

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LONG BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**Minutes of Special Meeting of
July 20, 2000**

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Long Beach Community College District, County of Los Angeles, California, was held in Room 101, I Building, Liberal Arts Campus, 4901 East Carson Street, Long Beach, on July 20, 2000.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. in Room 101.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Polsky led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Polsky, Vice President Clark,
 Member McNinch, Member Thorpe, Member Uranga
 and Student Trustee Magsaysay

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Polsky: Well, welcome to all of you who have come out for this special meeting.

ORDERING OF THE AGENDA

I'm going to reorder the agenda. I'm going to move the Report of the Board of Trustees to the end of the agenda and go into the other business matters first so we can get through those.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

At their request, members of the public may address the Board of Trustees on any item prior to or during the Board's consideration of that item. A five (5) minute time limit will be allotted to each speaker, with a maximum of twenty minutes for each subject, unless extended by the Board President.

(There were no comments)

HUMAN RESOURCES (Academic)

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Vic Collins: I'd like to thank the Board in terms of entertaining item 5.1 when I know your business at hand was to talk about the contents of tonight's meeting, but I wanted to do two different things that I think are important for all of us.

First of all, I want to make an indication that we have now completed the faculty hiring with the additional three names that you see listed on your action item for 5.1, and I've included a brief biographical sketch at your stations tonight, giving you a bit of background on the individuals that we have selected.

This has been a very hectic, busy year and Marilyn Brock's office, as well as the deans and all the faculty members who have served on the committees, have done an excellent job of going through things and, as we have said before, there are times when we extend recruitments beyond the original date of application and that causes some of the delays that we had. But we are pleased that we are bringing to you well qualified staff who will be very much a benefit to our instructional program.

In addition to the three faculty members, you see a little oddity in your agenda in that there is a blank space left by a name. The reason is that we have been in the process of selecting a new instructional dean, again to assist Marilyn and her administrative staff in conducting business. We wanted to bring that to you and the reason it was sent to you with a blank space there is that we knew we were doing the interviews and we would finalize the name for you tonight. So it is with pleasure I recommend to you the changing of a blank space to the name of Gary T. Scott, one of our current faculty, to be hired as the Dean of Creative Arts and Applied Sciences, effective August 7.

Member Clark: Is he still going to be able to lead the band? (laughter)

Vic Collins: Sometimes they say administrators dance to the music, so we'll be glad to have him lead it.

President Polsky: Very fine choice. Very good.

It was moved by Member Thorpe, seconded by Member Clark, that item 5.1 be approved.

Member Thorpe: I know Dr. Clark might have been asking that question in jest, but, seriously, we will expect him to stay with the California Battalion somehow.

The motion carried, all voting aye.

Agreements

Vice President Wooten: 7.1 closes out the D building as far as all the change orders go and 7.2 is the completion contract which we are required by law to have within 60 days of occupancy and the completion date legally is June 27, 2000, so we needed to include this on tonight's agenda or we would run out of 60 days before the August meeting.

It lists Change Order No. 7 which closes out Amoroso on the D building construction. On the construction contract at the bottom, it lists the total amount that we paid him. I've also indicated the amount of money in that \$11,000,000 that is not specifically

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associated with the D building; such things that we have added like the planetarium, audio visual, the furniture that we've added in as opposed to regular desks and those things which were paid for with donations, PFE funds, block grants and instructional equipment and library materials funds, which are one-time funds that we used to pay for some of the nice things in the D building. It doesn't say it here, but a real quick look at it so far is that we've come under budget approximately \$45,000.

President Polsky: Right on. So all that talk about over budget, that was not correct.

Vice President Wooten: Well, it was good discussion, but that wasn't all of the story.

President Polsky: So we came in under budget.

Vice President Wooten: Approximately \$45,000.

President Polsky: Very good. Congratulations. Good work.

Vice President Wooten: Thank you.

Member Clark: Randy, let me ask you, with regards to the planetarium, we don't have all the money that's necessary, do we?

Vice President Wooten: No, we lack about another half-million dollars or so for the equipment and the special seating in order to make it into a planetarium. What we did with the \$200,000 so far is to change the engineering and architecture of that room that was going to be closed off and then to put in the screen which looks like heavens, once you shine the lights on it. So, it's set to go with the exception of the equipment installation.

Member Clark: Can that room be used for a classroom or something in the interim?

Vice President Wooten: It will be used, yes sir. Absolutely. It was always designed as a classroom and it will continue to be used as a classroom.

President Polsky: Does anybody have any other questions or comments? Darwin, do you have anything to say on the D building.

Member Thorpe: Well, I disagree with Mr. Wooten. The figures I have show that you are a half-million dollars under budget, but obviously I'm reading different numbers.

President Polsky: Well, good.

