

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 24, 2009 • 3:15 p.m.
Educational Services Center • Board Room
770 Wilshire Boulevard • Los Angeles, California 90017

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) was called to order at 4:08 p.m. with President Kelly G. Candaele presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Kelly G. Candaele, Mona Field, Nancy Pearlman, Angela J. Reddock, Miguel Santiago, and Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Absent: Georgia L. Mercer (arrived at 4:09 p.m.). Student Trustee Rodney D. Robinson was present.

Acting Chancellor Adriana D. Barrera was present.

(Trustee Mercer arrived at 4:09 p.m.)

Public Speakers

None.

Report from the Legislative Affairs Committee

Trustee Reddock reported that at this morning's Legislative Affairs Committee meeting as well as at a previous Committee meeting, there was discussion regarding the possibility of changing the Board of Trustees elections to a single election in which the top vote-getters would be elected without regard to seat assignments. She indicated that the Legislative Affairs Committee supports this recommendation and is requesting the full Board to support it as well.

Board of Trustees Recommendations

Com. No. BT1. Resolution Regarding Trustee Elections Legislation

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

- WHEREAS, The District has spent millions of dollars in its last two elections and experienced very low voter turnout for runoff elections; and
- WHEREAS, The District's elections are statutorily tied to the City of Los Angeles' elections procedures; and
- WHEREAS, The Board in prior years examined Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) as a potential cost-savings measure, but the City of Los Angeles' charter would have to be amended; and
- WHEREAS, The City Council has assigned a task force to study the measure, which may involve considerable additional time; and
- WHEREAS, In any economic conditions, millions of dollars that could be spent on serving students should not be diverted unnecessarily; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Affairs Committee took this matter up for discussion on April 29, 2009 as well as June 24, 2009; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees authorizes and directs staff to pursue legislation as soon as possible, to be effective for elections to be held in 2011, in which the Trustee elections would be conducted in a single election for the top vote-getters in that election, without regard to seat assignments.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Robinson)
ADOPTED: 7 Ayes

ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Scott-Hayes, to adjourn the special meeting.

APPROVED: 7 Ayes

The special meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

TYREE WIEDER
Interim Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By: _____
Laurie Green
Assistant Secretary to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Mona Field
President of the Board

Date _____
October 7, 2009