

# LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, September 23, 2009 • 12:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles Mission College • Campus Center Main  
13356 Eldridge Avenue • Sylmar, California 91342

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) was called to order at 12:31 p.m. with President Mona Field presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Kelly G. Candaele, Mona Field, Georgia L. Mercer, Tina Park, Nancy Pearlman, Miguel Santiago, and Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Student Trustee Rodney D. Robinson was not present (arrived at 2:30 p.m.).

Interim Chancellor Tyree Wieder was present.

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

None.

#### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Trustee Scott-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Mercer, 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 12:32 p.m.

(Student Trustee Robinson arrived at 2:30 p.m.)

#### **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the LACCD reconvened at 3:37 p.m. with President Mona Field presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Mona Field, Georgia L. Mercer, Tina Park, Nancy Pearlman, and Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Absent: Kelly G. Candaele (arrived at 3:40 p.m.), Miguel Santiago (arrived at 3:40 p.m.). Student Trustee Rodney D. Robinson was present.

Interim Chancellor Tyree Wieder was present.

Trustee Park led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Field announced that Dr. Chris McCarthy, President, Napa Valley College, and former employee of Los Angeles Harbor College (LAHC), passed away over the weekend. She requested a moment of silence in his memory. She indicated that the Board would adjourn today's meeting in memory of Dr. McCarthy and will take comments for the record that will be provided to his family.

## **WELCOMING REMARKS BY JUDITH VALLES, PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE**

Ms. Judith Valles, President, Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC), welcomed the Board members to the college. She also welcomed a group of students from California State University, Northridge (CSUN) who are enrolled in the CSUN doctoral program.

On behalf of the Board, President Field expressed her appreciation to LAMC for their hospitality.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

## **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE RESOURCE TABLE**

None.

(Trustees Candaele and Santiago arrived at 3:40 p.m.)

## **PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (Category A)**

### Oral Presentations

President Field entertained a motion to allocate two minutes per speaker regarding the topic of the Chicano Studies Department at LAMC.

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Scott-Hayes, to allocate two minutes per speaker.

*APPROVED: 7 Ayes*

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding the need to establish a separate Chicano Studies Department at LAMC rather than having it be combined with the Foreign Language Department.

Mr. Bobby Arias, Mrs. Norma Ramirez, Mr. Jorge Valles, Mr. Hernán Ponce, Mr. Refu Aguilera, Mr. Jorge Boche, Mr. Cesar Miranda, Mr. Miguel Luna, Mrs. Trini Rodriguez, Mr. Jan Tucker, Ms. Soledad Alatorre, Mr. Miguel Pérez, Mr. Eugene Hernandez, Mr. Raul Herrera, and Miss Maria Cano.

Ms. Valles indicated that LAMC is seriously considering making Chicano Studies a separate department in order to meet the needs of the students. The goal is to have a viable Chicano Studies Department with courses that are transferable to all universities.

### Proposed Actions

None.

## **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 – September 23, 2009

President Field indicated that The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that certain matters decided in Closed Session be reported during the public session that follows.

The Board took no actions required to be reported.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Trustee Scott-Hayes reported on this morning’s Planning and Student Success Committee meeting at which there was discussion regarding the East Los Angeles College (ELAC) Accreditation Follow-up Report, the process for addressing District-related accreditation recommendations, and the process for the summative evaluation of the District Strategic Plan.

Trustee Scott-Hayes also reported on this morning’s Legislative Affairs Committee meeting at which there was discussion regarding the role and purpose of the Committee, the development of the 2009-2010 Legislative Agenda, an update on the Federal Legislative Initiatives, and an update on the Community College League of California Advisory Committee on Legislation.

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**PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (Category A)**

Oral Presentations (continued)

The following individuals addressed the Board with their concerns regarding budget cuts to the Los Angeles City College (LACC) Collegian:

Professor Rhonda Guess, Mr. Timothy Carpenter, Miss Mars Melnicoff, and Mr. Ken Sherwood.

