

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 26, 2008 • 10:30 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 10:47 a.m. with President Sylvia Scott-Hayes presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Kelly G. Candaele, Mona Field, Georgia L. Mercer, and Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Absent: Nancy Pearlman (arrived at 12:43 p.m.), Angela J. Reddock (arrived at 11:13 a.m.). Student Trustee Eva Jackson was present.

Chancellor Marshall E. Drummond was present.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Mercer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt the following minutes:

Regular Meeting and Closed Session – February 13, 2008
Regular Meeting and Closed Session – February 27, 2008

APPROVED: 4 Ayes

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE RESOURCE TABLE

No reports.

PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (CATEGORY A)

Oral Presentations

Ms. Linda Howell addressed the Board regarding the vital role of the Pierce College Equine students in saving the lives of hundreds of animals during last year's firestorms. She indicated that these students will be honored at a ceremony to be held on April 11, 2008 at 10 a.m. at the Pierce College Agriculture Building. She invited the Board members to attend this ceremony.

Scheduled speaker Mr. Chris Robertson was not present.

Proposed Actions

Com. No. 2/A. Use Eminent Domain to buy out LACC public golf driving range lease

Mr. Duke Russell addressed the Board requesting that they take action to use Eminent Domain and money from public and private sources to buy out the LACC public golf driving range lease approved by the Board of Trustees in 1998.

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 on Actions Taken in Closed Session – March 26, 2008

President Scott-Hayes indicated that the Board is required to report certain actions taken in Closed Session during the public session that follows.

The Board accepted a settlement agreement for a stipulated discipline with an employee. A copy is available by request to the Office of General Counsel. The vote was five in favor with Trustee Pearlman abstaining.

There were no further actions that were required to be reported.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

No reports.

Com. No. BT1. Resolution – National Administrative Professionals Week

Motion by Trustee Scott-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt Com. No. BT1. as follows:

The following resolution is presented by Trustees Scott-Hayes, Field, and Reddock:

- WHEREAS, The week of April 20-26, 2008 is Administrative Professionals Week; and
- WHEREAS, Professional Secretaries Week was started in 1952 in an effort to recognize secretaries for their contributions to the workplace; and
- WHEREAS, District supervisors are encouraged to observe Administrative Professionals Week by making a commitment to promote lifelong learning, certification, and other professional development activities; and
- WHEREAS, The administrative support and clerical employees of the Los Angeles Community College District demonstrate the importance of their roles in their daily duties and serve the District exceptionally well; and
- WHEREAS, It is recognized that the administrative support and clerical employees serve the District with dedication, efficiency, and commitment; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District joins the nation to officially recognize and express sincere appreciation to the many administrative support staff for their irreplaceable skills and professionalism.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)

ADOPTED: 4 Ayes

Com. No. BT2. Resolution – National Library Week

Motion by Trustee Scott-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt Com. No. BT2. as follows:

The following resolution is presented by Trustees Scott-Hayes and Reddock:

- WHEREAS, The week of April 13-19, 2008 is National Library Week; and
- WHEREAS, Many school libraries also celebrate the month of April as School Library Media Month; and

- WHEREAS, Libraries serve as a repository of our histories and of our recorded dreams, hopes, and plans for tomorrow; and
- WHEREAS, Libraries require only that one have the desire to explore and learn in order to gain knowledge; and
- WHEREAS, Libraries hold the key to literacy by providing programs and services available to all age groups; and
- WHEREAS, The state of California, through AB 1725, requires that the community colleges provide certain levels of service, resources, and staffing; and
- WHEREAS, A college library is considered an essential criteria in college accreditation and reflects an institution's academic excellence; and
- WHEREAS, The nine colleges of the Los Angeles Community College District afford students with the opportunity to pursue their educational goals by providing needed resources and services; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District, in an effort to carry out the state's mandate, reaffirms its intentions to fulfill its obligations to its students' educational needs by providing them with facilities conducive to learning, up-to-date print and non-print resources, automated and computerized catalogs, and networked computer technology; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby joins the nation in declaring and celebrating National Library Week and encourages all colleges to highlight library-related programs and activities.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)
ADOPTED: 4 Ayes

Com. No. BT3. Adopt Board Rule 2605.30 Delegated Authority for Direction on Legislation

Motion by Trustee Scott-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt Com. No. BT3. as follows:

