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>> President Lewis: Good evening and welcome to the June 7, 2017 meeting of the college board. We will begin tonight with an invocation by Pastor Troy Campbell from Secret Flower in Bellflower. Troy.

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

>> President Lewis: Can you turn the mic on?

>> Good evening everyone. May we bow our heads for prayer. Heavenly father we thank you for this day and your love and mercy and we ask for your wisdom and guidance in all decisions. We pray that your unbeatable understanding will rest in every heart and mind in Jesus' name. Amen.

>> President Lewis: Amen. Thank you. Next we will move to the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Trustee Camacho-Rodriguez.

>> I pledge allegiance to the flag to the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

>> President Lewis: Will the clerk call the roll please.

>> President Lewis.

>> Here.

>> Vice President Carmen Avalos.

>> Present.

>> Board Clerk Shin Liu.

>> Here.

>> Member Martha Camacho-Rodriguez.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> Member Marisa Perez.

>> Present.

>> Member Sandra Salazar.

>> She's connecting right now.

>> Student Trustee Avalos.

>> Present.

>> And Superintendent Fierro.

>> Present.

>> President Lewis: At this

time is there any member of the Board of Trustees wish to organize the agenda otherwise presented? Seeing none we'll move to comments from the audience and I have one card from Joseph Fierro on sidewalks. Joseph.

>> Thank you. So today at approximately 4:35 as I was taking my lunch here at work you know there was a lady on the floor. I think -- not that I think. She tripped over one of the sidewalks and to be specifically where it was on the lot four right in front of the Liberal Arts building. I talked around Cerritos -- of course there are no perfect sidewalks but the difference between this one that sidewalk sticks out I measured it too and took a picture and about an inch and a half. I thought it was a grown lady playing around but she got hurt and she had trouble getting up and I was going to call campus police and I helped her and she was really hurt. She asked me to let somebody know and I thought perfect timing. Today is the Board of Trustees Meeting. There is nobody more important than letting the board know about this issue and not just for the safety of the student or parent that trip on the property it can definitely lead to liability and possible class lawsuit so just letting you know she just asked me to fix it because she really did hurt herself and she was in tears and I wanted to let you guys know that and hopefully something is done about it in good timing. Thank you.

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>> President Lewis: Thank you. Seeing no other cards we will move to reports and comments from constituent groups. Is there any constituent group at this time

wishing to make a report? No.  
Next we will move to  
Institutional Presentation. The  
installation of the 2017-18  
Student Trustee in which Dr.  
Fierro will administer the oath  
of office to Raul Avalos.

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]  
[Laughter]

>> President Lewis: I think  
we may get Trustee Salazar in  
here. Give us a second.

There we go. Can you ask her  
to -- we apologize for the  
technical difficulties.

>> Dr. Fierro: Could you mute  
your computer? Thank you. All  
right. Now -- [Off Mic] all  
right. So now I have the honor  
to swear our new Student Trustee  
in to office, and I have known  
Raul for ever since I got here,  
so he has done a nice job on his  
work as a accounting club, and  
with the support of many  
students present this evening he  
was able to win the Trustee  
election so it is my honor to  
have the opportunity to give you  
the oath of office Raul so as I  
said you repeat after me and  
after that you become official.  
"I, Raul Avalos, do solemnly  
swear that I will support and  
defend the Constitution of the  
United States and the  
Constitution of the State of  
California against all enemies  
foreign and domestic that I will  
bear true faith and allegiance  
to the constitution of the  
United States and the  
Constitution of the State of  
California. That I take this  
obligation freely without any  
mental reservation or purpose of  
evasion and they will well and  
faithfully discharge the duties  
upon which I am about to enter."  
Congratulations.

[Applause]

>> Dr. Fierro: Take a picture  
with the board if you want.

>> Carmen Avalos: I want to

say welcome and "Avalos" is not a common name and I am sure you're related many years ago somewhere our families but welcome. We look forward to working with you and we have a lot to learn from you and looking forward to the opportunities to hear what you have to say.

>> President Lewis: Absolutely and thank you for putting your name out there for the election and also to win with the mandate from the students to be the voice of the students and I hope you take that obligation and that responsibility seriously as I know you will and looking forward to hearing the voice of the students through you, and your collaborations with us in the next coming year so congratulations Raul and we will see you many more times after this.

>> Raul Avalos: Thank you very much.

>> President Lewis: Is there anything else you want to say real quick?

>> Raul Avalos: I look forward to this upcoming here working with the entire board.

Hopefully we can accomplish a lot of things you know like create better environment for our students, maybe add more classes, safety, you know.

Maybe change the perception of it and maybe more scholarships so that students have more money to go ahead and transfer, and you know just focus on other stuff that students have concerned about for example the sidewalk that Joseph Fierro was talking about. That's it.

Thank you.

>> President Lewis: Thank you.

[Applause]

>> Carmen Avalos: You know

what, did you bring in family tonight, your mom, your parents?

>> Raul Avalos: No, they were working and couldn't get the day off but it's okay.

>> President Lewis: Next we will go to the Board Advisory Committee report and Jimmy Riordan from Tildon-Coil will give the report. Jimmy.

>> Jimmy Riordan: Good evening. Thank you very much for having me. Jimmy Riordan Program Manager from Tildon-Coil. The Bond Advisory Committee met on the 24th to address the items on the agenda tonight. Marisa Perez is the present via phone and myself and given the summer folks there were folks that couldn't attend but we reviewed items before you tonight and I can go over in summary and if there are questions I will go over them now or when they come up on the agenda and agenda items 15 through 18 and they're bid and contract considerations before the board tonight for approval. This is for the Health and Wellness Complex. If you recall in March when the bid results for the project as a whole came in there were four categories that were chosen to rebid and the bid rejected bids for various reasons and how they filled them out and we gave them another chance to submit properly which has been done. These categories were not critical to starting the project so they weren't holding anybody else and include Item 15 and category 11 and flooring for the projects and three bids are received and the ideal number to look for. Continental Flooring out of Rancho Cucamonga was the responsible bidder and the coverage and amounts were very close, very similar to the previous bid and they were

second last time and now have the low so that is before you. Number 16 is Number 16 as well and fire sprinklers and three bids were received as well. Apex Fire Protection out of Montrose is the low bidder at \$466,000 and the amount was low last time, a little more competitive. Category 19 is for landscaping and one bid received which is expected at times being things rebid and bidders amounts are now out on the street, the public and competitors can see the bids and can choose to undercut them to beat them. They may put more money towards Twe literally had four bidders before they were doing and only one turned it in and it's a good amount and results and to Preferred Landscape in Artesia and \$410,000 even. That maybe a familiar name. They have done quite a work on campus and in our opinion we were pleased they were the bidder in this case because they have very good quality work and done work with the college and they're local.

