

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 16, 2008 • 12:30 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 was called to order at 12:34 p.m. with Vice President Kelly G. Candaele presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Kelly G. Candaele, Mona Field, Warren T. Furutani, and Angela J. Reddock. Absent: Georgia L. Mercer (arrived at 12:39 p.m.), Nancy Pearlman (arrived at 3:39 p.m.), and Sylvia Scott-Hayes (arrived at 1:00 p.m.). Student Trustee Eva Jackson was present.

Chancellor Marshall E. Drummond was present.

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

Mr. Antonio Draper addressed the Board regarding his recommended expulsion (subject to reconsideration).

(Trustee Mercer arrived at 12:39 p.m.)

Vice President Candaele indicated that Mr. Draper's case would be discussed during today's Closed Session meeting.

Ms. Camille Goulet, General Counsel, indicated that the Board will take formal action regarding this case at the regularly scheduled Board meeting of January 30, 2008.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

During the Closed Session, the Board will also discuss Cassandra Sanders v. LACCD, et al.

Motion by Trustee Furutani, seconded by Trustee Mercer, to recess to Closed Session in accordance with The Ralph M. Brown Act and the Education Code. The Board will discuss the matters on the Closed Session agenda as posted and announced (see Attachment A).

APPROVED: 5 Ayes

The regular meeting recessed to Closed Session at 12:44 p.m.

(Trustee Scott-Hayes arrived at 1:00 p.m.)

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District reconvened at 3:33 p.m. with President Sylvia Scott-Hayes presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Kelly G. Candaele, Mona Field, Warren T. Furutani, Georgia L. Mercer, and Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Absent: Nancy Pearlman (arrived at 3:39 p.m.), Angela J. Reddock (arrived at 3:34 p.m.). Student Trustee Eva Jackson was present.

Chancellor Marshall E. Drummond was present.

(Trustee Reddock arrived at 3:34 p.m.)

Trustee Furutani led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Candaele, seconded by Trustee Furutani, to adopt the following minutes:

Regular Meeting and Closed Session – November 28, 2007
Regular Meeting and Closed Session – December 12, 2007

APPROVED: 6 Ayes

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE RESOURCE TABLE

Mr. Edwin Simpson, ASO President, LATTC, and Student Representative at the Resource Table, indicated that he did not have a report, but was glad to be in attendance.

PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (CATEGORY A)

Oral Presentations

Mr. Dominique Rivers expressed his appreciation for the District's outreach efforts on behalf of African American students.

(Trustee Pearlman arrived at 3:39 p.m.)

Mr. Travon Glover addressed the Board regarding the possibility of providing paper and beverage recycling services to the colleges through his company "Recycle for You," which is a full-service paper and beverage recycling company.

Scheduled speakers Mr. Ted Jackson and Mr. Joshua Blackman were not present.

Proposed Actions

None.

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MULTIPLE AGENDA MATTERS

None.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD

The following reports to the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District, considered as a part as if fully set forth hereto and certified copies of which are on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees, were presented by the Board of Trustees and action taken as indicated.

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session – January 16, 2008

President Scott-Hayes indicated that The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that certain matters determined in Closed Session be reported during the public session that follows.

The Board took no actions that The Ralph M. Brown Act requires to be reported.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

No reports.

Com. No. BT1. Meeting Attendance Authorization

Motion by Trustee Furutani, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt Com. No. BT1. as follows:

Authorize payment of necessary expenses for Eva Jackson, student member of this Board of Trustees, to attend meetings with legislators to be held on January 28, 2008 in Sacramento, California.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)
ADOPTED: 7 Ayes

Com. No. BT2. Resolution – Black History Month

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Reddock, to adopt Com. No. BT2. as follows:

The following resolution is presented by Trustees Field and Reddock:

The month of February is officially designated as Black History Month.

WHEREAS, For over 400 years the presence of African-Americans in the United States has had an undeniable and profound impact upon its cultural, political, and social institutions; and

WHEREAS, For over 30 million people of African-American descent, the designation and observation of February as Black History Month represents the nation's acknowledgment of the contributions and continuing role of African-Americans within the United States; and

WHEREAS, Central to the role and history of African-Americans is the acquisition of a thorough and meaningful education which will provide the tools to design and control their own destiny, both economic and political; and

WHEREAS, Current figures and statistics indicate that there are still some challenges to sustaining enrollments of African-American students attending educational institutions, both pre- and postsecondary; and

