

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
Educational Services Center  
Board Room – First Floor  
770 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
Wednesday, September 21, 2011  
9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

Committee: Nancy Pearlman, Chair; Mona Field, Alternate. Absent: Scott J. Svonkin (arrived at 9:26 a.m.); Steve Veres (arrived at 9:25 a.m.)

Trustee Pearlman called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None.

REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Review of Los Angeles Community College District Process for Taking Legislative Positions and Recommendation to Adopt the California Community Colleges (CCC) Model Employed by Chancellor Jack Scott.

In January 2009, the Board of Governors approved a statement of legislative principles and policy guidelines that delegate authority, within certain parameters, to the Chancellor to formulate bill positions for the CCC. The goal of the process change was to improve the CCC's effectiveness, influence, and timeliness in weighing in on important legislative policies. A two-member legislative subcommittee of the Board of Governors is briefed on legislative matters prior to each board meeting.

(Trustees Veres arrived at 9:25 a.m.)  
(Trustees Svonkin arrived at 9:26 a.m.)

Ms. Perrin Reid distributed copies of a document entitled "Los Angeles Community College District Proposed Process on State Legislative Positions." Ms. Reid discussed and summarized the document.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding several items in the document entitled "Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Proposed Process on State Legislative Positions."

Trustee Svonkin requested that the document specify that the Chancellor will consult with two members of the Board's Legislative Committee before legislative positions are communicated with the exception of the following:

- a. The District has adopted a similar legislative position in the past (e.g., review Board's historical record).
- b. Time constraints (e.g., the need to issue a position before a bill moves to a critical stage in the legislative process) preclude the Chancellor from consulting a member of the Legislative Committee. In this instance, the position taken must protect the District's fiscal health and support its overarching mission.

Chancellor LaVista directed staff to add to the document The Ralph M. Brown Act with respect to communication about District business by all three members of a Board committee outside of the public arena.

Trustee Veres requested that the Committee evaluate this process annually at the end of each legislative session to determine its effectiveness. He indicated that a Board action item will be presented at the next scheduled Board meeting with the amendments to the original draft document.

Trustee Pearlman entertained a motion to present the modifications of the "Proposed Process on State Legislative Positions" as revised for approval by the full Board.

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Veres, to present the modifications to the original draft of the LACCD Proposed Process on State Legislative Positions for approval by the full Board.

*APPROVED: 3 Ayes*

Trustee Svonkin inquired as to how routine legislation is reviewed.

Mr. Patrick McCallum explained the process with respect to the timing of scheduled proposed bills reviewed by his office every year that would impact LACCD. He indicated that there is a written document with a schedule of when the LACCD should begin discussions with its constituency on legislative issues. He indicated that he would provide a copy of the schedule to the Committee.

#### McCallum Group Report: 2011-2012 State Legislative Agenda

Mr. McCallum distributed copies of a document entitled "Sacramento Update Presented to Los Angeles Community College District." He summarized the document with respect to 2011 accomplishments in the areas of budget and legislation; LACCD legislative proposals for 2011 Design Assist, Best Value, Airport Exemption, and Prefunding of State Projects; Student Success Task Force; and the Legislative agenda for 2012.

#### Legislation

- AB 436 (Solorio)

AB 436 amends several statutes previously amended by SB2x-9, relating to labor compliance, to address legal concerns raised by the Attorney General's Office. This bill requires the Department of Industrial Relations Compliance Monitoring Unit (CMU) to perform labor compliance enforcement on all state bond-funded projects and community college district design-build projects. The CMU charges up to a ¼ of 1% fee to the awarding body on the covered projects. The fee can be waived for awarding bodies that perform prevailing wage enforcement themselves if the awarding body has its own Labor Compliance Program (LCP), but not if the awarding body uses a private third party to conduct its LCP. The fee can also be waived if the awarding body has a Project Labor Agreement (PLA).

The LACCD has had a very successful PLA since 2001 that helps to ensure that proper wages are being paid on its public works projects. Thus, the LACCD would be eligible for a fee waiver under AB 436.

A document entitled "RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT AB 436 (Solorio) Public Works: Labor Compliance" was distributed.

Ms. Reid discussed and summarized the document and she recommended that the Committee support AB 436.

Motion by Trustee Svonkin, seconded by Trustee Veres, to recommend to the full Board to support AB 436.

*APPROVED: 3 Ayes*

Trustee Svonkin requested a list of potential two-year bills that may be introduced that are of interest to LACCD.

Mr. McCallum indicated that he would provide the Committee with the information regarding the proposed legislation for LACCD.

- Proposition 1481: *Oil Extraction Fee to Rescue Education* (Proponents: Peter Mathews, Frank Dawoodjee, and Paul Garver)

The initiative requires that California apply a 15% oil extraction fee on the value of each barrel of oil, California's common resources, extracted onshore and offshore. The revenue generated by this fee shall be appropriated in the following amounts: K12, 30%; CCC, 48% (approx. 1.72 billion); CSU, 11%; UC, 11%. This will reduce college and university tuition fees and restore class sections.

Student Trustee Barrero summarized Proposition 1481 and she requested that the Committee recommend to the full Board to support Proposition Initiative 1481.

Ms. Camille Goulet indicated that a resolution will be presented for action at the next Board meeting that supports Proposition 1481.

Motion by Trustee Veres, seconded by Trustee Svonkin, to recommend to the full Board adoption of the resolution to support Proposition 1481 at the next Board meeting.

*APPROVED: 3 Ayes*

Trustee Svonkin expressed his appreciation to Student Trustee Barrero for presenting Proposition 1481 to the Committee.

#### New Business

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.