

1 05-16-18 Cerritos BOT

2 [GAVEL]

3 >> President Lewis: All

4 right. Good evening welcome and

5 welcome to the Cerritos College

6 Board of Trustees Meeting for

7 May 16, 2018. Tonight we will

8 start the meeting with an

9 invocation of Mike Larsen from

10 church in Bellflower. Pastor.

11 >> Good evening. Thank you

12 for having me here. My wife is

13 an alumni of Cerritos College so

14 grateful to have this

15 opportunity to serve you guys.

16 I was asked by a friend today

17 what was an invitational prayer

18 and I explained to him it's an

19 opportunity to pray inviting the

20 blessing and presence of God in

21 an event or meeting such as this

22 and the word "invoke" means to

23 call upon God earnestly and the

24 invocation serious intentional

25 calling upon God and his

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1 presence and blessing is upon us  
2 in this meeting so with that  
3 said I would like to you clear  
4 your hearts and mind of  
5 distraction and joining me  
6 praying over this meeting. God  
7 we thank you for the grace to be  
8 here this even and the capacity  
9 to serve with leaders in this  
10 community. You are loving and  
11 graceful God and you're the  
12 giver of everything that is good  
13 so we thank you for the many  
14 ways that you blessed college,  
15 for the staff the teachers these  
16 leaders and everyone God who  
17 serves this great school and  
18 together we earnestly call upon  
19 you God for your presence to be  
20 here and for your blessing to  
21 upon us all. We pray seeking  
22 your wisdom, your guidance, your  
23 courage, your strength, your

24 desperately needed protection

25 over this college and these

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1 people. We pray for its leaders  
2 God that you give them the  
3 wisdom they need to make the  
4 decisions as they consider the  
5 good of all that you have placed  
6 under their care. Give them the  
7 humility God to always seek your  
8 will and not their own. Keep  
9 them from the things that would  
10 cause division and short  
11 sightedness. We ask the that  
12 you help us all make decisions  
13 for the good of all and guard  
14 them from any self interest.  
15 Help them make the decisions  
16 that would bring glory to you,  
17 give us all the insight to lead  
18 with integrity that our  
19 decisions may reflect what is  
20 good and what is right. I pray  
21 that each one of us know

22 personally the love of the  
23 father through the grace of the  
24 son and have the fellow thank  
25 you very much the Holy Spirit

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1 and Lord we humbly ask for all  
2 these things in your glory and  
3 in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.  
4 Thank you.  
5 >> President Lewis: Thank  
6 you. Next we have the Pledge of  
7 Allegiance done Trustee Avalos.  
8 That's the last time we have to  
9 make that distinction.  
10 >> Carmen Avalos: Let's hope  
11 not -- see you now I don't know  
12 what to say. Thank you.  
13 >> I pledge allegiance to the  
14 United States of America and to  
15 the Republic for which it  
16 stands, one nation under God,  
17 indivisible, with liberty and  
18 justice for all.  
19 >> Carmen Avalos: See what  
20 happens when I don't expect

21 things like that.  
22 >> President Lewis: Good to  
23 adapt.  
24 >> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic].  
25 >> Carmen Avalos: I am heart

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1 broken.  
2 >> Roll call please.  
3 >> Board Member Zurich Lewis.  
4 >> Here.  
5 >> Board Vice President Shin  
6 Liu.  
7 >> Here.  
8 >> Carmen Avalos.  
9 >> Here.  
10 >> James Cody Birkey.  
11 >> Here.  
12 >> Sandra Salazar absent.  
13 >> Marisa Perez  
14 >> Martha Camacho-Rodruquez  
15 President Superintendent Fierro.  
16 >> Here.  
17 >> So we'll continue to reports  
18 and comments from constituent

19 groups. Is there any  
20 constituent group wishing to  
21 give a report? Yes.  
22 >> Good evening. So we're at  
23 the end of the semester and the  
24 Senate has done a lot of work  
25 some of which I will present at

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1 the next board meeting which  
2 will be my last meeting. We had  
3 an election and April Griffin is  
4 the President as of July 1.  
5 This last meeting we passed two  
6 Resolutions which I Emailed to  
7 you this evening regarding the  
8 board policy 7210 so I just like  
9 to read the results for that.  
10 The first one is the Resolution  
11 supportive of faculty evaluation  
12 procedure in the tenure granting  
13 process. Therefore be resolved  
14 Faculty Senate regards that  
15 decisions are made in accordance  
16 with the evaluation procedures  
17 established by the evaluation of

