

# LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 11, 2015  
Public Session 3:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles Southwest College  
School of Career and Technical Education (SoCTE) Building  
Multi-Purpose Room 127  
1600 West Imperial Highway • Los Angeles, California 90047

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) was called to order at 3:35 p.m. with President Scott J. Svonkin presiding.

The following members were present: Mike Eng, Mona Field, Ernest H. Moreno Nancy Pearlman, Scott J. Svonkin, and Steve Veres. Student Trustee LaMont G. Jackson was present.

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez was present.

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

### **WELCOMING REMARKS BY LINDA D. ROSE, PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE**

President Svonkin introduced Dr. Linda D. Rose, President, Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC).

On behalf of the LASC students, staff, faculty, administrators, and community members, Dr. Rose welcomed the Board members, Chancellor Rodriguez, Student Trustee Jackson, and the Educational Services Center support staff to the College.

Dr. Rose reported that in 1950, Mrs. Odessa Cox began her crusade to establish a community college for inner city residents in South Central Los Angeles. She stated that LASC was opened in 1967 and the first classes were held in 13 bungalows. She further stated that in 1973, the first permanent building was dedicated and this building now houses the Library, classrooms, and administrative offices.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Regular Meeting and Closed Session – December 3, 2014  
Regular Meeting and Closed Session – January 14, 2015  
Regular Meeting and Closed Session – January 28, 2015

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*  
**APPROVED: 6 Ayes**

## **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AT THE RESOURCE TABLE**

The following individual reported from the Resource Table:

Mr. Donald Gauthier, President, District Academic Senate.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COLLEGE PRESIDENTS**

Ms. Phyllis Braxton, Vice President, Student Services, West Los Angeles College (WLAC), distributed a document entitled "West LA College Spring '15 Welcome Week News." She announced that the WLAC Foundation is spending \$10,000 in small grant opportunities for WLAC students.

Dr. Rose announced that LASC was one of three Los Angeles Community Colleges selected to implement the Working Families Success Network (WFSN) strategy to promote postsecondary completion for students with economic challenges.

Mr. Laurence B. Frank, President, Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC), announced that LATTC is involved in two major reform strategies—(1) Pathways for Academic, Career, and Transfer Success (PACTS) and (2) Competency Strategy of credit for prior learning. He reported that in 2014, LATTC was one of ten colleges and universities nationwide to be given support to be part of the Council for Adult Experiential Learning. He further announced that earlier in February 2015, LATTC received additional funding to be part of the Competency-Based Education Network (C-BEN). He indicated that LATTC will use this program to assist its student veterans.

Dr. Monte E. Perez, President, Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC), announced that on February 5, 2015, LAMC conducted a graduation ceremony for 32 Los Angeles County Office of Education GAIN recipients, in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services. He indicated that these students graduated from the Culinary Arts Certificate Program and received certificates to apply for entry-level jobs.

Dr. Kathleen F. Burke, President, Los Angeles Pierce College (LAPC), announced that Mr. John Schneider, Music Instructor, LAPC, won the 2015 Grammy award for the best classical compendium recording.

Dr. Otto W. K. Lee, President, Los Angeles Harbor College (LAHC), announced that LAHC was also selected to implement the WFSN strategy. He expressed his appreciation to Chancellor Rodriguez for facilitating this opportunity.

Mr. Marvin Martinez, President, East Los Angeles College (ELAC), announced that ELAC was also selected to implement the WFSN strategy. He expressed his appreciation to everyone who attended the recent art exhibition at the Vincent Price Art Museum.

## **PUBLIC AGENDA REQUESTS**

### Oral Presentations

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

Ms. Ebony Smith addressed the Board regarding Child Development classes at LASC being cancelled or being held at times that are inconvenient for the students.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding the need for funding for various educational programs and facilities at LASC in order to prevent classes from being cancelled:

Mr. Christopher White, Ms. Darlene Hunt, and Mr. Dawood Mustafa Ali.

Mr. Paul Sanusi addressed the Board regarding alleged discrimination against his daughters at LASC.

Mr. Larry Young addressed the Board regarding the need for alternate food sources at West Los Angeles College (WLAC). He also expressed his concern that there is not a Veterans Center at WLAC.

#### Proposed Actions

None.

### **REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – MULTIPLE AGENDA MATTERS**

None.

### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD**

#### Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Trustee Moreno reported on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting.

