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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MAY 9, 2018

LOS ANGELES—The following represents selected highlights from the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees meeting May 9, 2018 held at Los Angeles City College.

President Mike Fong, in his first meeting as Board President, called the meeting to order in recognition of Student Trustee Christopher Martinez on the occasion of this being the last board meeting for Mr. Martinez. President Fong and fellow Trustees acknowledged Mr. Martinez for his service to the Board by representing the District’s students. A new Student Trustee to be elected to being serving in June.

Special recognition and certificates of achievement were presented to Los Angeles Mission College students and their faculty advisor for having earned a “Top 10 Finalist” spot during the Fourth Annual National Science Foundation’s Community College Innovation Challenge. In attendance were Faculty Advisor Stephen Brown, Ph.D., along with students Juan Sosa Matute and Karla Martinez Hurtado. Also honored, but not present, were students Thibault Angouillant and Mary Abrams. The students’ Top Ten winning entry was for the use of bacteria in a microbial fuel cell environment to treat wastewater and produce energy.



Los Angeles City College (interim) President Mary Gallagher extended words of greeting to the Board; while also recognizing members of her senior staff and others from the college who provided on-site logistic support to produce Board meeting.

Minutes from the May 24, April 4 and April 18 meetings approved by unanimous vote as presented.

Board members voted to pursue the filling of a Board of Trustees vacancy through the appointment process instead of calling for a Special Election, saving the public an estimated \$4.5 million that County election officials indicated would be needed to pay for the special election. The vacancy was created in April with the departure of Trustee/President Kamlangner-Dove upon her successful election to the California State Assembly.

Board members passed a resolution to proceed with the appointment process, with interested persons wish to be considered for the position now required to submit an application package to the District's Office of the General Counsel by May 31. The Board will hold at least one special meeting in June to interview and consider applicants. The goal is to appoint someone prior to June 15, 2018.

Other Board-approved Resolutions included:

- Recognition of outgoing Trustee/President Sydney Kamlangner-Dove for her service to the District
- Proclaiming District support and recognition of June 2018 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month to help recognize achievements and contributions of the LGBTQ communities
- Recognition of the importance of the LACCD Dream Resource Centers for undocumented students at the nine colleges; the need for more funding for both the centers and undocumented students via Student Equity funds
- Reaffirming the role of the Student Trustee as a Board member per state Education Code 72023.5

Trustee Buelna provided a reminder about the upcoming BBQ Fundraiser on July 7 to help raise awareness and financial support for the Dream Resource Centers. Information is posted online at www.tinyurl.com/bbq-laccd.

Highlights from reports and comments by the Chancellor and/or College Presidents included:

- Commencement ceremonies for all nine colleges will be held throughout the District on June 5.
- Pierce College President Kathleen Bourke has been named as the new Chancellor for the South Orange County Community College District. The Chancellor noted Bourke's 17 years with the District.
- Speech teams from both East Los Angeles and Valley colleges successfully competed and won numerous team and individual Gold, Silver or Bronze awards during state and national competitions.
- East LA student Andrea Tinoco won Second Place for the National Scenic Design Excellence Award at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival after participating and winning the regional competition. She has subsequently been invited to attend a week-long training at the Korea National University of Arts in Seoul and offered a spot in the graduate program at the University of Maryland.

