Carleo, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, acknowledged the members of the AFT College Staff Guild Negotiating Team who are in attendance today.

Mr. Michael Romo, Member, AFT College Staff Guild Negotiating Team, District Office, expressed his appreciation to the Board members for their support and introduced the other members as follows:

Ms. Diane Hayes, LACC; Mr. Jose Mungaray, ELAC; Ms. Laura Payne, LAHC; Ms. Fern Reisner, LAMC; Mr. Greg Whaling, Pierce College; Ms. Betty Williams, LASC; Mr. Donald Santoianni, LATT; Ms. Dorothy Bates, LAVC; Ms. Sheila Jeter-Williams, WLAC; and Ms. Sandra Lepore, Executive Secretary, AFT College Staff Guild Los Angeles.

President Scott-Hayes acknowledged Dr. Carleo for her efforts in getting the agreement approved.

Com. No. ISD1. Approval of New Courses

Com. No. PC1. Personnel Commission Actions

Accept Recommended Disposition of Correspondence

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)
ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

Matters Requiring a Super Majority Vote

None.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Com. No. CH1. Proposition A/AA District Citizens' Oversight Committee Appointments

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Reddock, to adopt Com. No. CH1.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)
ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

NOTICE REPORTS AND INFORMATIVES

Com. No. ISD/A. Informative – Notification of Student Travel

Com. No. ISD/B. Informative – Notification of Student Travel

Com. No. ISD/C. Informative – Notification of Student Travel

Presented by Chancellor Drummond.

PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (Category B)

Oral Presentations

None.

Proposed Actions

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INDICATIONS OF FUTURE PROPOSED ACTIONS

Dr. Moore announced that State Assembly Member Anthony Portantino will be visiting LACC on Thursday, November 29, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. for a question-and-answer session in the President's Conference Room.

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Trustee Reddock announced that on November 27, 2007 she attended a meeting of the Community Call to Action and Accountability Group in South Los Angeles and expressed her appreciation to Chancellor Drummond, Dr. Barrera, and Dr. Moore for attending as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Reddock, to adjourn in memory of Trustee Mercer's father-in-law, Mr. Norman Mercer, who recently passed away.

Without objection, so ordered.

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

The regular meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

MARSHALL E. DRUMMOND
Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By: _____
Laurie Green
Assistant Secretary to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Sylvia Scott-Hayes
President of the Board

Date _____ January 16, 2008