#### Proposed Actions

The following action items, considered as a part as if fully set forth hereto and certified copies of which will be on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees, were presented by the Board of Trustees and action taken as indicated.

#### Com. No. BT1. Resolution – District Classified Employees Retirement

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

WHEREAS, The classified employees identified below have been employed with the Los Angeles Community College District for many years; and

WHEREAS, The classified employees have contributed significantly toward providing the highest quality of services to our students and the public on behalf of the Los Angeles Community College District; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Personnel Commission and the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District do hereby commend the employees for their contributions and extend best wishes in their retirement.

SUMMARY OF RETIRED CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>
Jones	Lynn	Supervising Payroll Technician	30	District Office	12/31/2014
Hayes	Diane	Admissions & Records Assistant	30	City	12/30/2014
Hood	John	Reprographic Equipment Operator	29	Pierce	12/31/2014
Amurao	M. Lourdes	Senior Programmer Analyst	26	District Office	12/31/2014
Abella	Cecilia	Facilities Assistant	25	East	12/31/2014
Pena	Soledad	Custodian	22	Pierce	12/31/2014
Mendez	Adela	Clerical Trainee	21	Pierce	12/31/2014
Hargraves	Bernand	Custodian	17	Pierce	12/31/2014
Craig	Randy	Director of College Facilities	17	Southwest	12/31/2014
Hernandez	Anna	Administrative Secretary	12	District Office	01/10/2015

*ADOPTED: 6 Ayes*

Com. No. BT2. Resolution – America’s College Promise Proposal: Tuition-Free Community College for Responsible Students

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

The following resolution is presented by Board Members Svonkin, Eng, and Field:

WHEREAS, President Obama recognizes that to continue the nation’s economic resurgence, Americans need the knowledge and skills to meet the demands of a growing global economy; and

WHEREAS, Americans cannot afford to take on years of indebtedness before embarking on a career; and

WHEREAS, Nearly a century ago, a movement to make high school free drove decades of economic growth and prosperity in the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has proposed that the first two years of a community college be free; and

- WHEREAS, The President's proposal, undertaken in partnership with the States, would allow students to earn the first half of a bachelor's degree or earn skills needed in the workforce at no cost; and
- WHEREAS, President Obama has called on community colleges to strengthen their programs and increase the number of students who graduate for the States to invest more in higher education and training; and
- WHEREAS, His proposal would require students to take responsibility for their education, earn good grades, and stay on track to graduation; and
- WHEREAS, Under the President's proposal, nine million students would benefit, saving a full-time community college student an average of \$3,800 in tuition each year; and
- WHEREAS, The President has also proposed a new American Technical Training fund to expand innovative, high-quality technical training programs that meet employer needs and help prepare more Americans for better paying jobs; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby encourages the President to include funding for the student support services needed by students for completion of their community college education; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District hereby supports President Obama's proposal of a tuition-free first two years of a community college education; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees will work hand in hand with its business partners, local Chambers of Commerce, economic and workforce development organizations, and elected officials to ensure that President Obama's vision for a trained workforce becomes a reality for the students of the Los Angeles Community College District.

President Svonkin and Trustee Eng spoke in support of the resolution.

Trustee Moreno indicated that over the years, he objected every time there was any increase in student tuition and stated that he would like the colleges to return to being tuition-free. However, he does not think the District should incur the additional responsibility of following the old battery of new federal legislation in dealing with the operation of community colleges anywhere in the United States. Therefore, he indicated that he would vote no on the resolution.

Student Trustee Jackson spoke in support of the resolution.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*

*ADOPTED: 5 Ayes (Eng, Field, Pearlman, Svonkin, Veres)*

*1 No (Moreno)*

President Svonkin indicated that he would work with Chancellor Rodriguez to share the Board's position with other community colleges throughout the State.

## **REPORTS FROM THE CHANCELLOR AND COLLEGE PRESIDENTS**

### Report from the Chancellor Regarding Activities or Pending Issues in the District

Chancellor Rodriguez reported that on Saturday, January 31, 2015, the District participated in the annual job fair hosted by the California Community College Registry, which was held at the Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel. He stated that hundreds of prospective faculty applicants visited the LACCD booth.

Chancellor Rodriguez announced that the District is in the process of hiring what is believed to be the largest number of full-time faculty in quite some time. He expressed his appreciation to the students, staff, and faculty of the colleges for their efforts in enrolling students for Covered California as part of the Affordable Care Act.