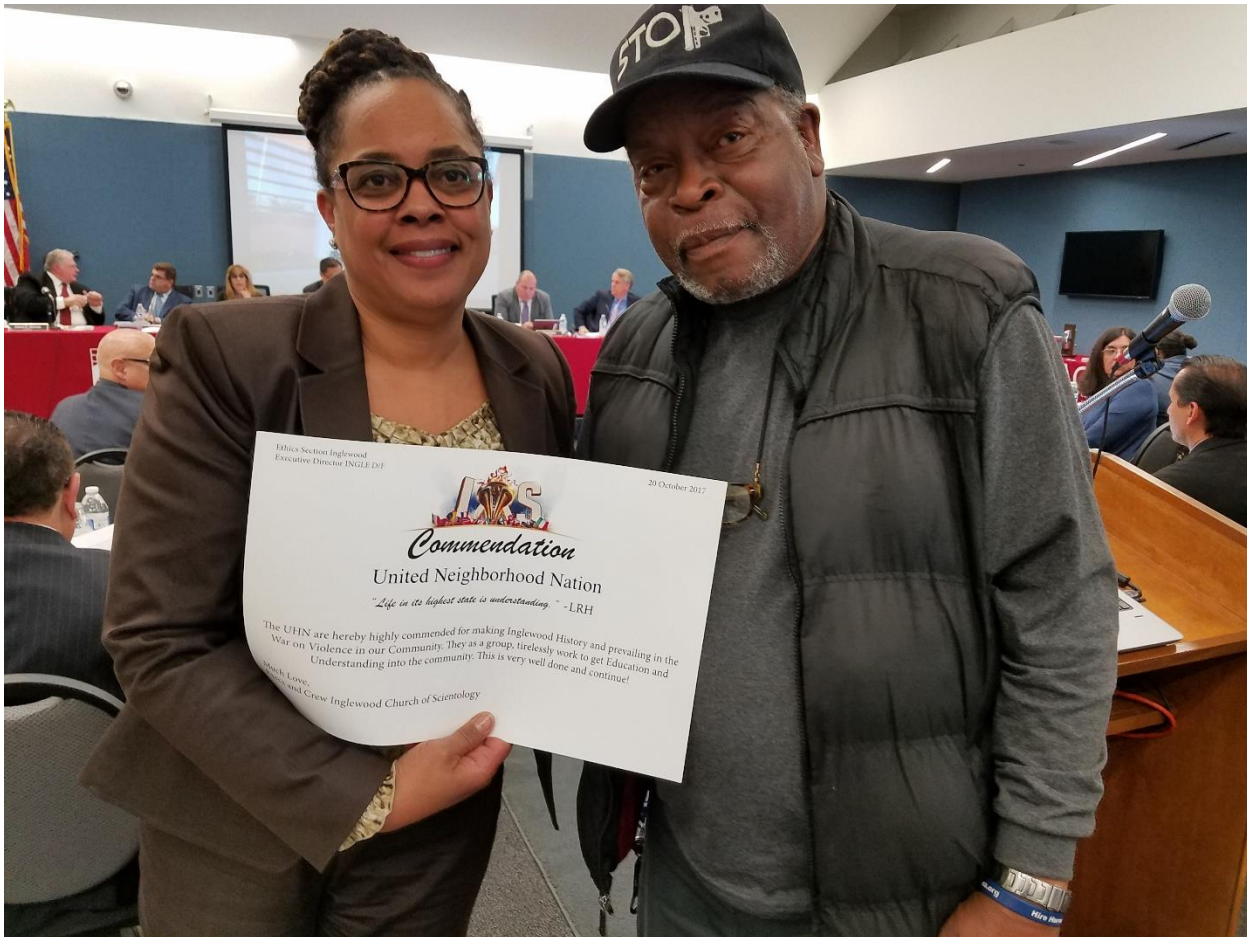
Highlights of May 9, 2018 LACCD Board of Trustees Meeting

- Los Angeles Harbor College's student newspaper, *Harbor Tides*, received a Second Place award in the nationwide American Scholastic Press Association's annual competition of community college newspapers.
- Harbor's Nursing Program also underwent a rigorous and successful re-accreditation visit by ACEN, the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.
- Pierce College's Men's Volleyball Team won the state championship title while the Women's Basketball Team at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College won the South Coast Conference Championship.
- Many programs at all of the colleges involved in the State's Strong Workforce program have earned recognition with Gold, Silver and Bronze Stars.
- Los Angeles Valley College President Erika Endrijonas was unanimously voted to serve on the board of directors for the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA).

During Public Comment, representatives of the LACCD Black Faculty and Staff Association presented Chancellor Rodriguez with award recognizing him as an Outstanding Leader for the District locally and statewide.



During another special presentation, representatives from the Los Angeles / Inglewood / Watts based United Neighborhood Nation presented a commendation certificate award to Interim President Denise Noldon, Ph.D., of Southwest College President recognizing her support to the local community.



Additional robust public comment was wide ranging, with comments on need for improved nursing program facilities; the need for on-going support of the colleges' Dream Resource Centers; the pending process to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees and the staffing/hiring practices for classified employees in the District.

Consent calendar items were approved as listed in agenda.
Presentations to the Committee of the Whole were deferred to future date.

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About the Los Angeles Community College District

LACCD (www.laccd.edu) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Follow us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/LACCD>, @LACCD, on Twitter, <https://twitter.com/laccd> @laccd and Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/, laccd_edu.

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