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

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

- WHEREAS, The classified employees identified below have been employed with the Los Angeles Community College District for many years; and
- WHEREAS, The 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 EMPLOYEES  
August 1, 2009 – August 31, 2009

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	JOB CLASSIFICATION	YEARS OF SERVICE	LOCATION
1 Rankins	Marcus	Custodian	40	Trade-Tech
2 Thornton Germaine	Albert	Chemistry Laboratory Technician	36	City

3	Roberts	Calvin	Custodian	35	West
4	*Gray	Craig T.	Painting Supervisor	17	Pierce
5	Jibaja	Jose Alejandro	Software Systems Engineer Manager	14	District Office
6	*Mitchell	Mary Louise	Library Technician	14	West
7	Woods	Lawrence	Compliance Officer	13	Southwest/West
8	Magum	Debra Ann	Senior Personnel Assistant	12	Harbor

\*Due to late processing, the following employees were not listed on previous reports:  
 Craig T. Gray, effective date of July 31, 2009; Mary Louise Mitchell, effective date of March 8, 2009.

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

Com. No. BT2. Resolution – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)

Motion by Trustee Park, seconded by Trustee Mercer, to adopt Com. No. BT2. as follows:

The following resolution is presented by Trustees Park, Mercer, Scott-Hayes, and Student Trustee Robinson:

- WHEREAS, In the California Community College System the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) was established in 1969 to initiate access and retention efforts for first-generation, low-income, educationally disadvantaged, and historically underrepresented students; and
- WHEREAS, EOPS has served over 1.9 million students at 110 campuses of the California community colleges, and these students have made a positive impact on the business, economic, educational, and cultural fabric of the State of California; and
- WHEREAS, EOPS provides academic and transitional support services for nearly 17,000 students at the nine Los Angeles community colleges each year--services that ensure educational access and justice, financial and academic support, opportunities to attain a college degree, and strategies that enable community college students to transfer to baccalaureate institutions of higher learning; and
- WHEREAS, The Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) Program was added in 1982 to expand services for welfare-dependent, single-parent EOPS students, and CARE has provided higher education access and supportive services, such as counseling, book services, tutoring, peer support, child care grants, transportation, school supplies, and other activities addressing the special needs of 1,100 low-income, single-parent students each year; and
- WHEREAS, EOPS and CARE are successful programs that bring hope, vision, guidance, and activism to underserved communities; that heighten the awareness of educational pathways and socio-cultural opportunities; and that invest in developing the leaders of tomorrow; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby extends its congratulations and appreciation to the California Community Colleges Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, for its historic and continued success in realizing the intent of landmark legislation, and the vision of the California Master Plan for Higher Education, in attaining educational equity goals and objectives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby declares October 2009 as Extended Opportunity Programs and Services Month to honor the mission and purposes of the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services through the celebration and coordination of activities that advance educational equity principles.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Robinson)*  
*ADOPTED: 7 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 Interim Chancellor Wieder and action taken as indicated.

None.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

### **Matters Requiring a Majority Vote**

President Field 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., and the Correspondence.

Motion by Trustee Scott-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Mercer, to adopt the Consent Calendar Items on matters requiring a majority vote.

President Field inquired if the Trustees have items that need clarification or separation for the vote.

The Trustees discussed the following Consent Calendar Items:

### **Com. No. BF1. Budget and Finance Routine Report**

With respect to Roman Numeral I. Acceptance of Income by College Item G. District Office Number 1. as it relates to the acceptance of funds from the Foundation for California Community Colleges for the California Community College Initiative Egyptian Student Program at LACC, Trustee Park inquired as to how many students are involved in this program.

Mr. Marvin Martinez, Vice Chancellor, Economic and Workforce Development, responded that 23 students are currently attending this program at LACC.

President Field inquired as to where these students are housed.

Mr. Larry Eisenberg, Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Development, responded that the students are residing in an apartment building near LACC.

With respect to Roman Numeral I. Item G. Number 2. as it relates to the acceptance of \$131,250 from the Alliance Charter School Lease for the rental of the Van de Kamp Innovation Center, Trustee Scott-Hayes inquired if this is the annual lease amount.

