



SPECIAL TRUSTEE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 15, 2014

I. The Special Trustee's Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

II. **Roll Call – Members Present**

Lestean Johnson, Chair
Domitila Aguilar
Cynthia Macon
Joy Masha
Olivia Verrett
Nancy Sepulveda, Student Rep.
Keith Curry, CEO
Thomas Henry, Special Trustee

Members Absent

Amirah Hendrickson, Absent
Marie Hollis, Excused Absence

III. **Pledge of Allegiance - All**

IV. **Approval of Agenda – Approved**

Motion to approve, as amended – Ms. Verrett; Seconded by Ms. Aguilar; motion carried.

Amendment: Dr. Curry announced a change to the agenda – today's presentation will be the Annual Financial Report (Item VIII) to be provided by Steve Haigler. The Facilities Master Plan will be addressed with the Discussion/Information Items.

V. **Introduction – No introductions**

VI. **Review/Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2014 – Approved**

Motion to approve – Ms. Aguilar; Seconded by Ms. Verrett; motion carried.

VII. **Public Comments on Agenda/Non-Agenda Items**

Alma Chacon, guest of Ms. Aguilar, reported on her experience and expectations in registering at the Compton Center as a student.

Ms. Barbara Calhoun commented that she was against Measure C and did not vote for it. Stated that her previous questions have not been answered. What facilities would be torn down, and which would be refurbished? What will be done first – tearing-down or refurbishing? When will the Accreditation Application be submitted? Is it true that once everything has been approved El Camino has the right to refuse to relinquish the center back, so that it may be established as Compton College?

Dr. Curry responded that these questions will be answered as this meeting progresses. He reported that as the audit has been completed, with no findings; the audit findings have gone from 26 to zero. The El Camino College Compton Center Eligibility Application will be submitted sometime this month.

VIII. **Presentation**

Annual Financial Report – Mr. Steve Haigler

Mr. Haigler distributed copies of the Annual Financial Report and stated that the Audit was completed on December 5, 2014 and will be filed with the state on-time (due December 31st). The auditors present a report with their opinion of whether or not the financial statements submitted have been compiled in accordance with GAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles). They have issued an unmodified opinion. That means that if the report contains some kind of GAP departure they would qualify the opinion and say the “report has been prepared in accordance with GAP, with the exception of ...”; then they would point out whatever the departure was. This was an unmodified opinion, meaning there are no GAP departures – the financial statements conform to the accounting standards as set forth.

Mr. Haigler further reviewed and discussed the Annual Financial Report.

Dr. Curry stated that OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

IX. **Discussion/Information Items**

1. CCCD Line-of-Credit Expenditures Report – Dr. Keith Curry

Dr. Curry distributed, reviewed, and discussed the document ‘Line of Credit Analysis as of June 30, 2014.’ The District has drawn down \$17.8M, and still owes \$13M. This debt should be paid by 2028/29. There is \$12,133,300 remaining, however, the District does not plan on drawing-down any other monies.

2. ECC Compton Center Eligibility Application – Dr. Keith Curry

Our original goal was to submit the Eligibility Application by December 2014; however, some changes were needed to the document, and it will be submitted in January 2015. One issue that had to be resolved was the Cosmetology program liability. In our 2011 Audit, Finding #25, that we owe about \$4.9M to the Chancellor’s office for the Cosmetology liability. This issue has now been resolved for \$2M. The second issue is in our 5-year Fiscal Management Plan, three of the five years were shown as having deficit spending. We were able to maintain a reserve of approximately 16% (the state requires 5%) and we are not deficit spending in 2016/2017. The third issue is the OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) Liability funding schedule. Included in the OPEB funding schedule is a change in our budget for this year. We recommend taking \$269,000 and apply it to our OPEB liability since the debt for the Cosmetology liability was reduced from \$4.9M down to \$2M. This is on the agenda for approval tomorrow night (12-15-2014).

X. **Advisement Agenda**

1. Future Agenda Items

- a) OPEB Funding Schedule

XI. **Reports**

1. CEO – Thanked everyone for their support on Bond Measure C, reporting that it passed with 78.3%. The CEO has recommended that the current Measure CC Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee be dissolved, and another committee – the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee be

established which will encompass oversight for both Measure CC and Measure C Bonds. Several members will be reappointed – Dr. Martha Brown, Irene Shandell, and Larry Edmonds. The CEO will be accepting applications for the new Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee, and needs a representative from a taxpayers association, or homeowners association, and also a representatives from the business community. Dr. Curry extended holiday greetings.

2. Advisory Committee Members

Cynthia Macon – Ms. Macon requested a meeting with the Special Trustee, and also asked to be included in the meeting with Assemblyman Mike Gipson.

Joy Masha – Shared the Annual Report from LACC District Citizens’ Oversight Committee and suggested that we may consider something like this. Dr. Curry responded that we have been publishing our report, the Annual Bond Oversight Committee Report, since 2011. The new report will be out in the spring for 2013/14.

Olivia. Verrett – Thanked the other committee members for their participation; thanked Dr. Curry and Mr. Henry for their hard work, and expressed her appreciation. Said she is always excited and enjoys these meetings.

Domitila Aguilar – Knows the District has gone through a lot, but the community would like the Eligibility Application expedited. Also, she and other community residents appreciate the hard work the District has done; feels more confident in recommending students to attend. Feels it is important that the events of 2003-04 do not happen again.

Nancy Sepulveda – Mentioned some areas of website needs updating. Stated that she thinks the project with the Compton Unified School District is great.

Dr. Johnson – Thanked the committee for serving another year. It has been long, but informative year. Dr. Johnson commended Dr. Curry for the high approval rate on Bond Measure C, and standing up under fire. Dr. Johnson extended holiday greetings.

3. Special Trustee – Mr. Henry shared with the committee that he met with the Accrediting Commission (ACCJC) this month, and will meet again in January to discuss the Eligibility Application. Extended holiday greetings.

XII. Next regularly scheduled meeting: January 12, 2015

XIII. Adjournment @ 8:12 p.m.