

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 20, 2013 • 3:30 p.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 (LACCD) was called to order at 3:41 p.m. with President Miguel Santiago presiding.

The following members were present: Mike Eng, Mona Field, Ernest H. Moreno, Nancy Pearlman, Miguel Santiago, Scott J. Svonkin, and Steve Veres. Student Trustee Michael J. Griggs was not present.

Interim Chancellor Adriana D. Barrera was present.

Trustee Pearlman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE RESOURCE TABLE

The following individual reported from the Resource Table:

Ms. Joanne Waddell, President, Los Angeles College Faculty Guild.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

Mr. Farley Herzek, Interim President, Los Angeles Harbor College (LAHC), announced that LAHC held the first wedding on its campus on November 12, 2013. He indicated that the wedding was between two LAHC students who met in the Culinary Arts Program. He also reported that a meeting was held on November 20, 2013 with local high school principals and counselors to inform them regarding the way in which LAHC will be serving their students in the Spring and Fall 2014 semesters. He indicated that every new incoming student will go through orientation and assessment and will have an opportunity to be involved in a summer experience to increase his or her mathematics and English competency. He indicated that all students would be assessed at the end of this experience. He stated that the goal is that by the end of the first year, the students would have completed college-level mathematics and college-level English and would have accumulated approximately 24 units.

Trustee Pearlman indicated that the LAHC Culinary Arts Department serves a gourmet dinner every Thursday at the Bistro Café. She indicated that she recently had the opportunity to visit the Bistro Café and encouraged everyone to do the same.

Mr. Laurence B. Frank, President, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTTC), invited the Board members to joining him on Friday, November 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., at which time he would be receiving a check for \$150,000 to build a new hospitality training program in conjunction with the LATTTC Culinary Arts training program. He indicated that this is the result of a community benefit on the tearing down of the Wilshire Grand Hotel.

Mr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, President, West Los Angeles College (WLAC), announced that an art exhibit entitled "The Art of Aging" by Alice and Richard Matzkin is being held until December 13, 2013 at WLAC. He encouraged everyone to visit this exhibit.

Ms. Alma Johnson-Hawkins, Interim President, Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC), announced that LAVC is presenting an exhibit of the Salvador Dali art collection beginning on November 20, 2013.

PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS

Oral Presentations

President Santiago read the cautionary language for speakers and their personal responsibility and, potentially, personal liability for defamatory remarks.

Scheduled speaker Mr. Davoud Pirniakan was not present.

Proposed Actions

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD

Trustee Svonkin reported that he had the privilege of meeting Mr. Joseph Gatto, the father of California State Assembly Member Mike Gatto, who was murdered in his home on November 13, 2013. He indicated that Mr. Gatto was a father and a grandfather and was a public school teacher and artist. He indicated that Mr. Gatto's daughter is the head of the Italian American Museum of Los Angeles. He requested that the Board meeting be adjourned in the memory of Mr. Joseph Gatto.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Trustee Eng reported on the Adult Education and Workforce Development Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Trustee Veres reported on the Facilities Master Planning & Oversight Committee meeting.

Trustee Veres reported on the Institutional Effectiveness & Student Success Committee meeting.

Proposed Actions

The following action item, considered as a part as if fully set forth hereto and a certified copy of which will be on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees, was presented by the Board of Trustees and action taken as indicated.

Com. No. BT1. Amend 2013-2014 Board Meeting Calendar

Trustee Field requested the following amendment to the background:

Amend the 2013-2014 Board meeting calendar as follows:

Wednesday, December 18, 2013 – CANCEL

Background: The Board meeting scheduled to be held on December 18, 2013 is being recommended to be cancelled. The Board has determined that its business will be conducted during the regular Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. **Instead, the Board will hold a non-mandatory public Study Session on the issue of enrollment. The Interim Chancellor will invite three or four College Presidents and/or Vice Presidents as well as faculty leaders to discuss enrollment trends, including possible causes, budget implications, and possible answers to the current "softening" also known as a drop in enrollment. This session shall occur from 1-3 p.m. on December 18.**

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Pearlman, to adopt Com. No. BT1. as amended.

Trustee Field indicated that there are future plans to handle the enrollment issue, perhaps in a Committee of the Whole meeting.

President Santiago indicated that the idea was to bring this issue to the Committee of the Whole. He indicated that it is his intent to honor the request of the Interim Chancellor and not have a meeting on December 18, 2013.

Trustee Moreno expressed his concern that a delay in addressing the issue of enrollment would have a negative impact. He indicated that he concurs with Trustee Field's amendment.