Mr. Eisenberg responded that this is the amount for the current year. The amount will increase each year for the five-year term of the lease.

### **Com. No. BSD1. Business Services Routine Report**

### **Com. No. BSD2. Ratifications for Business Services**

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

Trustee Scott-Hayes requested that in future Board Reports, items regarding Professional Services Agreements include a statement in the background that the agreements have gone through the shared governance process.

Com. No. FPD2. Master Procurement for Chippers

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions

Com. No. HRD2. Authorize Amendment of Master Benefits Agreement and Related Agreements

President Field expressed her appreciation to the members of the Joint Labor Management Benefits Committee (JLMBC) for their efforts with respect to the CalPERS health benefits program.

Com. No. ISD1. Approval of Educational Programs and Courses

Correspondence

Accept recommended disposition of Correspondence.

*The Student Trustee's vote shall not apply to HRD1., HRD2., and the Correspondence.*

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Robinson)*

*ADOPTED: 7 Ayes*

**Matters Requiring a Super Majority Vote**

None.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHANCELLOR**

Com. No. CH1. Authorize Broker for Owner Controlled Insurance Program

Mr. Eisenberg explained the bidding process that resulted in authorizing the agreement with the brokerage firm to provide insurance brokerage services in the procurement of an Owner-Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) for bond program construction and related activities.

Mr. Sam Perdomo addressed the Board regarding Com. No. CH1. and expressed his concern regarding the process in which this contract was awarded.

President Field indicated that one option with respect to Com. No. CH1. is for the Board to adopt the recommendation of staff to use the firm of Kaercher Campbell & Associates Insurance Brokerage. The other option is to vote against this recommendation and to have a substitute motion.

Ms. Camille Goulet, General Counsel, indicated that a Board member could make a motion and substitute the name of the recommended firm with the name of the previous firm (Aon) and a reduced dollar amount. She further indicated that the Board has a third option, which would be to vote the matter down altogether. There would then be a rebid process, which would require bringing forward a recommendation for a further extension of a contract for which issues have already been raised.

There was discussion regarding the provisions of the contract with Kaercher Campbell & Associates.

Motion by Trustee Scott-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Candaele, to adopt Com. No. CH1.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: No (Robinson)*  
*MOTION FAILED: 2 Ayes (Candaele, Scott-Hayes)*  
*4 Noes (Field, Mercer, Park, Santiago)*  
*1 Abstention (Pearlman)*

Motion by Trustee Pearlman, seconded by Student Trustee Robinson, to rebid.

President Field indicated that the rebid process would take three months during which time the contract with Aon would be extended.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Robinson)*  
*MOTION FAILED: 1 Aye (Pearlman)*  
*6 Noes (Candaele, Field, Mercer, Park, Santiago, Scott-Hayes)*

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Santiago, to award the contract to Aon and direct staff to bring back a subsequent agenda item with the details.

President Field indicated that a yes vote does not mean the Board members are affirming any of the allegations made by Aon.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Robinson)*  
*ADOPTED: 4 Ayes (Field, Mercer, Park, Santiago)*  
*3 Noes (Candaele, Pearlman, Scott-Hayes)*

#### **NOTICE REPORTS AND INFORMATIVES**

None.

#### **PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (Category B)**

##### Oral Presentations

None.

##### Proposed Actions

None.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INDICATIONS OF FUTURE PROPOSED ACTIONS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Field entertained a motion to adjourn in memory of Dr. Chris McCarthy.

Motion by Trustee Pearlman, seconded by Trustee Mercer, to adjourn in memory of Dr. McCarthy.

The following individuals shared their memories regarding Dr. McCarthy:

Trustee Pearlman; Dr. A. Susan Carleo, President, Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC); Dr. Linda Spink, President, LAHC; Dr. Kathleen Burke-Kelly, Vice President, Academic Affairs, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC); and Dr. Tyree Wieder, Interim Chancellor.

*APPROVED: 7 Ayes*

The regular meeting adjourned at 5:55 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:

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Mona Field  
President of the Board

Date \_\_\_\_\_ November 18, 2009