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Item Number 18 is for bid category Number 20, IT and low voltage. There were one bidder received in this category as well which also -- well, in this case that was expected. There was one bid received last time from the same company, PCC Network Solutions. They have done work on campus for 25 plus years. They are very, very familiar with the extensive data network infrastructure throughout the campus, throughout the buildings, so we're very confident in their bid amount of \$241,903.04. I'm not sure where the cents came from but that's their bid. That brings all of the bids in for the Health and Wellness Complex except for the audiovisual package which typically is bid

later in the project, about six months or so before the project is ready to be occupied. That way the latest and greatest AV technology model numbers and components are bid so there will be one bid category to follow in the future but the project budget as a whole is about 1.3 million dollars under the original estimate. If you recall at the March 1 board meeting there was a program budget and bond update that Mr. Lopez had given the board, and that showed a current projection of all the bid results at that time were the rebid categories were projected to come in in the future AV and these were \$30,000 less than the projections in March so another positive and big picture it's less than the original estimate so things are moving in a very good direction. Board agenda item numbers 19 and 20 are two change orders for the Fine Arts-CIS Math projects. These are -- we have been working on closing out numerous contracts and getting everybody paid on those buildings. The change orders as a whole for the \$42 million project are prior to these change orders there were \$1.2 million in change orders to date on the \$42 million total building cost. Before you tonight is \$190,000 more which all told takes it to \$1.4 million in change orders and 3.4% of the total construction cost of those buildings which is a very good percentage that we like to see that lower than the industry range is 4-6% and a common change order percentage. The project is good shape at that percentage. They're Number 19 on the agenda -- Number 19 and 20, both Rocky Coast Builders. They did the concrete for the project. Change order

ten is an addition of 177,000 for the fine arts building and there are details that have to do with the sheer walls and if you remember some of the first things that came out of the ground with those and modifications per the state architect. We did samples for the polished flooring and the sheer walls to make sure that finished polished concrete look came identity as it has as intended. There was additional polishing work if you will to that exposed look to provide the product that you see in the building, and other various items and unforeseen utilities and different changes made to the concrete. Item 20 is Rocky Coast Builders change order 11 and \$12,509 and specific to the Fine Arts-CIS Math building and less items. This takes their contract to a total of 5.8% in change orders. I don't have their total contract amount in front of me but they were one of the larger contracts in the project. I think upwards to \$5 million or more and this 5.8% for the one trade is not of concern from our point of view, well below the 10% threshold allowed by the code. Board item Number 32 is a notice of completion. This is for the campus electrical and chill water upgrade that has been completed over the last year. This is. To approve the notice of completion for Mel Smith electric who completed the scope of work and involved upgrading the high voltage electric main throughout the whole college. Are there any questions I would be happy to answer them.

>> President Lewis: Any questions from Board Members?

No. Thank you Jimmy.

>> Thank you.

>> President Lewis: All

right. Next we will move on to the Consent Calendar item. I will entertain a motion or any requests to extract any items? Is there a motion.

>> I will move the Consent Calendar.

>> President Lewis: All right.

>> Carmen Avalos: Second.

>> President Lewis: All right. We have a motion and a second. Is there any objection to the motion?

>> Dr. Fierro: You have to do a roll call since Trustee Salazar is remote.

>> President Lewis: All right. Will the clerk call the roll then.

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>> Student Trustee Avalos.

>> Carmen Avalos: I'm sorry. I just heard Avalos. I have to get used to this.

[Laughter]

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

>> Trustee Avalos.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> Trustee Camacho-Rodriguez.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> Trustee Lewis.

>> Aye.

>> Trustee Perez.

>> Aye.

>> And Trustee Salazar.

>> Yes.

>> President Lewis: All right. The motion carries.

Next we move on to Item 42 an informational item, the College Coordinating Committee minutes.

I will entertain a motion to receive and file.

>> Marisa Perez: Motion to receive and file.

>> Carmen Avalos: Second.

>> President Lewis: All right. No votes are needed on that. next is an informational item and the annual report to the Board of Trustees for the bond.

>> Marisa Perez: Move to receive and file.

>> President Lewis: Is there a motion Trustee Perez?

>> Yes.

>> President Lewis: Is there a second?

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> President Lewis: We have a second. Without objection the motion passes and Item 44 receive the initial proposal of the California School Employees Association Chapter 161 to the Cerritos Community College District for the negotiation of the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement for period listed reopeners and notification of a Public Hearing at the July 19 regular board meeting. I will entertain a motion to receive and file.

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>> Marisa Perez: Motion to receive and file.

>> President Lewis. Is there a second?

>> Carmen Avalos: Second.

>> President Lewis: There is a motion and a second. Without objection the motion passes. All right. We move on to Item 45 interview and deliberation applicants for filling the board vacancy so it's recommended that we interview and discuss those applicants and how it's going to go is that the order of interviews will be randomly selected by a drawing of numbers as shown here in the basket. Just prior to the interviews and a five minute break before the interviews so we make sure we have the connection to the Google doc or sheet link for us to put our rankings that will then be shown to the public after all the interviews have been concluded. The interviews will be 20 minutes each with three minutes per question and two minutes of a closing statement. Andrea our clerk will give a five minute warning towards the end of each

interview and for each interview we ask that all the other candidates wait outside or in the President's office in the lobby until they are called and not use electric devices to gain information of what the questions are. A Google link will be provided for us as Board Members and a 15 minute break will be done after the introduce

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so rankings can be sent and verified at the board and then displayed on the screen and please be advised that the rankings are for advisory purposes only. They're not binding on us as a board and the board will be provided with a summary of rankings that was shown to the public last week for the written application so we may also consider that portion when voting on our final applicant, so with that we will then move to taking drawings so if you want to shuffle this around. Okay.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> President Lewis: We will do based what we picked out, yeah. All right. First up will be number two which is Lorraine Neil.

>> I'm sorry. You can stand if you're -- I have no idea who are you.

>> President Lewis: Number one is James Cody Birkey -- he's the second but not number one but number one is -- Number 4 at 830 Judy RoldanI and suppose that leaves Number 3 Gloria Willingham so to review we have at 730 we have number one James Cody Birkey. 750 we have -- 730 -- why didn't I write it before? So number two was pulled first and Lorraine first at 730.

Number one was pulled -- number one was pulled next and will go at 750 and James Cody Birkey and he next is 810 and Judy and next is last at 830 which is Gloria.

All right. Everybody got that?  
>> Carmen Avalos: So Lorraine,  
Birkey -- [INAUDIBLE] in that  
order.

>> President Lewis: All  
right. So with that we ask that  
you step out for now and we make  
sure that we can connect to the  
Google Doc that was sent to each  
of us.

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(recess).

>> President Lewis: All  
right. So is everyone ready?  
Yes? Yes? Okay. So Lorraine  
thank you for applying and  
putting your name out there to  
join us on the board of the as  
you know interviews will be 20  
minutes each and there will be  
three minutes per question with  
two minutes of an opening --  
we're doing opening statements?

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

>> President Lewis: Two  
minutes for an opening  
statement.

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

>> President Lewis: All  
right. So as you know 20  
minutes each, three minutes per  
question. Two minutes for a  
closing statement afterwards so  
we go to the first question from  
Trustee Avalos.

>> Carmen Avalos: Again thank  
you for being here tonight. Dr.  
Fierro --

>> President Lewis: It's  
included in the first question.

>> [Off Mic]

>> Dr. Fierro: For the first  
question.

>> [Off Mic] [INAUDIBLE]

>> President Lewis: Yeah.  
That's what we talked about.

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

>> President Lewis: I  
apologize. You have three  
minutes for an opening  
statement.

>> Lorraine Neal: Okay. And  
because I didn't know -- I  
didn't expect an opening  
statement so is there anything

you want in that opening statement?

>> President Lewis: Tell us about your and why you're applying and basically anything.

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>> Lorraine Neal: Okay. First of all thank you for the honor and the opportunity to interview for the Trustee area three position and I am going to tell you this is much more difficult than running a campaign being up here and talking about yourself. I am a true believer that all my educational roles and experiences prepared me to lead as a Trustee on the college board and serve the entire Cerritos College community. I have spent 27 years teaching in public schools. I have spent time as a union leader and President of my association. I have spent time running for public service with the Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District and served as a Trustee as well as a former President, and I just believe all those opportunities have lead me here and during each stage why did I officially become a Board Member in Norwalk La Mirada? Working with the board we have a great board with Downey unified and I worked with them one-on-one and they gave so much and that's when I wanted to be a School Board Member and that's when it started for me and after a few years I ran for the School Board and successful in my campaign and I loved every minute serving the communities. Due to personal things I had to move back to Downey to take care of my parents so from there I worked more and more with the teacher track program here at Cerritos College also other projects and CTE programs and those in middle school that help us out and I worked with the

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interact kids with Rotary and I realized how many were given opportunities by coming to Cerritos and move on to four year colleges and the CTE program and got more more interested being a college Trustee and I planned to run in 2018 and I didn't realize I would have the opportunity to interview for the appointment so that's what lead me tear tonight.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. Trustee Avalos.