WHEREAS, The "avenue of equal opportunity access to education" has been the basic premise around which the community colleges of California have acquired support and credibility; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District reaffirms its commitment to egalitarian principles inherent within the term "community colleges" by supporting and enhancing those services, programs, and courses which will encourage African-Americans and other ethnic groups to enroll and attain their identified goals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District joins with the nation in celebrating February as Black History Month and encourages the District colleges and student organizations to promote cultural awareness by featuring various programs, exhibits, and other relevant activities and by participating in events sponsored by local communities.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)
ADOPTED: 7 Ayes

Com. No. BT3. Resolution – Lunar New Year

Motion by Trustee Furutani, seconded by Trustee Mercer, to adopt Com. No. BT3. as follows:

The following resolution is presented by Trustee Furutani:

- WHEREAS, February ushers in the Lunar New Year of 4706 – the Year of the Rat; and
- WHEREAS, People born in the Year of the Rat are said to be energetic, charming, honest, and humorous; and
- WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year is of great significance and represents a major celebration for China and other Asian people throughout the world; and
- WHEREAS, The Lunar New Year represents a number of important traditional social and cultural events, many of which have become customary to observe in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, Immigration from Asian nations continues to be a source of population growth in the United States and provides a significant increase in the student population of the Los Angeles Community College District; and
- WHEREAS, The celebration of the Lunar New Year is an occasion of reflection and thanksgiving; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District does hereby offer its best wishes to all its students, staff, and constituents who observe the Lunar New Year; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District encourages District colleges and student organizations to join the Lunar New Year celebration and promote cultural awareness by sponsoring art exhibits and cultural events and activities as well as by participating in the celebration of events sponsored by the colleges' local communities.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)
ADOPTED: 7 Ayes

REPORTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR AND COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

The following reports to the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District, considered as a part as if fully set forth hereto and certified copies of which are on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees, were presented by Chancellor Drummond and action taken as indicated.

Sustainability/Energy Update

Chancellor Drummond introduced Dr. Woodrow W. Clark II, Energy Director, LACCD.

Dr. Clark announced that he is a co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize due to his involvement with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). He expressed his appreciation to the Board of Trustees; Ms. Camille Goulet, General Counsel; Mr. Larry Eisenberg, Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Development; and other staff members for their efforts in making sustainability an important theme for the entire District. He emphasized the importance of realizing that the District campuses can be energy independent and that they can do something about global warming.

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Dr. Jamillah Moore, Interim President, LACC, reported that on Thursday, January 17, 2008, LACC will be presented with the Presidential Volunteer Services Award by the Department of Homeland Security in recognition of the citizenship classes the college has been offering.

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Chancellor Drummond expressed his concern regarding the uncertain statewide fiscal environment and emphasized the importance of the District to prepare for the impact this will have on the college budgets.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Matters Requiring a Majority Vote

President Scott-Hayes entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar Items on Matters Requiring a Majority Vote, with the limitation that the Student Trustee's vote shall not apply to HRD1., ISD1., ISD4., ISD7., ISD9., ISD10., PC1., and the Correspondence, and with the limitation that Trustee Mercer will be deemed to have abstained on BSD2. Item K. Agreement Number 4500062222 – page 2 of 2 in Com. No. BSD2. and page 6 of 13 in Ratifications Backup (CSUN).

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Furutani, to adopt the Consent Calendar Items on Matters Requiring a Majority Vote.

The Trustees discussed the following Consent Calendar agenda items:

Com. No. BF1. Budget and Finance Routine Report

Com. No. BSD1. Business Services Routine Report

With respect to Roman Numeral II. Foundation Agreements Items A., B., C., and D. as they relate to agreements with the Foundations for LASC, LAMC, LAVC, and Pierce College for an additional five years, Trustee Mercer inquired as to why agreements are not being presented for all nine colleges.

Ms. Goulet responded that the agreements for these four colleges were inadvertently allowed to lapse. The purpose of this item is to "clean up the loose ends."

With respect to Roman Numeral III. Ratify Lease of Parking Facilities as it relates to an amendment of an agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation for the lease of parking spaces to be used as student parking for LATTTC, to allow the District to provide use of the premises to the Glory Church Trustee Mercer inquired if this an even exchange for parking needs.

Mr. Eisenberg responded that there is a trade-off involved whereby LATTTC is permitting the Glory Church to have access to the parking located under the freeway on Wednesdays and Sundays in exchange for LATTTC leasing parking spaces at the Glory Church.

Com. No. BSD2. Ratifications for Business Services and Facilities Planning

With respect to the Ratifications Backup Item G. Service Agreements, Agreement Number 4500105049 as it relates to an agreement between ELAC and Midnight Rain, Inc. to provide technical assistance and support for the video board located in the ELAC Stadium, Ms. Velma Butler, President, AFT College Staff Guild Los Angeles, inquired as to what technical assistance entails and whether this is something District employees could have done. She made the same inquiry on Agreement Number 4500105062 as it relates to an agreement between LATTTC and Tee & Associates to provide software support for the coordination of the EOP&S Curriculum and Textbook website program.

