

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, June 8, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Los Angeles City College

**Student Union Building, Multi-Purpose Room, 3rd Floor
855 N. Vermont Avenue • Los Angeles, California 90029**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) was called to order at 9:16 a.m. with President Mike Fong presiding.

The following members were present: Gabriel Buelna, Mike Fong, Andra Hoffman, Ernest H. Moreno, Scott J. Svonkin, and Steven F. Veres. Seat 3 (Vacant). Student Trustee Kellie Williams was present.

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez was present.

Flag Salute

Student Trustee Williams led the Pledged of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Speakers on Items not on the Agenda

Ms. Kimberly Blanco urged the Board to support the colleagues' Dream Resource Centers and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program with more funding.

Applicant Presentations and Interviews

President Fong thanked all the applicants for their interest in the position of the Board of Trustee for the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Seat 3. He indicated that the Board members were provided with all the applications prior to this meeting for their review.

The following individuals addressed the Board with respect to their qualifications and experiences relevant to serve as a Board member for the LACCD:

Dr. Melina Abdullah, Ms. Christine Adams, Mr. Peter Brown, Ms. Josette Espinosa, Mr. Dallas Fowler, Mr. Warren Furutani, Ms. Sara Hernandez, Mr. Jeffrey Hilger, Mr. Kelsey Iino, Ms. Brigitte Kidd, Mr. Kay Ko, Mr. Charles Lindenblatt, Ms. Margie Llinas, Ms. Loraine Lundquist, Mr. Christopher Martinez, Mr. Patrick Seamans, Ms. Valerie Shaw, Ms. Dana Sherman, Mr. Karlo Silbiger, Mr. James Smith, Mr. Sheldon Tobias, Mr. David Vela, Ms. Mary Ann Walker, Mr. Samuel Whitehead, and Mr. Bryant Woodert

Mr. Andrew Sparks was not present.

Request to Address the Board of Trustees Regarding Candidates

President Fong entertained a motion to allocate two minutes per speaker.

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

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Williams)
FAILED: 3 Ayes (Moreno, Svonkin, Veres)
3 Noes (Buelna, Fong, Hoffman)

The following individuals addressed the Board to consider appointing an African-American women for Seat 3.

Dr. Linda Cole, Mr. Zachery Knorr, Mr. Julio Tsuha, Ms. Jenny Galvez, Dr. Sandra Lee, Dr. Molly Talcott, Ms. Audrena Redmond, Dr. Michele Dumont, Ms. Audrey Georg, Ms. Joanne Waddell, Ms. Chimbuka Tembo, Mr. Solomon Rivera, Ms. Britney Craig, Ms. Paula Minor, Mr. Naim Reece, Ms. Gina Viola, Mr. Joseph Williams, Pastor Williams Smart, Ms. Betania Santos, Mr. Steven Butcher, Rabbi Klein, and Mr. Pamien Goodman

Miss. Barbara Torres addressed the Board regarding the qualifications for Seat 3.

Mr. David Bell addressed the Board in support of Mr. David Vela to fill Seat 3.

Mr. Richard Well was not present.

Agenda item: Com. No. BT1 – Motion to Appoint Trustee

General Counsel Jeffrey Prieto explained the process for "Com. No. BT1. Motion to Appoint Trustee" to fill vacant Seat 3. He indicated that passage requires 4 votes and if it fails the Board President will entertain a motion for another nomination to move forward.

Vice President Hoffman thanked the public speakers and the applicants for their interest in appointing the best candidate for vacant Seat 3. She indicated that there are a lot of good qualified individuals with impressive backgrounds seeking to fill the vacant seat. She indicated that the decision to appoint a trustee to serve the remainder of the term until December 2020 is a difficult one with so many challenges facing the LACCD such as declining enrollment, the new funding formula, and so many barriers other institutions don't have to face.

President Fong entertained a motion to appoint vacant Seat 3.

Trustee Hoffman moved that Dr. Melina Abdullah be appointed to fill the vacancy in Seat No. 3 through December 14, 2020, seconded by Trustee Veres.

Trustee Veres noted that he appreciates all the people who submitted their applications and the public speakers in their commitment to have the best candidate appointed to Seat 3. He continued to discuss a document entitled "Fast Facts" and noted for the record that the LACCD service area is nearly 50 percent Latino, 25 percent White, 14 percent Asian, and 9 percent Black making a working class District with a heavy immigrant population. Essentially, the LACCD's 37,000 students are nearly 58 percent Latino. He stated that the LACCD has the largest undocumented student population in the State of California of any educational institution. He expressed his appreciation to all the speakers who acknowledged that whether they are appointed or not, at the end of this process they are willing to work and volunteer for the good of all LACCD students.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Abstain (Williams)
ABSTENTIONS: 4 (Buelna, Fong, Moreno, Svonkin)
2 Ayes (Hoffman, Veres)

FAILED

President Fong entertained a motion to appoint vacant Seat 3.

Trustee Svonkin moved that Ms. Christine Adams be appointed to fill the vacancy in Seat No. 3 through December 14, 2020, seconded by Trustee Veres.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Abstain (Williams)
NOES: 2 (Buelna, Hoffman)
ABSTENTIONS: 2 (Fong, Moreno)
AYES: 2 (Svonkin, Veres)

FAILED

President Fong entertained a motion to appoint vacant Seat 3.

Trustee Moreno moved that Mr. David Vela be appointed to fill the vacancy in Seat No. 3 through December 14, 2020, seconded by Trustee Buelna.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Abstain (Williams)
APPROVED: 6 Ayes

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

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

By: _____
Guadalupe M. Orozco
Administrative Assistant to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Mike Fong
President of the Board

Date August 8, 2018