

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

**Wednesday, February 25, 2015
Public Session 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 3:31 p.m. with President Scott J. Svonkin presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Mike Eng, Ernest H. Moreno, Nancy Pearlman, and Scott J. Svonkin. Absent: Mona Field (arrived at 3:32 p.m.) and Steve Veres (arrived at 3:32 p.m.). Student Trustee LaMont G. Jackson was not present.

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez was present.

Trustee Eng led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(Trustees Field and Veres arrived at 3:32 p.m.)

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE RESOURCE TABLE

Ms. Joanne Waddell, President, Los Angeles College Faculty Guild, AFT Local 1521, announced that today (February 25, 2015) colleges and universities nationwide are participating in the first ever National Adjunct Walkout Day in order to call attention to the substandard working conditions of adjunct faculty across the nation. She indicated that the LACCD Faculty Guild chapters chose to celebrate and to honor their faculty for all they do to assist the students and the colleges in achieving their goals.

Ms. Diva Sanchez, Representative, SEIU Local 99, expressed her appreciation to the Payroll Department for depositing the retroactive paychecks for Local 99 employees.

Ms. Velma Butler, President, AFT College Staff Guild, Local 1521A, expressed her appreciation to everyone who participated in "Go Red Day" activities throughout the District on February 25, 2015. She reported that Mr. Laurence B. Frank, President, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC), has agreed to co-chair the JLMBC Wellness Task Force Work Group. She emphasized the importance of all District employees and students to exercise and eat healthy foods in order to prevent heart disease.

Ms. Leila Menzies, President, Classified Management Association, addressed the Board with respect to the Closed Session item regarding salaries and other matters for unrepresented employees. She expressed her concern that the unrepresented employees have not received the cost-of-living and salary increases that have consistently been granted across the board to everyone else.

Ms. Butler expressed her appreciation to Ms. Katreliia Walker, Employee Benefits Manager, for her efforts in coordinating the "Go Red Day" activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

Mr. Laurence B. Frank, President, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC), expressed his appreciation to the LATTC Fashion Program for their work on the red dresses that are on display in the lobby of the ESC. He announced that on Thursday, February 26, 2015, LATTC will be holding a Solar Job Fair, which will be attended by LATTC students as well as students from Homeboy Industries.

Ms. Renee D. Martinez, President, Los Angeles City College (LACC), announced that Mr. Martin Chalifour, Principal Concertmaster of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, will be at LACC on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. to perform with the LACC Music Master Class. The concert will take place in Clausen Hall.

PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS

Oral Presentations

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

None.

Proposed Actions

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

President Svonkin reported on the meetings of the Campus Safety Subcommittee and the Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee, which are subcommittees of the Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

Trustee Moreno reported on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters Requiring a Majority Vote

Motion by Trustee Veres, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to adopt the Consent Calendar on Matters Requiring a Majority Vote.

Com. No. BSD1. Ratifications for Business Services

Com. No. HRD1. Salary Increase for Walk-on Assistant Coach, Unclassified

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Absent (Jackson)
ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Com. No. CH1. Approve Accreditation Follow-up Report for Los Angeles Valley College

Withdrawn.

RECESS TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

There being no objection, the regular meeting recessed to the Committee of the Whole at 5:40 p.m.

President Svonkin relinquished the gavel to Vice President Veres to chair the Committee of the Whole.

For the record, Vice President Veres noted that the Board members were present with the exception of Student Trustee Jackson.

Public Speakers

None.

Presentations/Initiative Reviews

- Faculty Teaching and Learning Academy

Chancellor Rodriguez introduced Dr. Deborah L. Harrington, Dean, Student Success.

A document entitled "LACCD Faculty Teaching Learning Academy (FTLA) 2014/2015" was distributed.

Dr. Harrington gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the document with respect to the history of FTLA, academy objectives, highlights: connectivity with peers and students, highlights: flipping the classroom, highlights: culturally responsive teaching, helping institutional efforts, ePortfolios – Canvas, keeping FTLA graduates involved, and reflection from a current FTLA participant.

Dr. Harrington acknowledged the FTLA participants who were present.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the presentation.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment of the Committee of the Whole

There being no objection, Vice President Veres adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 4:14 p.m.

Vice President Veres relinquished the gavel to President Svonkin.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the LACCD reconvened at 4:14 p.m. with President Scott J. Svonkin presiding.

For the record, President Svonkin noted that the following members were present: Mike Eng, Mona Field, Ernest H. Moreno, Nancy Pearlman, Scott J. Svonkin, and Steve Veres. Absent: LaMont G. Jackson.

NOTICE REPORTS AND INFORMATIVES

Com. No. BT/A. [Notice] Adopt 2015-2016 Board Meeting Calendar

President Svonkin requested that that the two Board Leadership and Planning Sessions of August 19, 2015 and December 16, 2015 be noted as tentative dates.