2605.30 DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR DIRECTION ON LEGISLATION

- a. The President of the Board shall designate which committee will review proposed legislation or regulations from local, state, or federal legislative or regulatory bodies. In order to provide timely direction, the committee shall have the authority to direct the Chancellor or other representatives of the District regarding positions on proposed legislation or regulations that may affect or regulate the District. The chair of the committee will be responsible for reporting promptly to the Board regarding directions given by the committee.**
- b. When the committee determines that the proposed legislation or regulation rises to a significant level of importance, the committee shall put the matter before the whole Board for consideration.**
- c. If any Trustee seeks to review the committee's direction on any proposed legislation or regulation, the Trustee shall promptly request that the item be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda for discussion and consideration. If such a request occurs, the committee's direction shall not be considered as the authorized District position unless and until it is adopted by the Board.**

Background: Review of legislation affecting the District is typically handled in a Board committee. However, the committee does not have the authority to determine the District's position on legislation. This rule would allow for a more efficient means of directing the District's position on pending legislation.

Trustee Mercer expressed her concern regarding the necessity for establishing such a policy. She inquired as to why a matter could not wait until the matter could be presented to the Board at the next meeting. She also expressed her concern that the Board needs to have an awareness of these matters.

Chancellor Drummond expressed his concern regarding the need to have such a process in order for the District to respond to pending legislation in a timely manner.

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Scott-Hayes, to amend Com. No. BT3. as follows:

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- a. The President of the Board shall designate which committee will review proposed legislation or regulations from local, state, or federal legislative or regulatory bodies. ~~In order to provide timely direction if legislative action is deemed urgent by the committee or any member of the committee,~~ the committee shall have the authority to direct the Chancellor or other representatives of the District regarding positions on proposed legislation or regulations that may affect or regulate the District. The chair of the committee will be responsible for reporting ~~promptly~~ immediately to the Board regarding directions given by the committee.

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There was discussion regarding the proposed amendment.

There was discussion regarding the process for reviewing proposed legislation.

Chancellor Drummond recommended that Com. No. BT3. be withdrawn.

Ms. Camille Goulet, General Counsel, recommended that the Board vote to table Com. No. BT3. until the regularly scheduled Board meeting of April 23, 2008.

(Trustee Reddock arrived at 11:13 a.m.)

Motion by Trustee Scott-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Mercer, to table Com. No. BT3. until the regularly scheduled Board meeting of April 23, 2008.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)
APPROVED: 4 Ayes (Candaele, Field, Mercer, Scott-Hayes)
1 Abstention (Reddock)

Tabled until the regularly scheduled Board meeting of April 23, 2008.

Com. No. BT4. 2008 California Community College Trustees Board of Directors Election

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Field, that the votes be cast for the following candidates to the CCCT Board of Directors elections for 2008:

1. Mary Figueroa, Riverside CCD*
2. Katherine "Kay" Albiani, Los Rios CCD*
3. Charles Meng, Napa Valley CCD*
4. Brian Conley, Rancho Santiago CCD
5. Judi Beck, Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint CCD*
6. Isabel Barreras, State Center CCD*
7. Carolyn Batiste, Mira Costa CCD*
8. Andrew Walzer, Santa Monica CCD

*Incumbent

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)
ADOPTED: 5 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 introduced Dr. Kaneesha Miller, Dean of Outreach, Educational Services Center. He discussed Dr. Miller's educational background. He indicated that Dr. Miller will be working with Mr. Gary Colombo, Vice Chancellor, Institutional Effectiveness, on student outreach efforts.

Mr. Colombo commended Dr. Miller for her past outreach efforts. He indicated that Dr. Miller gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees approximately two years ago regarding the impact of remedial mathematics on the student success rates of African-American and Latino students.

Dr. Miller expressed her appreciation for the appointment and indicated that she looks forward to working at the District Office.

Trustee Reddock welcomed Dr. Miller to the District Office and expressed her appreciation to the Board, Chancellor Drummond, and Mr. Colombo for their efforts in establishing the Dean of Outreach position.

Presentation: District's Video Conferencing Initiative by Jorge Mata

Chancellor Drummond deferred to Mr. Jorge Mata, Interim Chief Information Officer, Information Technology.

Mr. Mata gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding video conferencing. He indicated that video conferencing will provide individuals who are unable to physically attend a meeting or a class the opportunity to participate from other locations. Installation of the video conferencing program is scheduled to take place in June 2008. He gave a demonstration of the program with individuals at LACC. He indicated that video conferencing would result in substantial cost savings for the District.

Chancellor Drummond indicated that video conferencing will be available for all official District functions.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Matters Requiring a Majority Vote

President Scott-Hayes entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar Items as amended on Matters Requiring a Majority Vote, with the limitation that the Student Trustee's vote shall not apply to HRD1., HRD2., HRD3., ISD1., and the Correspondence.

