



CERRITOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Note: Videos and transcripts of each board meeting are available online at:
<http://cms.cerritos.edu/board/agendas-and-minutes.htm>

**CALL TO ORDER:
ROLL CALL:**

7:00 p.m. by Ms. Avalos

Board members present were:

Carmen Avalos (Trustee Area 2)
Marisa Perez (Trustee Area 4)
Martha Camacho-Rodriguez (Trustee Area 1)
Zurich Lewis (Trustee Area 7)
Dr. Shin Liu (Trustee Area 5)
James Cody Birkey (Trustee Area 3)
Dr. Sandra Salazar (Trustee Area 6)
Phil Herrera (Student Trustee)

Staff present were:

Dr. Jose Fierro, President/Superintendent
Felipe Lopez, Vice President of Business Services
Dr. Adriana Flores-Church, Vice President of Human Resources
Dr. Dilcie Perez, Vice President of Student Services
Stephanie Rosenblatt, CCFE President
Dr. Lisa Boutin-Vitela, Faculty Senate Representative

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

AGENDA ORGANIZATION

Item 9 was postponed to the April 3 Board meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Joe Cabrera Zermeno expressed outrage regarding a recent Talon Marks article. Casey Piotrowski expressed gratitude to the Board of Trustees for its continued support of WPMD. Carmen Lizarraga, Roxanne Mitchell, and Yvette Juarez spoke regarding CSEA negotiations.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM CONSTITUENT GROUPS

Dr. Boutin-Vitela voiced her support for CSEA employees and also provided an update on Faculty Senate activities. She concluded by inviting students to participate in the study abroad program in Florence this summer.

Ms. Hogue summarized CSEA's requests pertaining to negotiations and asked that the Board recognize their hard work and dedication to the college by approving their compensation proposal.

OPEN SESSION

4. The Board of Trustees recognized Jenny Mejia and Ulysses Valencia, Financial Aid Technicians, as recipients of the Classified Employee of the Month Team Award for Spring 2019.
5. The Board of Trustees recognized students who participated in the 99th annual Western Psychological Association Conference in Pasadena, CA in April.
6. The Board of Trustees recognized and presented a certificate of appreciation to Phil Herrera for his service as Student Trustee.
7. The Board of Trustees received a presentation from Shawna Baskette, Dean of Academic Success and Accreditation Co-Chair, regarding the college's efforts in preparation for the 2020 Accreditation Site Visit.
8. Felipe Lopez, Vice President of Business Services, provided a status update regarding the Measure G Bond construction program and the district's progress with the Project Labor Agreement.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. In accordance with Board Policy 2410 – Policy and Administrative Procedure, the Board shall review the policies on a regularly scheduled basis to be completed no later than one year prior to the regularly scheduled accreditation site visit. The next site visit is scheduled for Spring 2020. The Board of Trustees reviewed Chapter 7 – Human Resources.
10. The Board of Trustees will receive an update regarding mapping the Chancellor's Office Vision for Success Goals to College Goals and Indicators.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT OFFICIALS

Dr. Fierro:

- encouraged everyone to attend this year's commencement and added that we will once again have the largest graduating class at Cerritos College;
- was notified that the college is being considered for a national award for its diversity efforts; and
- discussed a recent controversial Talon Marks article and indicated that the dialogue should be around the educational value that the college provides. He stated that this is a part of their development as students and we have the duty and the responsibility to enforce freedom of speech whether we agree or not with the topic.

Ms. Camacho-Rodriguez:

- attended the 2019 Civil Rights Summit and it was a beautiful experience with a lot to gain in terms of information for students.

Mr. Birkey:

- stated that he is excited about this year's commencement ceremony.

Ms. Perez:

- will be attending the inaugural Vision for Success Diversity Task Force meeting; and
- invited everyone to attend the Foundation Scholarship Reception.

Dr. Liu:

- thanked everyone involved with the study abroad program to Florence, Italy; and
- stated that the Taiwan study abroad student orientation was a successful event and added that there are currently 51 students enrolled in the program.

Mr. Lewis:

- indicated that he will participating in his law school graduation ceremony this Saturday and added that he is taking the bar exam in July.

Ms. Avalos:

- congratulated the upcoming graduates on their successes at Cerritos College;
- reminded everyone that their votes make a difference in our communities;
- thanked Miya Walker for addressing the South Gate City Council regarding Cerritos Complete.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Trustees adjourned to closed session at 9:01 p.m.

11. Liability Claims

A. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 paragraph (1) of subdivision (e)

B. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 paragraph (3) of subdivision (e)

Claimant: Oceana Christopher

Agency Claimed Against: Cerritos Community College District

C. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 paragraph (3) of subdivision (e)

Claimant: Fata Construction

Agency Claimed Against: Cerritos Community College District

12. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (GC #54957)

Case #: 92671107

13. Conference with Labor Negotiators (GC #54957.6)

A. Agency Representatives: Dr. Adriana Flores-Church, Dr. Jose Fierro

B. Employee Organizations:

California School Employees Association (CSEA)

14. The meeting was reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

Ms. Avalos reported that in closed session the Board of Trustees took action to deny the claim from Oceana Christopher. The vote for approval was unanimous.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Signed:

Carmen Avalos, Board President

Martha Camacho-Rodriguez, Board Clerk