>> Carmen Avalos: Please describe the value you would add to the board and how will you contribute to Cerritos College.

>> Lorraine Neal: The value I add to this board is my experience, and the assets I have of being part of so many communities. I grew up in Bell Gardens and we moved to Downey in my teens and from there I moved to South Gate and Bellflower and Norwalk and now back in Downey. I think everything I've done each one of these communities I lived in the Cerritos College community my whole entire life so I feel like I'm so part of it and as a student here I love this school. It's made me who I am today and that's why I was such a leader in education and making sure that I did everything I could to learn leadership skills and attending classes at entree for fiscal responsibility and health and welfare services.

Everything I could learn I learned through the association and being President I had the opportunity to begin for the union to bargain and understand the bargaining process that it takes team work and collaboration, and I think my greatest asset for you that I have been a Board Member. I understand the commitment. I

understand what it means to follow the Brown Act. I understand what it means you know when you go into private sessions. I understand the commitment it takes to collaborate and work with each other and to strategically plan things all the time to make sure that we do whatever we can, not only what is best for the staff, what is fiscally responsible, and overall working with our parents and most importantly doing what is best for the students that attend Cerritos College.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. She hung up on us. All right. We next move on to the second question which is from Trustee Camacho-Rodriguez.

>> Martha Camacho-Rodriguez: What is your understanding of the primary responsibilities of the board?

>> Lorraine Neal: My understanding of the primary respond of the board is to set Board Policy and to vote Board Policy that the ensure the success of the staff and students and the college community.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. Next question is from Trustee Perez.

>> Marisa Perez: What do you see as the challenges facing our students? What are possible solutions that you will contribute in your role as a member of the Board of Trustees.

>> Lorraine Neal: Can I go back for a second to the other question? I also wanted to mention is I also see the role of the Trustee to be visible and out in the open all the time and that's all college community, not just the Trustee area that you represent, and that visibility allows people to come and talk to you and be very open

and to listen everything that the community may need so that's it and I'm sorry can you repeat the question one more time?

>> Marisa Perez: What do you see as challenges facing our students? What are possible solutions you will contribute in your role as a member of the Board of Trustees?

>> Lorraine Neal: I know one of the greatest challenges because my niece was accepted to Cal State Fullerton as an honor student and even though it's not as expensive as some of the other colleges it's expensive for a family to send their student to school now days and I know looking for ways to help them financially would be great, and I know that you do have your program Cerritos success program that helps with that. Also the other thing is that another challenge for them is I know it's a challenge for at the district level, at the K-12 level is making sure that they have the proper equipment to be successful. Not all students have a computer. They can rent and borrow them but not all have access to the internet and have the support here at the college for them to be able to do the things they need to do for the work they need to complete. As a Trustee I think it's just important to listen to the needs of the students and it's great

that you have a Student Trustee to let us know the needs of the students so we can help them making sure whatever they need to be successful.

>> President Lewis: All right. Thank you. Student Trustee Raul Avalos.

>> Raul Avalos: On behalf of Trustee Salazar many stakeholders believe the strength is the rich diversity. Several leaders have been out

spoken about the college missing the mark on engagement and equity, et cetera. How does your leadership style speak to these salient issues and how will you create a new narrative for the college future?

>> Can you repeat that? Thank you.

>> Raul Avalos: Many stakeholders feel that the strength is the rich social diversity. Several of the same leaders have been out spoken about the college missing the mark in effective community engagement, equity, et cetera. How does your leadership style speak to these salient community issues and how would you help create a new narrative for our college's future?

>> Okay. I will answer this. So I think as an educator myself and a teacher in a school that is extremely diverse and a district that is extremely diverse that I think we do everything we can, and I know as someone who lives in my community, we do everything we can to -- excuse me, to include everyone, and it's making sure that everybody has access to everything. I think for it to be effective -- just give me a second. That was a really long question. That's a good one.

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Okay. I think it's just making sure that -- what I am trying to understand what the question is trying to ask is I know the college is very diverse. I understand that and then I think all the other students that come into this college are diverse and I think as long as we have programs at the district level, at the K-12 level that promote that diversity and we make sure we listen to the community members on what we need to do to make them strong and out spoken about the needs that they have

and I think then we're meeting their challenges. I believe that as far as my narrative for the college it would always be to promote diversity in every single way. I think I have been teaching for so long that I kind of forget there is so much diversity and I look at them as a child and not what they represent. When Cameron comes into the idea with I a great idea and I look at that and I forget the diversity and I think we forget the diversity comes in and we embrace it because it makes the classroom so well effective and I think that's why the college works so well because everyone here accepts that. As the narrative for the college I think just making sure -- I don't want to say advertisement, but in everything that we do that week at our communities and promote diversity and making sure that people know that the programs we offer are full of diversity and doesn't matter what it is and they're transferring or a career tech program. I think the narrative you have to constantly

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make sure people know this college is diverse and that we accept everyone. Thank you.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. Next question is from Trustee Liu.

>> Shin Liu: What is your opinion about International Study Program and Student Study Abroad Program?

>> Lorraine Neal: I love them. I wish I would have had the opportunity myself when I was younger. Then I wouldn't spending so much money today traveling over there but I think it's a great opportunity I think every student should have that opportunity if they can. I know can be expensive and some of the students have problems with

classes that transfer. It's making sure that you pick the right school and the classes match and when you do come back

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>> President Lewis: Nice catch by the way.

>> Lorraine Neal: Thank you very much. I think when you're back on campus and ready to transfer that you have the exact amount of units that you need. No, I think it's a great program and I have friends that sent their kids abroad and they all gained so much from it so it's fantastic.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. Next question is from me. How do your experiences enhance the partnerships and with the K-12?

>> Lorraine Neal: Well, the K-12 partnership is my favorite of this college institution and I think it establishes a great relationship with the districts within the college community whether it be Downey,

Bellflower, ABC, Lakewood, Long Beach, wherever it may be. The fact that our students can be in a dual program. The fact our students can participate in the middle college scholars and adjust allows for so -- just allows for many more opportunities for them. I love the program. There is only one thing that I would love to change. I know we do more with the high school then you know with the 6-8 graders and I think that's where the hugist impact now because the districts focus on college and career ready in the classroom and the kids are thinking passionately what they want to be by high school so they can participate in the CTE programs and the teacher track programs and those things that it would be great we worked with them with project lead the way

and all the other programs that we offer at the different schools in the districts, so you know like a great field trip over here to show them everything that you have to know they have this option to come here first and not go to a four year university first or whatever they can do or the CTE programs that you have to offer, so it's a great opening. I had the opportunity as a Board Member for La Mirada to attend many of the meetings and I always find them fascinating especially what everybody else is doing. It's so much sharing and so much knowledge that goes on at those meetings.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. And now you have a few minutes for a closing statement.

>> Lorraine Neal: Sure.

Cerritos College has played a large role in who I have become professionally as a teacher, as an educational leader. All it took one professor to encourage me there was more to learn and explore in education. Cerritos College is about inspiring students to find their career paths. All stakeholders have a part in each student success. I believe my beginning at Cerritos as a student lead me to be an educational leader and lead me back to be a college Trustee. My roles as a union leader and President of the La Mirada School Board got me ready to be a Board of Trustees member. Public service is the one of the greatest things to serve the community that we live and work in. I believe everything I have done in my life has lead me to this moment I know how to be fiscally staff and hire the best staff and work one-on-one and collaboratively with the board and I understand the skills needed but I think the best way

to wrap up my closing statement is this last week I had the opportunity to go to the Norwalk [INAUDIBLE] Council program and gave out scholarships and student of the year and one that got a scholarship from John Glen said the reason I want to go to Cerritos they will prepare me to transfer to UCLA and I think that's what I love about this school and the openness and inspire students and knowing it will prepare every student whatever it is and whatever career path they want to be in that it will prepare them for a very much so success and to be career and college ready in a globally established world.

