



# Board of Trustees

Los Angeles Community College District  
770 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 891-2000

# AGENDA

## ORDER OF BUSINESS – SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, April 19, 2012  
4:00 p.m.

Los Angeles Trade-Technical College  
South Campus Technology Building - Room TE 120 - First Floor  
400 West Washington Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90015

- I. Roll Call (4:00 p.m.)
- II. Public Comment
- III. **Planning Session on Board Goals: John Dacey of Bergman Dacey Goldsmith (Facilitator)**
- IV. Adjournment

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**Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 25, 2012**  
**(Public Session scheduled for 3:30 p.m.)**  
**Educational Services Center**  
**Board Room – First Floor**  
**770 Wilshire Blvd.**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90017**  
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# LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

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The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) was called to order at 4:08 p.m. with President Miguel Santiago presiding.

On roll call the following members were present: Kelly Candaele, Mona Field, Tina Park, Miguel Santiago, and Scott J. Svonkin. Absent: Nancy Pearlman (arrived at 4:10 p.m.) and Steve Veres (arrived at 4:20 p.m.). Interim Student Trustee Brandon Batham was present.

Chancellor Daniel J. LaVista was present.

(Trustee Pearlman arrived at 4:10 p.m.)

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John McDowell addressed the Board regarding the budget crisis and the impact of the budget cuts on LACCD students, faculty, and staff.

(Trustee Veres arrived at 4:20 p.m.)

#### **PLANNING SESSION ON BOARD GOALS: JOHN DACEY OF BERGMAN DACEY GOLDSMITH (FACILITATOR)**

Mr. John Dacey distributed a document entitled "Successful Boards v. Unsuccessful Boards (A Brief Conceptual Overview)."

Mr. Dacey discussed the document with respect to the following subtopics:

Successful Boards understand the Three Challenges to Successful Board Membership:

Constituency, Consensus, Cooperation

Successful Boards must have three skill sets possessed by all good leaders:

Vision, Communication, Motivation

Successful Boards understand that:

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2. Much can be learned from past institutional experiences;
3. A leadership group is stronger together than alone;
4. Each member must have trust and confidence in each fellow member;

5. Each member and the group must allow staff to "carry the water";
6. It is the brain of the institution (and not its arms, hands, legs, and mouth) in setting policy and making sure it is successfully implemented by staff.

A question and answer session was conducted regarding the document.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no objection, the special meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

DANIEL J. LAVISTA  
Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

By: Laurie Green  
Laurie Green  
Assistant Secretary to the Board

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Miguel Santiago  
Miguel Santiago  
President of the Board

Date May 9, 2012

# Board Retreat Agenda

April 19, 2012

1. **Board Relations:**

What issues are impeding positive Board relations?  
How can Board Members work better together?

2. **Board / CEO Relations:**

What is working well?  
What is not working well?

3. **Policy Focus v. Micro Management:**

Accreditation Recommendation – More Policy Focus  
Channels of communication used by Board

4. **Current Committee Structure:**

Interest in more of “committee of the whole” structure?

5. **Board Evaluation Cycle: (eval data; id problems; goal setting; action; review; conversation):**

This the process you want?  
If so, how can we meet these demands?

6. **Board Evaluation Document:**

Should the document be revised?  
What should the process be for doing so?

7. **Budget Guidelines:**

Is the current system for building the Budget satisfactory?

8. **Board Retreats:**

Calendaring further retreats

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(A Brief Conceptual Overview)

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