Noticed by Chancellor Rodriguez.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INDICATIONS OF FUTURE PROPOSED ACTIONS

Trustee Pearlman requested that she be provided with the legal requirements for participating in a Board meeting via conference call.

President Svonkin indicated that this information would be provided.

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

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

President Svonkin noted that ten individuals had signed up to speak regarding Com. No. HRD2. Employment Actions Regarding Academic Employees Roman Numeral II. March 15 Notice Regarding Non-Renewal of Contract for Second-Year Probationary Employee. He entertained a motion to allocate two minutes per speaker. He stated that Ms. Kristin Lassonde is the subject of this Board item and, therefore, would receive the full five-minute allocation to address the Board.

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to allocate two minutes per speaker.

*APPROVED: 5 Ayes (Eng, Field, Moreno, Svonkin, Veres)
1 No (Pearlman)*

Ms. Kristin Lassonde addressed the Board regarding Com. No. HRD2. Roman Numeral II. as it relates to the recommended non-renewal of her contract. She provided the Board members with a copy of her remarks as well as several supporting documents.

The following individuals addressed the Board on behalf of Ms. Lassonde:

Mr. Samuel Aranda, Mr. John Capistrano, Mr. Jose Morfin, Ms. Ashlee Pyanowski, Ms. Elizabeth Avelar, Ms. Martha Savelio, and Mr. Nick Lassonde.

Scheduled speakers Mr. Matar Alotaibi, Mr. Anthony Cruz Santana, and Mr. Duke Dinh were not present.

Ms. Kenyatta Bakeer addressed the Board regarding Com. No. HRD2. Roman Numeral III. March 15 Notice Regarding Non-granting of Tenure for Academic Employee as it relates to a recommendation to not employ her as a tenured employee.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

President Svonkin indicated that the Board meeting would be adjourned in the memory of Mrs. Mildred P. Massey AKA "Grunga," the grandmother of Student Trustee Jackson.

There being no objection, the regular meeting recessed to Closed Session in accordance with The Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code sections 54950 et seq., and the Education Code to discuss the matters on the posted Closed Session agenda pursuant to Government Code section 54954.5 (see Attachment A).

The regular meeting recessed to Closed Session at 4:45 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the LACCD reconvened at 6:15 p.m. with President Scott J. Svonkin presiding.

The Board members were present with the exception of Trustee Moreno and Student Trustee Jackson.

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez was present.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION – FEBRUARY 25, 2015

President Svonkin 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 which required reporting.

(Trustee Moreno arrived at 6:16 p.m.)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters Requiring a Majority Vote

President Svonkin indicated that each Roman Numeral would be voted on separately.

Com. No. HRD2. Employment Actions Regarding Academic Employees Roman Numeral I.

Motion by Trustee Moreno, seconded by Trustee Veres, to adopt Com. No. HRD2. Roman Numeral I.

ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

Com. No. HRD2. Employment Actions Regarding Academic Employees Roman Numeral II.

Motion by Trustee Moreno, seconded by Trustee Veres, to adopt Com. No. HRD2. Roman Numeral II.

ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

Com. No. HRD2. Employment Actions Regarding Academic Employees Roman Numeral III.

Motion by Trustee Moreno, seconded by Trustee Veres, to adopt Com. No. HRD2. Roman Numeral III.

ADOPTED: 6 Ayes

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the regular meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m. in the memory of Mrs. Mildred P. Massey AKA "Grunga."

FRANCISCO C. RODRIGUEZ
Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By: *Laurie Green*
Laurie Green
Assistant Secretary to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Scott J. Svornin
Scott J. Svornin
President of the Board

Date April 15, 2015



Board of Trustees

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AGENDA

ATTACHMENT A

CLOSED SESSION

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**Educational Services Center
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- I. **Public Employee Employment**
(pursuant to Government Code section 54957)
 - A. Chancellor Evaluation

- II. **Conference with Labor Negotiator**
(pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6)
 - A. District Negotiators: Albert Román
Adriana D. Barrera

Employee Unit: All Unrepresented employees

 - B. District Negotiators: Albert Román
Adriana D. Barrera

Employee Unit: Clerical/Technical – Local 1521A

- 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(d)(1))
 - A. *LACCD v. Constantino Gabrie*

 - B. *Kim Saunders v. LACCD*

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- C. A. Lopez & Sons, Inc. v. Gypsum Enterprises, Woodcliff Corporation, LACCD, et al.*
- D. Heavy Equipment Rental LLC v. Donald Martinez dba Alpha 1; LACCD, et al.*
- E. Allegheny Casualty Company v. Suffolk Construction, LACCD, et al.*