Member Thorpe: When we have disparity of a half-million dollars and \$45,000, that always makes me a little nervous, but since I don't know which one to go toward.....

Member Uranga: Where are your figures coming from?

Member Thorpe: Fund 15 of the last five years' budgets.

Member Uranga: Excuse me?

Member Thorpe: Fund 15 of the last five years' budgets.

Member Uranga: I don't have access to this. I haven't seen them, so I wouldn't know.

It was moved by Member Clark, seconded by Member McNinch that items 7.1 and 7.2 be approved. The motion carried, all voting aye.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Information Session on General Obligation Bond

Vice President Wooten: I would like to make some additional introductions. We have people here who are knowledgeable and who will assist us in all aspects of this discussion. Let me start with the people who are going to make the presentation: Larry Tramultola, Strategic Planning Services for Schools, and Bonnie Maas and Janice Hahn who will make the presentation. Lisalee Wells who is from Fulbright and Jaworski is our Bond Counsel, and, of course, you've met Rod Carter before, he's from Sutro and we've done a lot of financing with Rod and so he's the guy who puts it all together and tells us how we can finance this. Lisalee keeps us legal and our advisors, of course, would be the Tramultolo Company. So, Bonnie, if there's nothing else I need to do, I'll turn it over to you at this time.

Bonnie Maas and Janice Hahn gave a presentation giving additional information on the G.O. bond. An overview of their presentation was:

- Progress Report
- Poll Results
- November Election-SCENARIOS
- Successful Campaigns
- Next Steps for LBCCD

After much discussion and questions by Board members, there was a consensus not to take action on this item since they didn't think the November election was possible because of the short timelines and, also, the utility users' tax issue was on the ballot, and they didn't believe voters would approve a bond issue at this time. They thought it would be better to wait until possibly the March 2002 election. Some reasons given by the Board members were:

- There would be better voter turnout since this would be a mayoral, gubernatorial, City Council and LBCCD trustees election.
- LBCC would also be celebrating their 75th anniversary and this could tie into the bond campaign.
- There would be more time to prepare, hopefully ensuring a successful campaign and vote.

-There would be more time to get community groups involved in getting the vote out for a bond issue.

-The cost estimate for a bond campaign was between \$300,000 and \$400,000 with an additional fee to Tramutola of \$45,000, and a March 2002 election would allow more time to raise those amounts.

The Board members decided to bring this issue back for review at the December 12 Board meeting, with consideration of results of the November elections.

Resolution, Authorizing a General Obligation Bond Election

The Board decided not to vote on this item.

Bond Counsel Services for General Obligation Bond Election

Lisalee Wells: Members of the Board, Madam President. I'm Lisalee Wells and I'm a resident of Park Estates. I am pleased to be before you. My purpose, of course, is as Randy said, merely to make sure that you stay on the straight and narrow as you approach this. Obviously many of you have had experience with staying on that straight and narrow. There's little at this stage that you need by way of legal advice as you face a bond election way off in the future, but I'd be happy, of course, to be that resource for you and, as you know, or maybe not, you don't pay a bond lawyer until the end. You have to win the election and close the bond.

President Polsky: Is your fee contingent upon winning the election?

Lisalee Wells: That's the word. It's a foolish program, but here I am. (laughter) So, my costs are invisible to you until such time as you win and do the first bond issue.

Rod Carter: I'm Rod Carter of Sutro. We have worked in over 40 successful elections up and down the state. Our role is, once you decide to go on a bond election, to translate that dollar amount into a tax. It's just like once you decide to purchase a home and get a mortgage I would be the banker to help translate, "Well, what's \$500,000 or \$200,000 translate into in terms of monthly payments." There are so many ways to structure a bond and that's our role. We also get paid on a contingency basis. We only get paid if the election is successful and the bonds are sold.

President Polsky: Randy, I think we have heard from everybody. Does anybody on the Board have anything they want to say? (There was no response.)

Well, this was very, very helpful and I do thank you for being here. I mean I have a better feel for what it's going to cost, because that's very important. So, we'll be back in December and hopefully by then we'll have a pretty good idea what to do.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

At their request, members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Board of Trustees on matters of general District business. This is the time for members of the public to speak and be heard and share their comments with the Board and for the

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Board to listen. Therefore, the public should not expect the Board to comment or respond to public comments. A particular position should not be inferred if there are no Board member comments during this time.

A total of five (5) minutes will be allotted to each subject, unless extended by the Board President. After receiving testimony, the Board may recommend placing such item or item(s) on the agenda of a future meeting or referring the item(s) to staff for a report.

(There were no comments.)

ADJOURNMENT

President Polsky adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on August 29, 2000. The first order of business will be adjournment to a closed session, as needed. The Board will reconvene in open session at 5:00 p.m. in Building I, Liberal Arts Campus.

Assistant Secretary