

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, July 25, 2007 • 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 12:40 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, Nancy Pearlman, and Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Absent: Angela J. Reddock (arrived at 12:42 p.m.). Student Trustee Eva Jackson was not present (arrived at 12:42 p.m.).

Chancellor Darroch F. Young was present.

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

None.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Trustee Furutani, 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: 6 Ayes

The regular meeting recessed to Closed Session at 12:41 p.m.

(Trustee Reddock and Student Trustee Jackson arrived at 12:42 p.m.)

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District reconvened at 3:35 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, Nancy Pearlman, Angela J. Reddock, and Sylvia Scott-Hayes. Student Trustee Eva Jackson was present.

Chancellor Darroch F. Young was present.

Student Trustee Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Field, seconded by Student Trustee Jackson, to approve the following minutes:

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APPROVED: 6 Ayes (Candaele, Field, Furutani, Pearlman, Reddock, Scott-Hayes)
1 Abstention (Mercer)

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE RESOURCE TABLE

Ms. Regina Andrews, ASO Vice President, LASC, and Student Representative at the Resource Table, announced that LASC will once again host the Student Leadership Institute, which is scheduled for September 21, 2007.

PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (CATEGORY A)

Oral Presentations

Ms. Erlinda Ganiron addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the efforts to hire additional staff for the CalWORKs Program at LACC. She distributed copies of her remarks.

Chancellor Young recommended that Ms. Ganiron meet with Dr. Adriana Barrera, Senior Vice Chancellor, to discuss possible solutions to her concerns.

Ms. Lynne Serpe addressed the Board with an update on Instant Runoff Voting, which would result in cost savings for the District. She indicated that two bills—AB 1294 and AB 1662—are being considered by the California State Assembly. AB 1294 would provide non-charter local governments with the option of using Instant Runoff Voting. AB 1662 would implement ranked ballots for overseas absentee voters.

Trustee Field requested that the Board be kept informed regarding any legislation that would be required to implement Instant Runoff Voting as well as the amount of funding that would be required.

There was discussion regarding the process for implementing Instant Runoff Voting.

Scheduled speaker Mr. Craig Jones was not present.

Scheduled speaker Mr. Joshua Obaroh withdrew his request to address the Board.

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 – July 25, 2007

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 determined to rescind its ratification of a contract with LA Propoint, Inc., which was included as Communication Number FPD1, Item VIII (A) on the March 21, 2007 Board Agenda. The Board authorized the payment of the vendor as the compromise of a claim. The vote was six in favor with Trustee Candaele absent.

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

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Trustee Candaele reported on this morning's Budget and Finance Committee meeting at which there was discussion regarding proposed student and faculty housing on the campuses. He requested that incoming Chancellor Marshall E. Drummond arrange for a Committee of the Whole at an upcoming Board meeting in order to give the full Board an opportunity to discuss the proposed housing arrangements and the implications associated with them.

Com. No. BT1. Resolution – Support for HR 760 – Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2007

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

The following resolution is presented by Trustee Furutani:

- WHEREAS, HR 760, the Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2007, will soon be voted on in the House of Representatives and the United States Senate; and
- WHEREAS, This act will fulfill the broken promise of full veterans benefits made by the United States to approximately 250,000 Filipino soldiers who fought under the American flag during World War II; and
- WHEREAS, In July 1941, the Philippines was a colony of the United States and President Roosevelt ordered all organized military forces in the Philippines into the Armed Forces of the United States; and
- WHEREAS, Filipino soldiers fought gallantly and in the harshest of conditions while being directed by United States military leaders; and
- WHEREAS, As a result of racism, the Rescission Act of 1946 divested Filipino veterans of that original promise, the only group affected of the 66 countries recognized for their military service under United States command during World War II; and
- WHEREAS, For the last 15 years the Filipino American community and its friends have been fighting this battle to fulfill the promise of full veterans benefits with some limited success; and
- WHEREAS, HR 760 will go a long way toward rectifying this past wrong, and the surviving Filipino veterans—approximately 18,000 of them—will have the full veterans benefits that all 250,000 Fil-Am Vets should have had since 1946; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby sends this resolution of support to all the Southern California members of Congress and our two United States Senators and, where possible, educates our students on this important issue and the valiant efforts and sacrifice of Filipino veterans during World War II.

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

Com. No. BT2. Resolution – Darroch F. Young

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

- WHEREAS, Chancellor Darroch F. "Rocky" Young has adhered to the premise that the District Office should serve as a service organization for the nine colleges and their satellites and has led the effort to delineate the separate responsibilities of the District Office and the colleges; and