Thank you.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. All right. Now we move on to candidate number two.

[Applause]

Five minute break. (recess).

>> President Lewis. Trustee area three vacant seat. For the record can you state your name and give a two minute opening statement.

>> James Cody Birkey: Two or three?

>> Three I'm sorry.

>> My name is James Cody Birkey. Let's build our community college together. As you know my family has deep roots in Bellflower and Southeast L.A. County and our families came 50 years ago when the family was forced off the skin in Mexico because of the color of her skin. We come from humble beginnings. Our lives have been changed through education and strong community. Earning two merit scholarships and taking out loans I have worked hard and pieced together an education that I am very proud of. And I look to do the same thing as you six have done with yours, use it to give back

to the community and opening doors for our neighbors and our students. Let's build our community college together. I have dedicated my career to doing this kind of thing. I have spent years now working with colleges and universities like Cal Poly Pomona, Cal State Northridge and LaVerne and leading and advising on projects valued up to a billion dollars in size working to ensure their investments in physical infrastructure maximize outcomes for student success. My day job is to stretch every

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institutional dollar and layer in best practices and cutting edge thinking nationally to transform our schools. As Vice President of public institutions at JLL, the nation's leading advisory firm social justice and empowerment through education is already a full time commitment of mine. When I was approached by several people in community leadership to consider filling this position I was ecstatic. The opportunity to leverage the passions and expertise of my day job to serve our communities in this way is now an honor they enthusiastically pursue. Few things have the transformative impact of building our college together. With an over \$300 million bond under going implementation at our college perhaps another bond on its way I am excited to offer my national leadership and expertise in this very thing to maximize its impact on our students. I will look to bring my personal network of the innovative professionals in the work of higher education to be resources for our institution here together and collaboratively where we can carve out the beautiful path forward for our current and

future students. With great humility I ask the community and this honorable board to consider me to be an asset for our college and a member of this board. Let's build our community college together.

>> President Lewis: All right. Thank you. Next we will move to question number one from Trustee Avalos.

>> Carmen Avalos: Thank you for being here tonight. Please describe the value you will add to the board and how you will contribute to Cerritos College?

>> James Cody Birkey: Three distinct things. One I offer a passion and a track record of investing in student success. Second I have a deep financial education geared towards higher education which is particularly relevant for Cerritos College right now, and thirdly and perhaps most critically I have history and a personal tendency towards consensus building which is in my experience very healthy for any board.

>> President Lewis: All right. Thank you. Next question is from Trustee Camacho-Rodriguez.

>> Trustee Camacho-Rodriguez: What is your understanding of the primary responsibilities of the board?

>> James Cody Birkey: I could go into technical detail but generally speaking it's important to provide vision and guidance for the institution and I have had a lot of experience with boards across the country, and what I have seen that really guides the most of impressive boards at the most impressive institutions tends to be a long-term vision how to create an institution long after you're gone and being able to institutionalize that inside the way the board thinks is the

overriding responsibility of the board given the smaller components that will fall in the lap.

>> President Lewis: All right. Next question is from Trustee Perez.

>> Marisa Perez: What do you see as challenges facing the students? What are possible solutions you will contribute as a member of the Board of Trustees?

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>> James Cody Birkey: There is a lot facing our students. I think they're two -- maybe three big things that are right now confronting big proportion of our students -- not every student but a big proportion of them. I think one is financial access. There's a lot of students who are busy working very, very hard just to keep their head above water meanwhile trying to invest in themselves and in education, and that creates a dynamic that is more difficult for our students than perhaps at other institutions. Secondly I see that a lot of our students come with an enormous amount of energy and ethic but not with the same level of educational preparedness as other institutions and they have to double down given their own educational background to achieve what they're looking to achieve and sometimes that's a failure of our own educational systems in the K-12. Maybe some students have slipped through the gaps and maybe some students had a complicated family background and home life that is really hard just to pretend doesn't exist when they come to the community college and the third thing is access to understanding how to move on as we call in higher education, the continuation rate is difficult for a number of students because

they don't have the same set of assets, both knowledge basis and family background that can stabilize them as they're looking to move beyond community

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college into other higher aspiration and make the most of their intellectual capabilities.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. Next is a question from Student Trustee Raul Avalos.

>> Raul Avalos: On behalf of Trustee Salazar many stakeholders believe that strength is diversity and several of the leaders have been out spoken about the college missing the mark in effective community engagement, et cetera. How does the leadership style speak to those issues and how would you create a new narrative for the college future?

>> James Cody Birkey: That's a good question. I think that our college is particularly positioned in a way that requires it to do more than other community colleges in terms how it connects with our community at large. I think that it's important to brand our university or our college as though it's a major community asset in a way that people who may be looking at pursuing education up and down the age spectrum value this asset. We should become an aspirational institution for people across the -- across the board in our community, so that people really see this as an opportunity for finding a way to connect, not only to their own community, but finding a way to affordably move their own educational pursuits forward in a way that is more likely to succeed than other colleges in this area and I think we can create that narrative through the way that we advertise the success of our students and the way that we

advertise the success of our faculty and what we're trying to do as a student body.

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>> President Lewis: Okay. Thank you. Next is from Trustee Liu.

>> Shin Liu: What's your opinion of International Student Program and Cerritos College Student Study Abroad Program?

>> James Cody Birkey: As a student who formerly studied abroad I think that kind of opportunity is really critical in terms of making sure that our students understand the world beyond our own districts' borders. I think that we are really uniquely positioned in that we have a beautifully diverse community already so students from this area are more likely to interact with students from diverse backgrounds than in other parts of the country, but that doesn't mean there isn't more yet to gain from being outside of your skin and outside of your comfort zone in international context, and in fact I would imagine that it's all the more relevant because our students will be better equipped to connect with the international communities and represent our country than the typical student might otherwise be.

>> President Lewis: Okay. How does your experience enhance the college's efforts with regards to community building and K-12 partnerships?

>> James Cody Birkey: So as I iterated before my day job is building colleges and universities. I workday in and day out and sometimes at a very high level and sometimes at a very granule level to try to understand how colleges and universities can make most of their assets. I think it's really beautifully serendipitous

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that right now that Cerritos College is under going such a major investment into transformation to what it will become in the future which is a thing I work on in my day job as Vice President all the time, right, see this is something that I love doing and I am already doing and like to think I'm a national leader in this space, and the fact that there's an opportunity to contribute to that here is extraordinary. As far as the community is concerned and how we connect to other institutions I think the more -- like we know based on research that the more that we connect students ahead of high school graduation to the collegiate experience they can even spend three hours on a college campus they're more likely to attend college and to graduate so for us we are in a unique position that reaching out to K-12 whether it be BUSD or any of the districts in the area we're in a great position to be that interface by which a lot of our students start to consider college in a way they wouldn't otherwise. Moreover I think there's a long-term opportunity to connect to our CSUs and other state institutions and even some great private institutions. These are assets at our finger tips and I think we should be willing to dream big and I would be happy to connect this institution to my own connections in the Chancellor's Office at CSUs and beyond and see how we can formulate those opportunities for our students.

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>> President Lewis: All right. Thank you. You have two minutes for a closing statement.

