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Dr. Marshall E. (Mark) Drummond , Chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District, is stepping down, effective July 31, 2009.

Dr. Drummond had two years remaining on his contract, which included a salary exceeding \$300,000 a year. A tentative separation agreement has been negotiated and is expected to become final by the end of July.

Dr. Drummond, 67, first led the LACCD from 1999 to 2004. He left to become chancellor of the California Community Colleges, where he worked on behalf of the state's 72 college districts, but returned to the LACCD in July, 2007 to serve as Chancellor for the second time.

A highlight of Dr. Drummond's seven years as the LACCD Chancellor was voter approval of three major bond measures. Overall, the bond measures have provided \$5.7 billion to enable the LACCD to modernize each of the District's nine colleges, which had fallen into poor condition after decades with little construction.

"I am proud of my accomplishments at the LACCD. The District is on a far better footing than when I first arrived here," Dr. Drummond said.

Since last week, Dr. Adriana D. Barrera, 58, has served as Acting Chancellor and she is continuing in that role. She most recently has been the Deputy Chancellor and, just prior to that, was president of Los Angeles Mission College, an LACCD campus in the San Fernando Valley.

The LACCD Board of Trustees will conduct a search for a permanent replacement, but specifics have not been determined.

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