Chancellor Rodriguez emphasized the importance of voting in the City of Los Angeles election on March 3, 2015. He reported that the resolution for tuition-free community colleges will be presented to the White House and others as a demonstration of the LACCD's strong command and interest in this area and the return to free education for California and the rest of the nation.

Chancellor Rodriguez commended the administration of the three colleges that were selected to implement the Working Families Success Network (WFSN) strategy. He expressed his appreciation to Dr. Felicito "Chito" Cajayon, Vice Chancellor, Economic and Workforce Development, and his team for their efforts in obtaining grants through the L.A. Regional Career Pathways Project.

- Los Angeles Southwest College Robotics Academy and Engineering Program Development

Chancellor Rodriguez introduced Dr. Rose who in turn introduced Mr. Christopher Herwerth, Engineering Instructor, LASC.

A document entitled "Robotics and Engineering and Technology at Los Angeles Southwest College" was distributed.

Mr. Herwerth gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the document with respect to background information about Engineering and Technology at LASC, Leading Engineering Education for the Future in Los Angeles (LEEF-LA), the LASC and Southern California Edison Summer Robotics Academy, and the LASC and Edison Robotics Academy for Girls Fall 2014.

President Svonkin relinquished the gavel to Vice President Veres.

(Trustee Svonkin left at 4:27 p.m.)

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the presentation.

Chancellor Rodriguez expressed his appreciation to Dr. Rose and her faculty and staff for their logistical support.

Dr. Rose acknowledged the faculty and staff from LASC who were in the audience.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Matters Requiring a Majority Vote**

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

Vice President Veres requested that Board members identify agenda items about which they had questions.

Discussion was requested regarding Com. No. BF2. Accept Adjustments to Unrestricted Income/Appropriations, Com. No. BSD1. Ratifications for Business Services, Com. No. BF1. Budget Revisions and Appropriation Transfers, and Com. No. FPD1. Facilities Planning and Development Routine Report.

(Trustee Svonkin returned at 4:31 p.m.)

Com. No. BSD2. Business Services Routine Report

Com. No. HRD1. Personnel Services Routine Actions

Com. No. ISD1. Approve New Educational Programs and Courses

Com. No. ISD2. Approve New Community Services Offerings

Com. No. ISD3. Approve Out-of-State Student Travel

Com. No. PC1. Personnel Commission Actions

Correspondence

The Student Trustee's vote did not apply to HRD1., ISD3., PC1., and the Correspondence.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*

*ADOPTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COM. NOS. BF1., BF2., BSD1., AND FPD1.: 6 Ayes*

Vice President Veres relinquished the gavel to President Svonkin.

Com. No. BF1. Budget Revisions and Appropriation Transfers

With respect to Attachment I as it relates to Fund/Grant S-0166 Predominantly Black Institutions, Student Trustee Jackson inquired whether LASC is both a Predominantly Black Institution and a Hispanic Serving Institution. He asked for information on the two designations regarding grant funds.

Dr. Rose indicated that she would obtain this information.

President Svonkin requested that Dr. Rose provide this information to Chancellor Rodriguez, who in turn will provide it to the Board members.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*

*ADOPTED: 6 Ayes*

Com. No. BF2. Accept Adjustments for Unrestricted Income/Appropriations

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*

*ADOPTED: 6 Ayes*

Com. No. BSD1. Ratifications for Business Services

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*  
*ADOPTED: 6 Ayes*

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

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*  
*ADOPTED: 6 Ayes*

**Matters Requiring a Super Majority Vote**

Com. No. FPD2. Adopt a Resolution Ratifying a Construction Contract Issued on an Emergency Basis to Complete Outstanding Work Items at Los Angeles Harbor College

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

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*  
*ADOPTED: 6 Ayes*

Com. No. FPD3. Adopt Resolution Ratifying a Construction Contract Issued on an Emergency Basis to Repair Restrooms at the Student Services Building at West Los Angeles College

Motion by Trustee Veres, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to adopt Com. No. FPD3.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*  
*ADOPTED: 6 Ayes*

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHANCELLOR**

Com. No. CH1. Approve Accreditation Reports:

- Los Angeles Harbor College
- Los Angeles Southwest College
- West Los Angeles College
- Los Angeles Mission College

Motion by Trustee Eng, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt Com. No. CH1.