>> James Cody Birkey: I will reset my timer -- no, just kidding. I will be fast. Every

day I am involved with boards and Administrations of our CSUs, our UCs and community colleges like De Anza College and Orange Coast College as well as predominantly Latino serving institutions like the University of the Pacific and LaVerne. I work to build consensus around capital investments for student advancement but I don't sit in wood panel the rooms with middle age people and suits and ties. In order to understand schools you need to spend time in lunch halls and quads and interface with students directly so that's what I do. I know that our students in our community don't have an easy path, not at all, but it is our responsibility to invest what we have to open the doors of opportunity to this institution because it affects lives. So President, Trustees I stand ready to put my extensive higher education leadership, network and experience to work for the benefit of our college, and again I leave you with this. [speaking Spanish] Let's build our community college together. Thank you and thank you.

>> President Lewis. Thank you.

>> Thank you very much.

[Applause]

>> President Lewis: We will have a five minute break before we bring in our next candidate. (recess).

>> President Lewis. Welcome and could you give a three minute opening statement.

>> Judy Roldan: Good evening everyone. Thank you for letting me interviewed. I was raised in the district and lived in South Gate and went to Cal State Long Beach and a student here as well, some transfer work. I am a educational local. I currently work as a marketer and community

relations. I own my own business. I'm a single mother of a bright ten year old that keeps me on my feet every day and more than anything I am passionate about the youth success, student success, and also their well being for the future. Thank you.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. First question is from Trustee Avalos.

>> Carmen Avalos: Probably the easiest question. Please describe the value you would add to the board and how you will contribute to Cerritos College?

>> Judy Roldan: The value I will add to the board so as a past educator I have a strong sense of connection with the students and youth. Also like I mention I was a student here at Cerritos College so I can connect with the students here. I know exactly their story. I was one of them. I worked and went to school full time and I took classes here because they weren't able at Cal State Long Beach and I could connect with them and that value and I have a lot of community relations. My relations are strong with the area. I did grow up in the area and I live here so the district is very important and I know it very well. Also my marketing relations I have and -- and they have value because there are firms we're looking into later on.

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>> President Lewis: Thank you. This question is from Trustee Camacho-Rodriguez.

>> Martha Camacho-Rodriguez: What is your primary understanding of the board?

>> Judy Roldan: To work as a liaison between the Administration and faculty and students and community and serve them and open to suggestions and feedback and listen to what are

their needs? How can we put those into work and make student success?

>> President Lewis: Next question is from Trustee Perez.

>> Marisa Perez: What do you see as the challenges facing our students? What are possible solutions that you will contribute in your role as a member of the Board of Trustees?

>> Judy Roldan: The needs they see financial. Financial is a big thing with the students. As I was a student before I did work full time because I had to and I had to pay for my education and my books. I want to see possible solutions is look for funding for additional scholarships. I do believe strongly in the Cerritos bridge program that you guys have and I know there are students from high school that joined that program to be able to take at least two years and graduate with high school with two years of college. I would like to find more funding so more students can apply for that. I know there is limited funding for that.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. Next is a question from student trust Raul Avalos.

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>> Judy Roldan: On behalf of Trustee Salazar many stakeholders feel that the college's greatest strength is the rich social diversity. Several of these same leaders of out spoken about the college missing the mark in effective community engagement, equity et cetera. How does your leadership style speak on to these community issues and how would you create a narrative for the college future?

>> Judy Roldan: As a leader I believe being open and open to feedback and having transparency and communicate very well with

the community and the colleges. I believe that if you work together you could create great things; right? So open for feedback. Having meetings like this with the board and coming together and working as a team together for the solution to create change would be my solution.

>> President Lewis: All right. Thank you. Next question is from Trustee Liu.

>> Shin Liu: What is your opinion of International Student Program and Student Study Abroad Program?

>> Judy Roldan: I love the International Student Program. I used to be an international teacher. I have experience. I found it was very rich. While teaching in Central America for two years I developed a pen pal program with a teacher from Downey Unified and what we did we would share experiences of the students, their environment, their culture on a monthly basis. The students at the end did a project and they presented their pen pals' stories so I believe very strongly in the student change program. I think it enriches their life and gives them a broader career path.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. How does your experience enhance the college's efforts with regards to community and grade partnerships?

>> Judy Roldan: My experience I was a past educator that started at Compton Unified School District as a third grade teacher. Then I taught sixth grade and seventh grade and ESL and with that experience I know it's not -- it can be early enough to educate a child a student for higher learning if you start early you capture their attention and give the goals to acquire higher learning

it will be successful for them.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. You have two minutes for a closing statement.

>> Judy Roldan: Well, again thank you so much for giving me this opportunity. It's been a great path. I look forward to -- I am known as a passionate and strong community leader for my peers and families and my daughter tells me all the time.

I am very confident I will provide and give good services to this board. I look forward to it. My ultimate passion is youth success so I strongly feel that will be good for the board.

>> President Lewis: Thank you.

>> Judy Roldan: Thank you so much.

>> President Lewis: We will take a five minute break before calling in our last candidate.

(recess)

>> President Lewis: All right. We move on to the final candidate tonight, Gloria Willingham. Could you give your three minute opening statement?

>> Gloria Willingham: Yes. Hello first of all and thank you for this opportunity. My name is Gloria Willingham as you know and I am here because I am really interested in not just in Cerritos College -- although I will interested in Cerritos College but interested on a broader spectrum on the whole issue of having students have access to education in the community colleges do that and I see college as being within that, so having access to education for people who otherwise might not have that access realizing what happens to the community when you have an educated group of people who can carry their community forward and I think I bring to this my own ability to connect with the

community but from a broader standpoint from the economics that drives the community and from the families that live here and to connect it from the educational needs of the students coming to Cerritos.

>> President Lewis: All right. Thank you. First question is from Trustee Avalos.

>> Carmen Avalos: Thank you for being here tonight. Please describe the value you would add to the board and how you will contribute to Cerritos College?

>> Gloria Willingham: I think the value they would add to the board is that number one I am experienced in serving on boards. I think I bring the value of knowing how such groups operate. I think that I bring the value of knowing what kinds

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of things that students face as they're going through various programs and particularly here. I myself have gone through every kind of education you can think of from technical education all the way up through the whole line. I think I bring that value of understanding what that's like. I think I bring the value of knowing what the education systems are here today and how to work with members of the board and how to work with our President and how to be a support to the President in the work that he of course has to do. I think that I bring the value of being a parent who has a student who has gone through this college, has gone through Cerritos College, and I know what that feels like being on the parent side. I know what it felt for him because I sat with him long nights watching him and friends go through the process yet being very determined to get through that. I think I bring a history of education and working through educational systems, be

the K-12 systems, be the systems that are at community college level and setting up programs. I think I bring the ability to work with people. I think that's it. I think my educational background is of course in higher education but I think on boards I'm not quite sure if that's a necessary background. I think you can be very good on a board without being the background but I bring the added value and my background is in education and Higher Education Administration. That's what I have done on the doctoral level and the work they have done.

I presently serve on the Board of Governors Cal State Long Beach. I understand the systems and what it means, what happens between K-12 all the way through and opportunities for collaborations along those lines. Thank you.

>> President Lewis: All right. Thank you. Next question is from Trustee Camacho-Rodriguez.

>> Martha Camacho-Rodriguez: What is your the primary understanding of the board?

>> Gloria Willingham: When you look at the policies driving the system I think the respond of the board are more of the ones -- I guess the policy drivers I guess is what I call that and that means looking at what policies need to be in place in order to assure that the mission of the college is of course attained what policy ensure that we have student success and equity and student success and work with the President who was hired by the board to make sure that we're supporting that in a way that making it occur.

>> President Lewis: Next question is from Trustee Perez.

>> Marisa Perez: What do you

see are the challenges facing our students? What are possible solutions that you will contribute in your role as a member of the Board of Trustees?