- WHEREAS, Chancellor Young, with his expertise in community college finance, has worked successfully to set the basis for open communications regarding the District's financial status and has been able to explain difficult financial matters to staff and faculty; and
- WHEREAS, Chancellor Young has promoted positive relationships with the District's labor partners; and
- WHEREAS, Chancellor Young has championed the greening of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) with the fulfillment of new construction and more than 40 LEED™ buildings; and
- WHEREAS, Chancellor Young has provided not only local but statewide and national leadership to advance the concepts of sustainability and climate neutrality through his work with the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment; and
- WHEREAS, Chancellor Young initiated and oversaw the first District Strategic Planning Initiative in the history of the LACCD, resulting in the articulation of a new institutional vision and the creation of a comprehensive set of goals and objectives that will guide District activities over the next six years; and
- WHEREAS, Chancellor Young, in collaboration with the District Academic Senate, launched the LACCD Student Success Initiative, the first systematic District-wide effort to improve student learning and success outcomes at all nine LACCD colleges; and
- WHEREAS, Chancellor Young responded to the growing statewide need for visionary college administrators by establishing the LACCD Administrative Leadership Program, developing institutional "agents of change;" and
- WHEREAS, Chancellor Young has demonstrated academic leadership by supporting innovative District-wide academic initiatives and programs including the Dolores Huerta Labor Institute, the Autry/LACCD Partnership, and the African American Outreach Initiative; and
- WHEREAS, Chancellor Young has dedicated himself to the fulfillment of dreams, with the knowledge that "Education Changes Everything," and has held others to the high standards of performance he applies to himself; and
- WHEREAS, Chancellor Young was chosen President-Elect of the Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges (CEOCCC), a professional organization of community college chancellors, superintendents, and presidents; and
- WHEREAS, Chancellor Young took a strong leadership role in placing the Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Student Fee Reduction Act on the February 2008 ballot; and
- WHEREAS, Chancellor Young initiated an aggressive District-wide marketing campaign to publicize community college educational opportunities within the Los Angeles Community Colleges, which significantly increased the enrollment at all nine colleges; and
- WHEREAS, Chancellor Young has led the LACCD through difficult times during its Systems Modernization Project and lived to tell about it; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees, the senior staff, and all the employees of the Los Angeles Community College District do hereby commend and express their appreciation to Chancellor Darroch F. "Rocky" Young for his dedicated service and wish him many happy years of retirement.

Each of the Board members expressed their appreciation to Chancellor Young for his many accomplishments and his leadership of the District and wished him well in his future endeavors.

President Scott-Hayes presented Chancellor Young with a certificate of appreciation.

Chancellor Young expressed his appreciation to the Board of Trustees, Senior Staff, the College Presidents, the Union leaders, and the District Academic Senate, for their support during his tenure as Chancellor and for their commitment towards student success.

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 Young and action taken as indicated.

Preview of New College Web Sites

Chancellor Young indicated that there has been a collaborative effort among the nine colleges to build a template that has common functionality while allowing individuality for each college. He deferred to Ms. Daphne Congdon, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, and Ms. Lynn Winter Gross, Director of Public Relations.

Ms. Congdon introduced Mr. David Acosta of Acosta Media Corporation.

Mr. Acosta gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding some of the new college web sites, which included video testimonials from students promoting the community colleges.

Ms. Winter Gross introduced individuals from each of the colleges who are members of the District Web Task Force and have been working on the new college web sites.

President Scott-Hayes requested that each of the college web sites reflects that college's gender and cultural diversity.

Mr. Acosta indicated that every college's home page will include a link to the "LACCD Builds Green" website.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Matters Requiring a Majority Vote

President Scott-Hayes entertained a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar Items as amended on Matters Requiring a Majority Vote, with the limitation that the Student Trustee's vote shall not apply to HRD1., ISD1., PC1., and the Correspondence.

Motion by Trustee Furutani, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt the Consent Calendar Items as amended 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. Ratify Service Agreements Item B. as it relates to an amendment of an agreement with KPMG, LLP to perform the annual audits on the District's financial transactions, Trustee Mercer inquired if the increase of the total contract amount is based on an hourly rate.

Ms. Jeanette Gordon, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, responded in the affirmative.

Trustee Mercer inquired as to how many years the District has been utilizing the services of KPMG to perform its audits.

Ms. Gordon responded that the current contract is for two years, and the previous contract was for three years.

With respect to Roman Numeral II. Item C. as it relates to an agreement to furnish "Transitchek" regional transit vouchers for distribution to District Office employees who use public transportation to commute to and from work, Trustee Mercer inquired as to how many employees are at the District Office and how many of them use "Transitcheks."

Ms. Shari Borchetta, Acting Director, Business Services, responded that there are between 284 and 300 employees at the District Office and 146 of these employees use "Transitcheks."

Chancellor Young indicated that the "Transitchek" is less expensive than the cost of a parking space in Downtown Los Angeles and, therefore, has cost-savings benefits for the District.

With respect to Roman Numeral II. Item A. as it relates to a renewal to the agreement with Dr. Carl L. King to provide psychological counseling services for the Student Health Center at LAVC, Ms. Velma Butler, President, AFT College Staff Guild Los Angeles also inquired as to how many students participate in this program.

Dr. Tyree Wieder, President, LAVC, responded that there were 1,279 contacts with Dr. King in 2006-07.

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

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

With respect to Roman Numeral IV. Ratify Amendments to Professional Services Agreements Item C. as it relates to an amendment to an agreement with Empire Transportation, Inc. to provide continued shuttle services for the Temporary Parking Lot project at LAMC, Trustee Mercer inquired as to the dates of the contract.