Mr. Robert Isomoto, Interim President, ELAC, responded that ELAC does not have a job classification to handle the video board.

Dr. Roland Chapdelaine, President, LATTTC indicated that LATTTC does not have the capability to provide software support for this website program.

With respect to Agreement Number 4500103458 as it relates to an agreement between ELAC and the California Community Colleges Classified Senate to provide a leadership workshop for classified staff, Ms. Butler expressed her concern that money is being spent when there are District faculty members who are qualified to conduct these types of workshops.

Com. No. FPD1. Facilities Planning and Development Routine Report

With respect to Roman Numeral XII. Authorize Purchase Orders Items E. and F. as they relate to purchase orders for "Drains to the Ocean" stencils and "Drains to the Ocean" storm drain markers to be used by all District colleges, Trustee Field inquired as to the difference between these two items.

Chancellor Drummond responded that the stencils are painted on each storm drain at every campus and the storm drain markers are attached with adhesives onto each storm drain.

With respect to Roman Numeral XV. Authorize Authority to Enter into Contracts Item B. as it relates to authorizing Thomas Hall to enter into, execute, amend, or terminate construction and other facilities-related contracts and agreements, Trustee Field inquired as to who Thomas Hall is.

Mr. Eisenberg introduced Mr. Thomas Hall, Director, Facilities Planning and Development, who was recently hired to fill the position that was previously held by Ms. Priscilla Meckley. He indicated that this item provides Mr. Hall with signature authority.

With respect to Roman Numeral XVI. Authorize Purchase of Real Property Items A. and B. as they relate to the purchase of real properties located in the vicinity of LATTTC, Trustee Mercer inquired as to the intended short-term and long-term uses for these properties.

Mr. Eisenberg responded that the short-term use will be surface parking and the long-term use will be for academic buildings, parking structures, and other uses of the college.

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions

Com. No. ISD1. Ratification of Student Travel

Com. No. ISD2. Approval of Noncredit Courses

Com. No. ISD3. Approval of New Courses

Com. No. ISD4. Ratification of Student Travel

Com. No. ISD5. Approval of Experimental/Emergency Credit Courses as a "99"

Com. No. ISD6. Approval of Noncredit Temporary Courses

Com. No. ISD7. Ratification of Student Travel

With respect to the ratification of travel of one student and one faculty member from LATTTC for the purpose of the student to compete for a State Gold Medal in the National Vocational Competition, Trustee Mercer inquired as to what vocation the competition was for.

Dr. Chapdelaine responded that the competition was in Cosmetology. He indicated that the student has already won nine awards and is now competing on a national level.

Com. No. ISD8. Approval of New Courses

Com. No. ISD9. Authorization of Student Travel

Com. No. ISD10. Authorization of Student Travel

Com. No. PC1. Personnel Commission Action

Accept Recommended Disposition of Correspondence

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)
ADOPTED: 7 Ayes

Matters Requiring a Super Majority Vote

Com. No. FPD2. Ratify an Emergency Resolution for the Removal of Three (3) Fuel Tanks at the New "F" Ramp Construction Site at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Furutani, to adopt Com. No. FPD2.

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)
ADOPTED: 7 Ayes

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Chancellor Drummond introduced Mr. Gerald Napoles, a Ph.D. candidate in the Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin, who is serving as an intern at the District Office.

Mr. Napoles expressed his appreciation to Chancellor Drummond for the opportunity to intern in the LACCD. He indicated that his duties include conducting research on shared governance.

NOTICE REPORTS AND INFORMATIVES

Com. No. ISD/A. Informative – Notification of Student Travel

Presented by Chancellor Drummond.

PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (Category B)

Oral Presentations

None.

Proposed Actions

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INDICATIONS OF FUTURE PROPOSED ACTIONS

Dr. Jack E. Daniels III, Interim President, LASC, announced that on Saturday, January 19, 2008, LASC will host the 8th Annual Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m.

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President Scott-Hayes announced that on Thursday, January 24, 2008, the Board of Trustees will hold its first ever joint meeting with the LAUSD Board of Education at Los Angeles Valley College. She welcomed everyone to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Mercer, seconded by Trustee Field, to adjourn.

Without objection, so ordered.

APPROVED: 7 Ayes

The regular meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

MARSHALL E. DRUMMOND
Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By: _____
Laurie Green
Assistant Secretary to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Sylvia Scott-Hayes
President of the Board

Date _____ February 13, 2008