>> Gloria Willingham: I think today's students particularly are having challenges that go outside what we see in the classroom. I think they really. Do I was noticing when looking at the California Community College systems and 70% are eligible to come in and tuition free but when they run into

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problems is when other things happen in life and get in the way of that and you need money for that and they end then having to find some other ways to work their way through the system so they need a lot of support that helps them to get through that to get the other things that get in the way those things other than tuition. They're faced with challenges -- many of our students particularly in the State of California and I would say within Cerritos College as well many of our students come with what I call not being ready for the college we're dropping them into right now or they were prepared later on in their preparation, later in the K-12. They didn't start out K-1, 2, 3, 4 getting ready for college and started late on and it's a challenge if you come into that and don't have all the basic skills that you need. I think another challenge that isn't talked about that much we have a division between the students themselves and -- I have [INAUDIBLE] and a way to bridge the gap society students so the students that don't face the challenges and prepare with the students who do have the challenges I have a thing -- let me be your first generation so

to get them passed that challenge and others be the first generation and the challenge is not being the first generation and one of the challenges they face and we did do something about that.

>> President Lewis: All right. Next question is from Student Trustee Raul Avalos.

>> Raul Avalos: On behalf of Trustee Salazar many stakeholders feel the strength is the rich social diversity and the same leaders have been out spoken about the college missing mark in effective community engagement and equity, et cetera. How does your leadership style speak to this and how would you create a new narrative for the college's future?

>> Gloria Willingham: Thank you. First of all what I hear said a lot when talking about diversity is how rich it is. I hear that all the time and a richness of diversity. Well, there is richness but comes many challenges. We're talking about people that aren't used to being around each other and situations where we don't know each other and what the challenges are we're facing so often we have leaders that are out spoken about that and really talk about we're missing the mark and I think in many ways we are probably missing the mark but the leadership style they have is to really see what I can do and open the door for others to be able to do that and really get to know the people we're going to be working with whether they be students or staff or contractors, no matter the ethnic background and disabilities and ages and all of the things that separate us but finding a way to get to know them and hearing the perspective

from them. I come as a multilingual family. My husband is a refugee. I lived what it's different on a personal level in my household so I know what it's like when you don't understand each other and just because

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you're placed in the same environment if there's not something really active that is being done to bridge that gap then you're right we will have problems with that but I think to be open minded is open to community engagement, to be open to listening to the people having the lived experience, not taking my lived experience and projecting it on them.

>> President Lewis: All right. Next question is from Trustee Liu.

>> Shin Liu: What is your opinion of International Student Program and the Student Study Abroad Program?

>> Gloria Willingham: Well, first of all I am so in favor of that. I couldn't even be to tell you. I don't know a lot about the intricacies here at Cerritos. Let me say that first. I am a big advocate of international programs and Study Abroad Programs. Why do you think I'm like that? Number one because I have been a part of such programs but because I have set up such programs and I have seen what a difference that makes and I think as the world is growing now we're becoming "a global world" I think the experiences that a student gains from studying abroad can't be duplicated anywhere else. I have done it in many countries and I can tell you it made a difference in my life. It's something I insisted on with my children and pushed for others to do and opened the doors so I am in favor of it. I don't know everything about the study

abroad program here but I am definitely a champion. Thank you.

>> President Lewis: All right. Last question. How does your experience enhance the college's effort with community and K-12 partnerships?

>> Gloria Willingham: I am glad partnerships is at the end of that because I think one big issues that I see is K-12 and the community college system and the CSU and UC system spoken like they're separate pockets when in reality they're all part of this continuum that starts at kindergarten and even before and goes all the way up so in order to look at the whole issue with partnerships you know I have worked a lot looking at the K-12 system. In the communities I do a lot of work in the communities working and talking with people who are interested along that level starting from kindergarten and up and seeing how to make that work. One of the things that I noticed at Cal State Long Beach -- thank you for bringing it and I talk about it because it's a part of who I am right now and one of the things looking at this issue how to get those students who are in K-12 college ready, and one of the things we seen happening they're willing to visit the campus now and see what it's like. The partnerships with the school allow them to be able to do that so you really thinking not just of today but we're really thinking towards the future movement here and what do we do to move that forward? And my experience is setting up those things and listening and supporting those kinds of things so that the community knows about it because you need a voice out there in the community too. It has to go both ways.

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We just can't talk about it in heir and has to be a voice in the community saying it's a good thing and Cerritos is the best place.

>> President Lewis: All right. Thank you. You have two minutes for a closing statement.

>> Gloria Willingham: The first of all I am happy to be here and secondly I think that community colleges are the future basically. They're the present but even more than that they're the future. I can remember when I first moved to California back in the 1980's community colleges were free. I remember that well. They were free and the funding for that -- the reason they were free because you already know this it was linked and tied into the personal property taxes here and so when Prop 13 that came along and all changed so when that changed we had to start looking at something very different. Now we have to look at state funding and all these things we hadn't thought about much before so I think that we have to be the innovators. I feel I'm an innovator, support of innovations. I think this is a wonderful opportunity to look at different ways to do things while at the same time holding on to those things that have served us so well so I think that my closing statement would be just that; they think this is a time of innovation. This is a time of making sure that we have our college remains what it is while it still continues to grow. I think it's the time to know this is where you can come and be successful and a time for our community to know this is a place where we can come and our communities will grow because we will have an educated populous that will come out of that.

It's time for our employers to know when you get a student that comes out of Cerritos College you got the best. Thank you.

>> President Lewis: All right. Thank you.

[Applause]

We will now take a 15 minute recess --

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

>> President Lewis. I'm sorry. Before we do that we provided the remaining three candidates, the last three candidates with a transcript of what the questions are because we felt one of the questions was a bit too long and confusing for the first candidate so to remedy that we're going to bring the first candidate, Lorraine Neal, to read again that question and to answer that as she did not use all of the 20 minutes that were allotted to her and I don't believe any candidate used all of the allotted 20 minutes so with that we have Lorraine Neal take two.

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

>> President Lewis: No worries.

>> So to clarify for the audience Student Trustee Raul Avalos could you read that question once more?

>> Raul Avalos: Sure. On behalf of the Trustee Salazar many stakeholders feel that our college's great strength is the rich social diversity. Several of these same leaders have been out spoken about the college missing the mark in effective community engagement, equity et cetera. How does your leadership style speak to these issues and how would you create a narrative for the college's future?

>> Lorraine Neal: It's the part I missed. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Not that I'm going to do any better on it

but thank you. Thank you. Anyways so when it asked the question about they're out spoken about the community missing the mark and equity and how does the leadership style speak to -- okay. My leadership style is very open and I am very much involved in the communities that I live in now and I have lived in and making sure that the diverse, diversity of all students are you know becomes a priority, and when you make them a priority you set your goals for that school and this Cerritos College has done that, and I think for the majority of the districts out there that belong in that community in all of these communities they all have done that. I think we no matter what the diversity of the students we make students the number one priority. To talk to those people out in the community and how my narrative would be. My narrative would be whether the student is diverse or not the fact that we are going to do everything we can to make sure that the student is getting everything they need and they're being able be engaged in any classes they need to be in that everyone will participate -- that there is equity in the school and there is equity in the school districts that filter into the college and making sure their voices are heard. Always in my leadership style when it comes to talking about students I am someone that say champion of students. Every single day of my life and 27 years in the classroom. It doesn't matter to meet diversity or what ethic background or what it maybe I'm a champion for the student to be at their best and whether at the district level or college level I will be out spoken making sure our students get the very best.

Thank you.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. Now we will go into a 15 minute recess to make sure all of the responses are recorded and available for the public view. 15 minutes.

[GAVEL]

(recess).

[GAVEL]

President Lewis: All right. We're back in session and just got handed as you see up on the screen a summary and a matrix of the numbers that we ranked each of the candidates based on both of their interviews as well as the written application as well as a combined score thereof. Again this is a advisory matrix rather than binding, so we use that to further our discussion and to guide our discussion into deciding tonight who we will be appointing to this seat.