Mr. Larry Eisenberg, Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Development, responded that this is the conclusion of the contract. The cost is for the final payment that the District owed the company to complete the contract.

With respect to Roman Numeral I. Authorize Professional Services Agreements Item B. as it relates to an agreement with Hollywood Locations to provide marketing and outreach consulting services for all District colleges, their satellites, and other District owned and leased properties, Trustee Field requested further information regarding the selection of this firm.

Mr. Eisenberg responded that this firm was selected through a competitive process based on the proposal that was submitted to the District.

With respect to Roman Numeral II. Ratify Professional Services Agreements as it relates to agreements with several consultants to provide professional services at all District colleges and their satellites, Trustee Field indicated that she inquired of Ms. Mary Ann Breckell, one of the consultants, as to what her assignment entails. Ms. Breckell's response was that she is Mr. Eisenberg's assistant for whatever he needs with respect to Bond projects.

Trustee Field inquired as to whether the rate of pay over a three-year period is for a full-time assignment.

Mr. Eisenberg responded that in Ms. Breckell's case, it is full-time for three years and includes any benefits and insurance that she would need to purchase for herself.

There was discussion regarding the funding amounts for these agreements.

Trustee Reddock recommended that a presentation be made at a Committee meeting regarding the transition from DMJM/JGM to Build—LACCD for the purpose of discussing the costs associated with the Bond Program.

Chancellor Young indicated that this presentation would be made at an Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Mr. Eisenberg indicated that he would provide a detailed explanation of each of the consultant agreements.

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions

President Scott-Hayes noted the following amendment:

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II. THE SUSPENSION OF PERMANENT CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

~~A. The three (3) days suspension of classified employee (763156), assigned to the Payroll Department in the Los Angeles Community College District as a permanent Payroll Technician, is based on the following causes:~~

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Withdrawn.

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Com. No. ISD1. Student Discipline – Permanent Expulsion Nursing Program

President Scott-Hayes noted that Com. No. ISD1. has been withdrawn.

Withdrawn.

Com. No. PC1. Personnel Commission Actions

Accept Recommended Disposition of Correspondence

Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED: 7 Ayes

Matters Requiring a Super Majority Vote

None.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Com. No. CH1. Resolution – Appointment of Personnel Commissioner

Motion by Trustee Furutani, seconded by Trustee Candaele, to adopt Com. No. CH1. as follows:

WHEREAS, Dr. Calvin W. Hall has submitted his resignation as a Personnel Commissioner for the Los Angeles Community College District after 12 years of outstanding service in order to dedicate more time and attention to his mother, wife and family; and

WHEREAS, The District completed a comprehensive open selection process for the position of Personnel Commissioner in February 2007; and

- WHEREAS, The selection committee, which included representation from the Board of Trustees, District administration, Personnel Commission, and classified unions unanimously recommended Henry Jones as a finalist for a seat on the Personnel Commission; and
- WHEREAS, Henry Jones is uniquely qualified for service as a Personnel Commissioner as demonstrated by:
- Twenty seven years in key management positions for the Los Angeles Unified School District retiring as the Chief Financial Officer
 - Eight years as a Principal Consultant for PriceWaterhouseCoopers National K-12 Education practice and as a Business Development Executive for IBM Business Consulting Services; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has demonstrated his commitment to the principles of the merit system and gained the respect and support of administrators, employees, union leaders, staff, and community leaders throughout his career; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees, Los Angeles Community College District does hereby announce its intention to recommend the appointment of Henry Jones as Personnel Commissioner to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Calvin W. Hall.

Chancellor Young indicated that it was his recommendation to appoint Mr. Henry Jones as the replacement for Dr. Calvin W. Hall rather than conducting another Personnel Commissioner selection process.

ADOPTED: 7 Ayes

Trustee Furutani requested that Dr. Hall be invited to the next Board meeting so that he could be thanked for his service as a Personnel Commissioner.

Chancellor Young recommended that incoming Chancellor Drummond invite both Dr. Hall and Mr. Jones to the next Board meeting.

Trustee Field requested that a joint meeting with the Personnel Commission be scheduled.

Ms. Congdon indicated that the joint meeting dates have been scheduled as follows: October 3, 2007; February 13, 2008; and June 4, 2008.

NOTICE REPORTS AND INFORMATIVES

None.

PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS (Category B)

Oral Presentations

None.

Proposed Actions

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INDICATIONS OF FUTURE PROPOSED ACTIONS

Student Trustee Jackson announced that the next Student Affairs Committee will be held on Friday, July 27, 2007. Trustee Reddock will attend the meeting as the Appointed Board Representative. She indicated that she would be attending the Student Trustee Orientation sponsored by the Community College League of California in August representing the LACCD.

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Trustee Reddock expressed her appreciation to Dr. Roland Chapdelaine, President, LATTC, for distributing flyers regarding the Central Avenue Jazz Festival and encouraged everyone to attend.

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Ms. Winter Gross reminded everyone that the retirement party for Chancellor Young will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Without objection, so ordered.

APPROVED: 7 Ayes

The regular meeting adjourned at 5:10 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 August 22, 2007