

# LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, April 19, 2012 • 4:00 p.m.  
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College  
South Campus Technology Building • Room TE 120 – First Floor  
400 West Washington Blvd. • Los Angeles, California 90015

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 Miguel Santiago presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Kelly Candaele, Mona Field, Tina Park, Miguel Santiago, and Scott J. Svonkin. Absent: Nancy Pearlman (arrived at 4:10 p.m.) and Steve Veres (arrived at 4:20 p.m.). Interim Student Trustee Brandon Batham was present.

Chancellor Daniel J. LaVista was present.

(Trustee Pearlman arrived at 4:10 p.m.)

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John McDowell addressed the Board regarding the budget crisis and the impact of the budget cuts on LACCD students, faculty, and staff.

(Trustee Veres arrived at 4:20 p.m.)

#### PLANNING SESSION ON BOARD GOALS: JOHN DACEY OF BERGMAN DACEY GOLDSMITH (FACILITATOR)

Mr. John Dacey distributed a document entitled "Successful Boards v. Unsuccessful Boards (A Brief Conceptual Overview)."

Mr. Dacey discussed the document with respect to the following subtopics:

Successful Boards understand the Three Challenges to Successful Board Membership:

Constituency, Consensus, Cooperation

Successful Boards must have three skill sets possessed by all good leaders:

Vision, Communication, Motivation

Successful Boards understand that:

1. Problems/issues are merely opportunities to find solutions;
2. Much can be learned from past institutional experiences;
3. A leadership group is stronger together than alone;
4. Each member must have trust and confidence in each fellow member;

5. Each member and the group must allow staff to "carry the water";
6. It is the brain of the institution (and not its arms, hands, legs, and mouth) in setting policy and making sure it is successfully implemented by staff.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the document.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no objection, the special meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

DANIEL J. LAVISTA  
Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By: Laurie Green  
Laurie Green  
Assistant Secretary to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Miguel Santiago  
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President of the Board

Date May 9, 2012