>> Dr. Fierro: So on the screen the first slide you see is the ranking of the letters of interest according to each Trustee and each one of the finalists that you interviewed this evening so you can see the total amount of points and their rank and how many points were given to each candidate by each Trustee. The next slide is the summary of the points of the interviews and again the rankings of each one of the candidates that you saw today, and again the overall score and the ranking. The last slide is a combined score and the combined score essentially puts together the points of the letter of interest and resume plus the interview tonight and as you can see the scores from each one of the Trustees on each of the candidates and they are ranked from the top to -- from the highest score to the lowest score as Trustee Lewis mentioned before this is a ranking for

consideration of the board but it's non binding so the recommendation is obviously -- two -- there could be two recommendations. One to have a discussion on each one of the candidates. The second one the adoption of the rankings as presented and I guess we can say a third one that could be narrowing down of the pool based on points or votes. I would like to remind the board that the selected candidate need to have four votes as minimum, not the majority of the votes but four votes as the majority of the board. So with that I will wait here for any questions you have and let you begin the discussion. I will remind you I have Trustee Salazar on the line and as the discussion I will put her on the microphone as best can I through the iPad.

>> President Lewis: All right. Does about Trustee want to open this up for a discussion? Trustee Avalos.

>> Carmen Avalos: Thank you. While I think you're able to see a difference in terms what was presented on paper and the folks who presented I think individually we're able to see that balance or at least that connection putting them both together much I know that Trustee wanted a combination of both of them and I think based on what we heard tonight any of the four candidates asset to the board and I want to thank you all. I think you all had different talents to contribute to the board and I know it takes a lot to come here, right, and be grilled and about your qualifications and certainly what contributions you can make, not just to the board but to the community at large and the community you live in so I want to say thank you. It takes a

lot of courage to do that. thank you for doing that. I think at the end of the day it's the best fit for the board but I think they're all an asset and I want to publicly state that and they all have something to contribute and it's going to be challenging.

>> President Lewis: Absolutely. There is no wrong choice that we have here so again thank you for participating and there is only right choices that we can have but unfortunately we can only have one member at the seat so with that I will open it up for discussion again to any other Trustee.

[Laughter]

>> Carmen Avalos: I like that answer. For those that couldn't hear that -- what is it? Siri came on and said "I can find you what you need."

>> What's the answer?

>> President Lewis: Yeah, what's the answer. I don't think we would be a good board to look to Siri for that. Any Trustee willing to speak out in favor of one candidate over the other or one process over the other whether we need to narrow down the pool or advocate for one candidate and I will also entertain a motion for one candidate as well.

>> Help me with the wording so I put a motion on.

>> I make a motion to --

>> For one candidate.

>> To support one candidate.

>> And do you have a name for the candidate?

>> Well, according to ranking.

>> President Lewis: So you make a motion to make these rankings binding. That's what you're saying?

>> Exactly.

>> President Lewis: There's a motion at the table and is there

a second? Essentially --

>> Dr. Fierro: I think there's a motion on the table and the motion is to accept the rankings as presented and Trustee Lewis needs a second for that motion.

>> Sandra Salazar: Which ranking are we talking about?

>> Dr. Fierro. The rankings as presented --

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]

>> Dr. Fierro: The combined rankings I sent to you.

>> Sandra Salazar: Yeah, I haven't received a picture yet. Can you put on the screen please?

>> Dr. Fierro: I will. Can you see it?

>> Sandra Salazar: No.

>> Dr. Fierro: All right. Give me just a second.

>> President Lewis: It's on a 20 seconds delay perhaps.

>> Dr. Fierro: I just did it again. [INAUDIBLE]

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>> President Lewis: Put it up by the camera there.

>> Sandra Salazar: I see it on the live stream, so the motion is to support which ranking?

>> Dr. Fierro: The rankings as presented so with the current scoring and ranking of the top candidate --

>> Sandra Salazar: Same person.

>> Dr. Fierro: Correct.

>> Sandra Salazar: Okay.

>> Dr. Fierro: And Trustee Lewis is asking for a second.

>> Sandra Salazar: Okay.

>> President Lewis: All right and without a second --

>> Shin Liu: Second.

>> President Lewis. You motion? Okay. There's a motion and a second. We will take a roll call vote.

>> Marisa Perez: Can we have discussion?

>> President Lewis: We can have discussion if there is one.

>> Marisa Perez: I wanted to echo the comments stated by Trustee Lewis and Avalos. I was impressed by all the candidates that applied and I think each of you has a tremendous amount of responsibility for our community and that was very evident in every single application that we got in writing as well as what you said here publicly so I appreciate because I know no matter what we will have strong partners out in the community that will be working with us to advance our students. I think each of you have tremendous assets too and it's unfortunate that we have to pick one candidate because I think all of you are fantastic so I just wanted to thank everybody for applying as well because it takes a lot to put yourself out there. It does take courage and I just wanted to reiterate thank you very much and I look forward to -- no matter happens working with all four of you in the community to advance our community as well as our students so thank you.

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>> President Lewis: All right. Thank you. Is there any other discussion? Trustee Liu.

>> Shin Liu: I also want to thank each of you. Each one of you is great and unfortunately we can only choose one. Thank you.

>> President Lewis: Is there any other discussion?

>> Carmen Avalos: For clarification you put a motion on the floor to move forward with the rankings and we did get a second --

>> President Lewis: No from Trustee --

>> Liu, got it.

>> Dr. Fierro: Do you want me to restate the motion?

>> President Lewis: We're good. Is there any discussion

from Trustee Salazar?

>> Sandra Salazar: No, I am okay. I just want to thank the candidates for applying and coming to the interview.

>> President Lewis: All right. There's a motion and a second and without further discussion we will move to a roll call.

>> Student Trustee Avalos.

>> Yes.

>> Trustee Avalos.

>> Yes.

>> Trustee Camacho-Rodriguez.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> Trustee Lewis.

>> Aye.

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>> Trustee Liu.

>> Yes.

>> Trustee Perez.

>> Aye.

>> Trustee Salazar.

>> Yes.

>> Motion passes.

>> President Lewis: All right passes and that means we have Trustee designate James Cody Birkey. Congratulations.

[Applause]

>> Dr. Fierro: Trustee Lewis the oath of office will happen June 21, but after you vote Trustee Birkey is essentially an member of the board with all of the rights and supports that the office has to offer but the swearing in will be on the 21st. We will file the paperwork tomorrow in order to meet the deadline for June 10 and begin all the paperwork for your on boarding. Congratulations.

>> President Lewis: Congratulations.

>> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic]  
[Applause]

>> President Lewis: Is there anything that you would like to say trust I designate?

>> James Cody Birkey: I just wanted to say when this opportunity first came up I was delighted at the opportunity to

promote our college. At the same time when I saw so many people come back with amazing qualifications within our little Trustee area I was very proud of our community and I am not only honored to be part of this board but doubled honored to be selected such an amazing pool of candidates and this is why our community is so strong because this is the situation we're in and so thank you to each one of you and I am really looking forward to our road ahead.

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Thank you.

>> President Lewis: As are we. Thank you.

[Applause]

All right. And so with that again congratulations and again there is no wrong choice and we're happy to have the applicants -- all six applicants having put their names forward into the public sphere and we look forward to working with everyone here to advance our college and advance our education for our students in whatever capacity that may be. Thank you. Next we will move on to reports and comments from district officials starting with Student Trustee Raul Avalos.

>> Raul Avalos: I really don't have any comments to say but I want to congratulate James Cody Birkey for winning this position. I do look forward to seeing at Falcon Square with the students and I am sure the students at college are looking forward to meeting you as well and look what we can accomplish for the students of Cerritos. Congrats.

>> President Lewis: Trustee Perez.