Trustee Eng indicated that the Institutional Effectiveness & Student Success Committee recommends approval of the Accreditation Reports.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*  
*ADOPTED: 6 Ayes*

Com. No. CH2. Authorize Resolution Renaming Building at Los Angeles Harbor College

Motion by Trustee Veres, seconded by Trustee Moreno, to adopt Com. No. CH2.

*Student Trustee Advisory Vote: Aye (Jackson)*  
*ADOPTED: 6 Ayes*



## **NOTICE REPORTS AND INFORMATIVES**

Com. No. BF/A. [Informative] 2014-2015 Second Quarter Financial Status Report

Presented by Chancellor Rodriguez.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INDICATIONS OF FUTURE PROPOSED ACTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Mr. Moses Williams announced that a 5K run will take place in Gardena, California on Saturday, May 16, 2015 for the purpose of raising awareness regarding childhood obesity.

As he previously stated during the Board meeting of August 20, 2014, Student Trustee Jackson reported that Mr. Reggie Heard, a student and football player at Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC), was killed in a drive-by shooting on August 14, 2014. He requested that the Board meeting be adjourned in the memory of Mr. Heard. He further stated that Mr. Judson Chu, the father-in-law of Trustee Eng and the father of Congresswoman Judy Chu, passed away on February 1, 2015. He requested that the Board meeting be adjourned in his memory as well.

## **REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA MATTERS**

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

With respect to Com. No. HRD2. Suspension of Classified Permanent Employees Roman Numeral I. as it relates to the proposed three-day suspension of employee (EN 820714) assigned to Los Angeles Mission College as a permanent custodian, Mr. Dartanyan Montgomery addressed the Board regarding the charges against him.

With respect to Com. No. HRD2. Roman Numeral II. as it relates to the ten-day suspension of employee (EN 798726) assigned to Los Angeles Pierce College, Dr. Albert J. Román, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, indicated that a settlement was reached and that scheduled speakers Mr. Porter Miles and Ms. Diva Sanchez withdrew their requests to address the Board.

## **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

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 5:20 p.m.

(Student Trustee Jackson left the meeting at 5:21 p.m.)

## **RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the LACCD reconvened at 7:47 p.m. with President Scott J. Svonkin presiding.

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

Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez was not present.

**REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION – FEBRUARY 11, 2015**

President Svonkin indicated that The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that certain matters decided during closed session be reported during the public session that follows.

President Svonkin stated that the Board agreed to extend a tolling agreement with Cannon Constructors South. A copy of the agreement is available from the General Counsel. The vote was five in favor. Trustee Veres was absent.

The Board took no further actions required to be reported.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Matters Requiring a Majority Vote**

Com. No. HRD2. Suspension of Classified Permanent Employee

Motion by Trustee Moreno, seconded by Trustee Field, to adopt Com. No. HRD2.

*ADOPTED: 5 Ayes Absent: Trustee Veres*

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no objection, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. in the memory of Mr. Reggie Heard and Mr. Judson Chu.

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:

*[Signature]*  
Scott J. Svonkin  
President of the Board

Date April 15, 2015



# Board of Trustees

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
770 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90017 213/891-2000

## AGENDA

### ATTACHMENT A

#### CLOSED SESSION

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Los Angeles Southwest College  
SOCTE Building, Multi-Purpose Room  
Room #125

1600 Imperial Highway  
Los Angeles, CA 90047

- 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: Clerical/Technical – Local 1521A
  
  - B. District Negotiators: Albert Román  
Adriana D. Barrera  
  
Employee Unit: All Unrepresented employees
  
- 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. *Carol Garmyn v. LACCD*
  
  - B. *Delicia Mosley v. LACCD, et al.*

*C. Mariam Mejelian v. LACCD*

*D. Julian S. Camacho v. LACCD*

*E. Norma Reyes v. LACCD and Fernando Sosa*

*F. Brenda Davis and Jessica Foster v. LACCD*

**V. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation**  
(pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(2))

A. Claims regarding construction project at Los Angeles Valley College

B. Allegation of sexual harassment by a student at Los Angeles Southwest College

C. Claim for software license fees at Educational Services Center

**VI. Conference with Legal Counsel - Potential Litigation**  
(pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(1))

A. Potential litigation – 1 matter