For the record, Trustee Svonkin indicated that Interim Chancellor Barrera and he have been discussing the schedule of the Committee of the Whole. He indicated that he is concerned regarding staff being asked to perform specific tasks around the dates of the various holidays. He offered a substitute motion to adopt Com. No. BT1, without the amendment.

Due to the lack of a second, Trustee Svonkin's substitute motion failed.

Trustee Pearlman recommended that the action to cancel the December 18, 2013 Board meeting be postponed until the Board meeting of December 11, 2013.

Trustee Moreno spoke in opposition to cancelling the December 18, 2013 Board meeting. He inquired as to why this meeting would be cancelled.

Interim Chancellor Barrera responded that the second meeting of the month is dedicated to special topics and is a Committee of the Whole. She indicated that at the time of the agenda review meeting, staff was not prepared to complete any of the presentations on the topics that Trustee Svonkin had proposed for December 18, 2013. Therefore, any additional items to be discussed would have been discussed on December 11, 2013, which is a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

President Santiago spoke in support of cancelling the December 18, 2013 Board meeting.

Trustee Svonkin requested that the enrollment issue be discussed during the Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting on January 29, 2014.

President Santiago urged all Board members to support the motion.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Absent (Griggs)

*ADOPTED AS AMENDED: 6 Ayes (Eng, Field, Moreno, Pearlman, Santiago, Veres)
1 No (Svonkin)*

President Santiago inquired as to which Board members would attend the Board Study Session on December 18, 2013.

Trustees Field, Moreno, and Pearlman responded that they would attend the Board Study Session.

(Trustee Svonkin left at 4:15 p.m.)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters Requiring a Majority Vote

Com. No. HRD1. Authorize Executive Employment Action

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Veres, to adopt Com. No. HRD1.

ADOPTED: 6 Ayes Absent: Trustee Svonkin

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

None.

NOTICE REPORTS AND INFORMATIVES

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INDICATIONS OF FUTURE PROPOSED ACTIONS

None.

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

None.

(Trustee Svonkin returned at 4:17 p.m.)

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Eng, to recess to Closed Session in accordance with The Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code sections 54950 et seq., and the Education Code to discuss the remaining matters that have not yet been addressed on the posted Closed Session agenda pursuant to Government Code section 54954.5 (see Attachment A).

Without objection, so ordered.

The regular meeting recessed to Closed Session at 4:18 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the LACCD reconvened at 6:40 p.m. with President Miguel Santiago presiding.

President Santiago noted that the Board members were present with the exception of Student Trustee Griggs.

Interim Chancellor Adriana D. Barrera was present.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION – NOVEMBER 20, 2013

President Santiago 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 unanimously approved filing a petition with further review with the California Supreme Court in the case of Lowery vs. LACCD.

The Board took no further actions required to be reported.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters Requiring a Majority Vote

Com. No. HRD2. Disciplinary Action Regarding Classified Employees

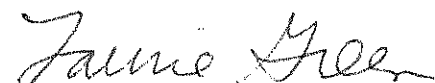
Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to adopt Com. No. HRD2.

ADOPTED: 7 Ayes

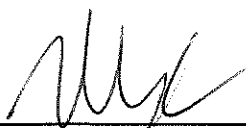
ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the regular meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. in the memory of Mr. Joseph Gatto.

ADRIANA D. BARRERA
Interim Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By: 
Laurie Green
Assistant Secretary to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:


Miguel Santiago
President of the Board

Date December 11, 2013



Board of Trustees

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AGENDA

ATTACHMENT A

CLOSED SESSION

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

**Educational Services Center
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- I. **Public Employee Employment**
(pursuant to Government Code section 54957)
 - A. Position: President, Los Angeles Valley College
 - B. Position: President, Los Angeles Harbor College
 - C. Position: President, Los Angeles Southwest College
 - D. Position: Chief Business Officer
 - E. Position: Chancellor

- II. **Conference with Labor Negotiator**
(pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6)
 - A. District Negotiators: Adriana D. Barrera
Employee Units: All Units
All Unrepresented Employees

 - B. District Negotiators: Adriana D. Barrera
Employee Unit: Clerical/Technical

III. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Charges/Complaints
(pursuant to Government Code section 54957)

IV. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
(pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a))

A. *Selwyn Young v. LACCD, Michael Miller and Dan Cowgill*

B. *Scott Lowery v. LACCD*

C. *Mariam Mejelian v. LACCD*

D. *In re Cengage*

E. *Vahe Darakjian v. LACCD*

F. *Pacific Coast Cabling, Inc. v. Sinanian Development, Inc., LACCD, et al.*

G. *Aaron Chan v. LACCD and related case*

V. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

A. Potential litigation – 1 matter (pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b)(4))