>> Marisa Perez: Thank you for being here tonight. Congratulations on commencement. Let me start with that because that was fantastic. Again

wonderful history achieved with 3,000 students graduating. Lots of great kudos and support in the community and people were excited what is happening at Cerritos College and congratulate all faculty and staff and administrators and students and families for a wonderful graduation and very excited to hear about their achievements in the future so thank you for everybody in student activities that put together another fantastic graduation. It ran very seamlessly. It was long but that's okay but that means we have a lot of graduates and thank you for everybody behind the scenes putting that together. It was fantastic. I attended Lakewood celebrates on behalf of Lakewood and again great opportunity to talk about Cerritos College and the K-12 and the summer scholarship program that we're having here. We passed it on consent so I didn't want to bring it up and slow the meeting down but congratulations to the new ten faculty hired at Cerritos College. I know we honored several retirees throughout the years and congratulations to their retirement but I wanted to acknowledge we hired ten new faculty members today and very excited about getting to meet them. I hope again we do the board reception in the fall and meet and welcome them here to college so with that thank you very much for being here again tonight.

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>> President Lewis: Trustee Camacho-Rodriguez.

>> Martha Camacho-Rodriguez: I will be brief. I wanted to thank the candidates and excellent and beautiful reflection of the communities out there and I appreciate you

guys came up to represent your communities. Thank you.

>> President Lewis: Trustee Avalos.

>> Carmen Avalos: Ditto to everything you said and graduation and everybody putting it out there and the members putting it out and taking it down because something was happening the next day and shows the commitment to everyone that uses the college for events and congratulations and to all of the students and within the K-12 districts. I know Downey and Warren had theirs and I'm not sure when Bellflower is and other schools some end is this week and my son is graduating tomorrow and my first eighth grader going to high school and thanks to the parents that sacrificed with Algebra and math and all of that and we here as partners and looking forward to all opportunities that Cerritos College has for all students -- was it kids college that we have; right? So please look into programs. We have a lot of opportunities for kids to learn during the summer and don't have the summer slump as they call it and congratulations to the families in the K-12 districts and that's it pretty much it. Have a wonderful father's day.

>> President Lewis: Thank you. Dr. Fierro.

>> Dr. Fierro: Well, I want to thank all of the candidates for coming tonight and show your passion for the college and the community with us. When there is a change on the board people in my position get nerved but as I was listen to you I wasn't nervous at all and happy with the answers I was hearing and the Trustees mentioned all were excellent candidates and looking forward to get to know all of you better. I hope we continue

to see each other in the  
community and I would like to  
welcome our new Trustee. Thank  
you for taking the time to come  
here and want to invest your  
time in our college and our  
community. I am sure we will  
talk more the next basketball  
game. The celebrations at the  
college continue. It has been a  
busy couple of months with  
celebrations but it's great to  
have the celebrations because  
that means that our students are  
doing well and putting the  
re-cap together I keep getting  
better and better news every  
time as I receive the data.

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Essentially every number in our  
school is up and those that are  
not up are still maintaining so  
it's a testament to the work  
that everyone is doing at the  
institution. I am so impressed  
with the numbers coming through  
this year that every time I open  
an Email oh gosh thank you. One  
more. So we will continue to do  
that next year. We're setting  
up a very high benchmark that is  
going to be tough to beat next  
year but we're confident we will  
continue to move forward next  
year to provide more access and  
more success to our students so  
I had the opportunity to  
participate in the Cerritos  
College pharmacy technology  
graduation, and I had again the  
opportunity to speak to the  
group this year. We had the  
opportunity with Dr. Liu to  
deliver the state of higher  
education at the Artesia Chamber  
of Commerce and show case some  
of the numbers publicly and the  
feedback has been tremendous in  
the community. I had the  
opportunity to graduate our  
Cerritos College middle  
scholars. Every single one of  
them is graduating with 25  
college credits out of school  
and ready to transfer. Every

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single of them got accepted to the University of their choice and the good thing some of them selected to come here having the opportunity to actually go elsewhere so we were not their second choice. We were their first choice. I had the opportunity to attend the Cerritos community breakfast, the prayer breakfast. It was a great event, great speaker, and it's good to be in the community and enjoyed the support of our local partners. We celebrated the CSEA week and we participated in the first annual -- so second family feud so it was the executive team versus the CSEA team. Last year we were beaten badly but this year we came back strong and took the title away so next year the challenge will continue. Medical Assistant pinning ceremony -- again a great ceremony and I had the opportunity to speak to the group, participated on the outstanding classified awards ceremony. We had a great time. I think it's one of the better, if not the best, ceremony we had recently. We had a great time during the events and laughs and food and a great time. I participated in the project hope graduation and I had the opportunity for the first time actually to be invited to the Facilities Department cook out. It was last Friday, and we had a good time cooking out back there and I ate more than I should because I was full literally the whole weekend but we had a good time with our facilities team and they're doing a fantastic job. I had the opportunity to attend the networking breakfast, Taiwan networking breakfast to meet with our partners in Taiwan and China to have partnerships. I participated in the Cerritos

College adult ceremony and I had the opportunity to speak to the group. Very good event. I think we had more people this year than the past. Every part of the student center was full with family and graduates. I had the very hard task this weekend to be a judge at the Ms. Artesia pageant. I'm not really sure why I said yes. It's actually harder than you think so I spent the day there. It was very nice to see the quality of the young ladies that went through the process and the work they did in order to compete for this program. I had the opportunity to attend the proclamation anniversary of the Philippine independence with Dr. Liu and again it's a pleasure always to represent our college and our community so again thank you to all the candidates for the board to come this evening.

>> President Lewis: All right. Trustee Liu.

>> Shin Liu: I also attend some of the graduation with Dr. Fierro and I witness Dr. Fierro was like a celebrity. Many of the students speak Spanish with him and want to take a picture with him and stall the meeting because everybody wanted to take a picture with him. I feel proud of our President be able to connect with students so well. Again I want to thank you for Gloria and Lorraine and Judy and James looking forward to work with you. Thank you so much.

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>> President Lewis: All right. So I had the opportunity to attend the Memorial Day service that was held at La Mirada's Olive Lawn Cemetery and done every year by incorporation of the city and I want to thank the family that live on the property on La Mirada Boulevard.

How much more La Mirada can you get? It was as always and every year a solemn moment to remember and other sacrifices that many of our veterans have made for our country so we may continue to live in a very prosperous nation so I very humbled to always be part of that service as a member of the Rotary Club presenting the wreath to the tombs that are there at. I also want to congratulate the City of Norwalk on the new Veterans Memorial that recognizes all of the military branches and is very beautiful and under construction for almost a year I would say -- well nine months and it looks beautiful and unfortunately I couldn't attend the opening ceremony because it was at the same time of Olive lawn and we saw the trainers overhead and thought it was for us but no it was for Norwalk but okay still a very solemn occasion and humbling to see the World War II era planes flying over head and remembering what it was like for the veterans that are alive and we can talk to and they remember those times so I also of course attended the commencement and at this time was the first time I did as President of the Board and handing out the diplomas and taking pictures with over 500 students on my side and Dr. Fierro on the of the 500 students on his side you know you would think it would be hard to keep a smile and keep your enthusiasm after make the 20th student that comes by but I think it was for Dr. Fierro as for me it's not hard at all when you see the enthusiasm in their faces that they have accomplished a major task and in some cases the very first to graduate from a college in their family so it was very easy for

me to keep a smile and keep the enthusiasm and be proud of each and every one of these graduates that have put so much work into their achievements and for us to play our role of what we can to help them with their student success and provide the best services and the best education for them has been an honor and continues to be and with that I again congratulate Trustee designate and thank the other applicants for their consideration and for putting their names and faces into the public and we look forward to working with each and every one of you to continue to make Cerritos College the greatest college in our area and the state and the nation.