



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 29, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.

Board Room #107, District Office

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by Ms. Kristin Crellin.

II. ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Ms. Arianna Barrios, Mr. David Coffaro, Ms. Kristin Crellin, Mr. Todd O. Litfin, Mr. Eddie Marquez and Ms. Nelida Mendoza Yáñez

Ex-Officio Voting Members in attendance: Mr. Peter Hardash, Mr. Enrique Perez and Dr. Raúl Rodríguez

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members in attendance: Mr. John Didion, Dr. Erlinda Martinez and Dr. John Weispfenning

Guests: Mr. Ken August and Mr. Robert Feldhake

Not Present: Mr. Hector J. Infante & Mr. Richard Porras

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. Amendments and Corrections

There were no amendments or corrections to the agenda.

B. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Barrios, seconded by Mr. Litfin and carried unanimously to approve the September 29, 2015 regular meeting agenda.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Corrections

Corrections were made to sections VIII and IX of the July 16, 2015 regular meeting minutes

B. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Litfin, seconded by Dr. Rodríguez and carried unanimously to approve the July 16, 2015 regular meeting minutes with corrections.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Barry Resnick, SCC faculty member & President of FARSCCD, spoke regarding the Joint Venture agreement between Saudi Arabia and the Rancho Santiago Community College District Foundation.

FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS:

Arianna Barrios • Kristin Crellin • Hector J. Infante • Todd O. Litfin • Eddie Marquez • Nelida Mendoza Yáñez • Richard Porras • David G. Coffaro

Ex-Officio Members-Voting: Dr. Raúl Rodríguez • Peter Hardash • Enrique Perez

Ex-Officio Members-Non Voting: John Didion • Dr. Erlinda Martinez • Dr. John Weispfenning

VI. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No report was given by the President.

VII. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Perez reported on updates regarding the "Capability Building Project". A new Minister of Labor has been appointed in Saudi Arabia and his #1 goal for the ministry is job creation for young Saudis. He has publicly announced support of this project and has moved the start date to January/February of 2016.

(At this point Trustee Mendoza-Yañez arrived to the meeting.)

VIII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No reports were given.

IX. **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS**

- A. Treasurer's Reports for months ending 5/31/15 & 6/30/15
- B. Investment Report – Information

Discussion ensued. Mr. Coffaro requested a copy of the Investment Policy Statement.

It was moved by Mr. Litfin, seconded by Ms. Mendoza-Yañez and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's and Investment Reports as presented.

X. **STAFF REPORTS**

No reports were given

XI. **COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS**

President of Santiago Canyon College, Dr. Weispenning, spoke on the Accreditation Report, current enrollment, the college receiving the Energy and Sustainability Award by the Board of Governors for the retro commissioning of the Science Center, Santiago Canyon College being one of the top 10 community colleges in the Los Angeles area, the undefeated Woman's Soccer team and SCC's involvement in Distance Education with Bellevue University in Omaha, Nebraska.

President of Santa Ana College, Dr. Martinez, spoke on the Accreditation Report, the Bachelor's degree being offered in Occupational Studies, current enrollment, awards given to SAC for degree's awarded to minorities, SAC's 100-year birthday party, the Soldiers to Scholars Wine Tasting event and the Pageant of the Trees event.

XII. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Litfin commented on the drone he saw flying during SAC's 100-year party taking pictures during the event. Pertaining to public disclosure, Mr. Litfin commented on being the City Attorney for Yorba Linda and being involved in a property tax lawsuit between the County of Orange and the State which named RSCCD as a party. He stated that it's a non-contested matter and that he had noted it on the Conflict of Interest form.

Ms. Barrios commented about how she co-Chairs the Board Policy Committee for RSCCD. The Board Policy Committee is bringing awareness of how the different programs percolate up through the District and the Foundation, and how through Board Policy go through future programs are aligned with Accreditation standards and those program are vetted by different voices throughout the District. That

will be coming through the Board Policy Committee in the next month and will bring back to report on how it will affect any future programs.

Ms. Mendoza-Yañez thanked the college Presidents for their hard work that brings nationwide results and recognition to the colleges.

XIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Second review, update on, and Approval of the Joint Venture Agreement between the Rancho Santiago Community College District Foundation with Al Khaleej Training and Education (for discussion and/or action). (First review made on June 12, 2015 meeting).

Mr. Feldhake & Mr. August updated the Board on the Joint Venture Agreement. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Ms. Mendoza-Yañez, seconded by Mr. Coffaro and carried unanimously to approve the Joint Venture Agreement with a motion to include a stipulation for the Exhibit B “budget” be fully funded by the Saudis.

- B. Approval of contract with TPA-Townsend Public Affairs, INC. (for discussion and/or action).

Mr. Perez presented the contract.

It was moved by Ms. Barrios, seconded by Ms. Mendoza-Yañez and carried unanimously to approve the Townsend Public Affairs contract.

- C. Approval of reimbursement to Rancho Santiago Community College District in connection with TPA-Townsend Public Affairs, INC. contract for services rendered to RSCCD Foundation for July and August, 2015 (for discussion and/or action).

Mr. Perez spoke on the purpose of the reimbursement to the District.

It was moved by Mr. Litfin, seconded by Ms. Barrios and carried unanimously to approve the reimbursement to Rancho Santiago Community College District for the Townsend Public Affairs contract.

- D. Approval of Budget for 2015/2016 (for discussion and/or action).

Mr. Perez presented the Budget for 2015/2016. Discussion ensued. Investing in students, the ASG’s, International Students and scholarships was suggested as a priority. It was requested that guidelines be developed for allocation of funds.

It was moved by Mr. Litfin, seconded by Ms. Mendoza-Yañez and carried unanimously to approve the Budget with guidelines to be produced at a later time.

- E. Approval of amendments to the Bylaws (for discussion and/or action).

Mr. Perez and Mr. Feldhake presented the amendments to the Bylaws. Updates are being made to clarify the Brown Act provisions for the Corporation. Discussion ensued. Amendments to the Bylaws would be effective at the next meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Litfin, seconded by Dr. Rodríguez and carried unanimously to approve amendments to the Bylaws as presented.

(Dr. Martinez and Mr. Marquez left the meeting at this time.)

F. Possible change in meeting time of day (for discussion and/or action).

Mr. Perez discussed the possibility of changing the time of the meetings. Discussion ensued. Tuesday was kept as the meeting day.

XIV. **CLOSED SESSION**

A. Pending or potential litigation – Faculty Association of the Rancho Santiago Community College District re alleged Brown Act violations by the Foundation Board. Govt. Code §54956.9(a), (b) and (c)

The Board convened into closed session at 9:18am. to consider pending or potential litigation pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9(a), (b) and (c).

XIV. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened at 9:43am.

Ms. Crellin reported the Board discussed pending or potential litigation and took no reportable action during closed session.

XV. **FOR INFORMATION**

Conflict of Interest Statements for 2015-2016

Ms. Crellin noted that Board members are asked to complete the Conflict of Interest Statements for 2015-2016 that were provided at the meeting. Mr. Perez stated that this is an annual request and all completed forms should be returned to his office.

XVI. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 8am – Board of Directors Regular Meeting

XVII. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on January 19, 2016 at 2323 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, California 92706 at 8am.

There being no further business, Ms. Crellin adjourned the meeting at 9:44am.