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

The Trustees discussed the following Consent Calendar agenda items:

Com. No. BF1. Budget and Finance Routine Report

Com. No. BSD1. Business Services Routine Report

Corrected as follows:

I. STUDENT HEALTH CENTER AGREEMENTS

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Background: The ~~assignment~~ assignment of these four agreements will allow for the continued operation of these college Student Health ~~Center's~~ Centers. ...

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Com. No. BSD2. Ratifications for Business Services

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

With respect to Roman Numeral I. Authorize Professional Services Agreements Item A. as it relates to an agreement to provide LEED™ consulting services for the Child Development Center project at LACC, Trustee Mercer inquired as to whether the LEED™ requirements were incorporated into the original design.

Mr. Larry Eisenberg, Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Development, responded that this project is largely state funded and, therefore, did not begin as a LEED™ project. The purpose of this item is to make sure the project receives the LEED™ points required to make it a certified building and to provide commissioning services for the building.

With respect to Roman Numeral I. Item B. as it relates to an agreement to provide design and construction administration services for the Franklin Hall, Jefferson Hall, and Holmes Hall modernization projects at LACC from March 27, 2008 through March 27, 2013, President Scott-Hayes inquired as to the duration of the project and its completion date.

Mr. Eisenberg responded that the latter portion of this time period will be the warranty period. He indicated that the projects are expected to be completed in 2011.

With respect to Roman Numeral III. Ratify Amendment to Professional Services Agreement as it relates to an amendment to an agreement to provide additional design and program validation services for the Learning Assistance Center Basement project at LATTC, Trustee Mercer inquired if the \$4 million amount of this agreement is for only the design portion of the basement.

Mr. Eisenberg responded that the word "basement" is deceptive and indicated that the agreement applies to the entire building.

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions

Com. No. HRD2. Employment Actions Regarding Classified and Academic Employees

Com. No. HRD3. District's Initial Proposal to the Exclusive Representatives of the Los Angeles Community College District Administrators' Unit Represented by California Teamsters Public, Professional, and Medical Employees Union, Local 911

Com. No. ISD1. Authorization of Student Travel

Corrected as follows:

Authorize the travel ~~of~~ thirteen students and three faculty members from Los Angeles Valley College ~~will travel~~ to St. Charles, Illinois for the period April 11, 2008 to April 20, 2008 inclusive.

Background: As stated in Board Rule 9705, Board of Trustees authorization is required for the following types of student travel and/or related expenses:

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Com. No. ISD2. Approval of CCC-520 Request to Convert Non-compliant Degree to Compliant Degree or Certificate of Achievement

Trustee Mercer requested an overview of this item.

Mr. John Clerx, Vice Chancellor, Instructional and Student Support Services, indicated that in 2007 revisions were made to Title 5 of the California Education Code that allow the colleges to develop associate degrees requiring 18 or more semester units in a major or area of emphasis such as Liberal Studies. Approval of CCC-520 would revise the non-compliant degree to include or identify 18 or more semester units.

Accept recommended disposition of Correspondence

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

Matters Requiring a Super Majority Vote

Com. No. BF2. 2007-2008 Budget Adjustments

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt Com. No. BF2.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

None.

NOTICE REPORTS AND INFORMATIVES

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

Presented by Chancellor Drummond.

Trustee Mercer congratulated the Pierce College Band and its sponsor, the Los Angeles Pierce Symphonic Winds, for sending 55 students to New Orleans to perform two benefit concerts to aid in the rebuilding efforts.

PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (Category B)

Oral Presentations

Mr. Isaac Cajina gave an update presentation regarding upcoming CALPIRG events and the effort to start CALPIRG chapters at the colleges.

With respect to the CALPIRG Recycling Kick-Off event scheduled for April 2, 2008, Trustee Field requested that Mr. Cajina enlist the support of the official District recycling consultants in order to avoid a duplication of effort.

Trustee Field inquired of Student Trustee Jackson as to the status of the process for starting CALPIRG chapters at the colleges.

Student Trustee Jackson indicated that this issue was discussed at the Student Affairs Committee meeting of March 14, 2008. She has requested CALPIRG to provide her with its history as far back as it goes. The Associated Student Presidents will discuss the issue of CALPIRG chapters with their councils and will voice their opinions regarding this issue at the next Student Affairs Committee meeting on April 25, 2008.

Trustee Field requested that at a future Board meeting Chancellor Drummond discuss the process of working with student issues such as those presented by CALPIRG and whether Dr. Kaneesha Miller will be responsible for any of these duties.

Proposed Actions

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INDICATIONS OF FUTURE PROPOSED ACTIONS

None.

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

None.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Field, 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: 5 Ayes

The regular meeting recessed to Closed Session at 12:02 p.m.

(Trustee Pearlman arrived at 12:43 p.m.)

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District reconvened at 3:37 p.m. with President Sylvia Scott-Hayes presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Kelly G. Candaele, Mona Field, Georgia L. Mercer, Nancy Pearlman, Angela J. Reddock, and Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Student Trustee Eva Jackson was present.

Chancellor Marshall E. Drummond was present.

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Interviews to Appoint Trustee Vacancy, Seat No. 7

President Scott-Hayes read the process to be followed for the consideration of applicants.

The following candidates addressed the Board:

Dr. Gabriel Buelna, Mr. Paul Butterfield, Mr. Thomas D. Carter, Mr. Jacob Castroll, Ms. Ana E. Cubas, Dr. Myra Demeter, Dr. Wilkie A. Denley, Mr. Gerardo Guzman, Ms. Linda S. Haim, Dr. John C. Hisserich, Mr. Tommie Hodge, Mr. David H. Iwata, Mr. Charles A. Lindenblatt, Ms. Vera Little, and Mr. Roye Love.

Mr. Castroll noted that he is no longer affiliated with the Probation Commission as he stated on his resumé and apologized for the error.

There being no objection, the Board meeting was recessed at 4:45 p.m. and was reconvened at 4:56 p.m.

The following additional candidates addressed the Board:

Ms. Aviva S. Monosson, Mr. Robert Nakahiro, Mr. Michael P. Rives, Mr. James Roberson, Mr. Miguel Santiago, Mr. Dana Sherman, Mr. Enrique R. Valenzuela, and Mr. Andrew J. Westall.

The following candidates were unable to attend but requested that they still be considered for the position:

Ms. Ann E. Gray and Ms. Leannette R. Hill

The following candidate withdrew from consideration for the position:

Mr. Michael A. Palmieri

The following candidate was not present:

Mr. Jules M. Weisberg

Com. No. BT5. Appoint Trustee

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

Mr. Chris Bushee (in support of Dr. Myra Demeter), Mr. Carlos Vasquez (in support of Dr. Gabriel Buelna), Mr. Antonio Gallo (in support of Dr. Gabriel Buelna), Mrs. Pilar Buelna (in support of Dr. Gabriel Buelna), and Mr. Jesus Hernandez (in support of Dr. Gabriel Buelna).

Scheduled speaker Mr. Antonio Sanchez relinquished his opportunity to address the Board.

Trustees Field, Pearlman, Candaele, Mercer, and Reddock; Student Trustee Jackson; and President Scott-Hayes expressed their appreciation to all of the candidates for applying, commended them on their qualifications, and encouraged those who are not selected to look for other opportunities to become involved with the District.

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Field, that Mr. David H. Iwata be appointed to fill the vacancy in Seat No. 7 through June 30, 2009.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Abstain (Jackson)

FAILED: 2 Ayes (Mercer, Pearlman)

4 Noes (Candaele, Field, Reddock, Scott-Hayes)

Motion by President Scott-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Field, that Dr. Gabriel Buelna be appointed to fill the vacancy in Seat No. 7 through June 30, 2009.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)

FAILED: 3 Ayes (Mercer, Reddock, Scott-Hayes)

3 Noes (Candaele, Field, Pearlman)

Motion by Trustee Reddock, seconded by Trustee Field, that Ms. Ana E. Cubas be appointed to fill the vacancy in Seat No. 7 through June 30, 2009.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)

FAILED: 2 Ayes (Reddock, Scott-Hayes)

4 Noes (Candaele, Field, Mercer, Pearlman)

Motion by Trustee Reddock, seconded by Trustee Field, that Mr. Gerardo Guzman be appointed to fill the vacancy in Seat No. 7 through June 30, 2009.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Abstain (Jackson)

FAILED: 2 Ayes (Reddock, Scott-Hayes)

4 Noes (Candaele, Field, Mercer, Pearlman)

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Mercer, that Mr. Miguel Santiago, be appointed to fill the vacancy in Seat No. 7 through the expiration of its term on June 30, 2009.

Trustee Field emphasized the importance of having a Board member who is willing to listen and learn.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Abstain (Jackson)
APPROVED: 6 Ayes

Mr. Santiago expressed his appreciation for the appointment and indicated that he looks forward to serving and working with the District, the colleges, and the students.

President Scott-Hayes indicated that Mr. Santiago would be sworn in at the regularly scheduled Board meeting of April 9, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Reddock, to adjourn.

Without objection, so ordered.

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:09 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 May 21, 2008