18 probationary faculty in the  
19 Collective Bargaining Agreement  
20 and in accordance with the  
21 requirement of Ed Code and be  
22 resolved that the faculty  
23 recommends removing language  
24 from this policy that infringes  
25 on policies and procedures

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1 concerning the tenure  
2 probationary faculty. The  
3 second one is a res in support  
4 of minimum qualification  
5 exercise standards for faculty  
6 and resolve that the September  
7 recommends removing the  
8 Bachelor's Degree requirement  
9 from this board policy. Thank  
10 you.  
11 >> President Lewis: Thank  
12 you.  
13 >> Good evening. I just want  
14 to take a second to publicly  
15 thank you for funding for the

16 library for extended hours.  
17 I worked the late shift last  
18 Thursday and we kept stats and  
19 1130 at night there were 75  
20 people in the library. I just  
21 checked out the stats from the  
22 week because the Chair showed me  
23 and there were 100 students in  
24 the library during a time we  
25 would be normally closed and

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1 which is great and people  
2 studying and getting tutoring.  
3 I had to kick the tutor off at  
4 12:55 p.m. because I had to go  
5 home and we close at one and  
6 there was hanging out and if you  
7 remember college that's part of  
8 the experience and you work hard  
9 and build the relationships and  
10 that sustains you through the  
11 hard time. When I was thinking  
12 of telling you this I was  
13 remembering my own experience  
14 and I was a film major and we



15 spend a lot of time with and to  
16 this day the people I like to do  
17 work with are journalists and  
18 film people because of those  
19 feelings and thank you so much  
20 for the resources to provide our  
21 students with that opportunity.  
22 It was really great and made us  
23 feel proud to work here so I  
24 wanted to share that with you  
25 guys. Second thing I hope

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1 tonight when close session that  
2 Dr. Fierro shares the new  
3 funding formula proposed and I  
4 am looking from something from  
5 the Department of Finance and  
6 next year we will get  
7 \$16 million more than last year  
8 based on certain assumptions and  
9 imagine how wonderful this place  
10 could be with those funds and we  
11 know there are ideas and how to  
12 spend it and I hope they come

13 together in harmony. Lastly I  
14 wanted to give you a  
15 negotiations update from our  
16 perspective and I am sure you're  
17 getting one from the district  
18 and people you hired to  
19 negotiate for you. Our contract  
20 is going to expire on June 30  
21 and we have been working hard  
22 all year to have a new contract  
23 in place before this happens but  
24 it doesn't look like it's going  
25 to happen and right now we have

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1 only have three dates between  
2 thou and June 30 and ask the  
3 district to provide the people  
4 that you have charged on the  
5 negotiations team with the time  
6 they need to meet us for extra  
7 dates. Thank you very much.  
8 >> President Lewis: Thank  
9 you. Are there any other  
10 constituent group wishing to  
11 give a report? Seeing none we

12 will move to the open session  
13 agenda and give a Certificate of  
14 Appreciation for our out going  
15 Student Trustee Raul Avalos.  
16 >> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic].  
17 >> Dr. Fierro: All right. So  
18 I got to welcome Raul and now  
19 say goodbye for now, so over the  
20 last year I've had the  
21 opportunity and pleasure  
22 actually to work a lot with Raul  
23 and I have learned a lot about  
24 him and his commitment to  
25 further his education and his

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1 professional career. I learned  
2 about his past experience at  
3 different college and the  
4 Cerritos College became his  
5 second opportunity to higher  
6 education and does the most to  
7 get out of the opportunity. I  
8 learned he's a hard worker and  
9 works a lot besides of the work

10 here at the board with us and he  
11 has an interest in business and  
12 finances so now I even take  
13 advance from Raul on the stock  
14 market and things that are  
15 changing in you know how the  
16 market is behaving and  
17 oftentimes he's correct, not  
18 always but oftentimes.  
19 [Laughter]  
20 >> Which actually is pretty  
21 impressive because he does some  
22 research and reads about it so  
23 he's well informed and that  
24 translates into good academic  
25 performance. So it is obviously

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1 sad to see him go. He has done  
2 tremendous work for us. He has  
3 always kept an interest of the  
4 students at heart and has been  
5 really good to work with  
6 bringing solutions to problems  
7 rather than just showing up with  
8 a problem which something and I

9 think all of us appreciate on  
10 this board. So we just want to  
11 recognize you Raul for all the  
12 work that you have done. We  
13 want to make sure that you know  
14 that we learn also from you and  
15 I hope the experience you have  
16 at the board will help you  
17 continue to grow personally and  
18 professionally so  
19 congratulations on your year of  
20 service. Hopefully you don't  
21 run away after Friday. You  
22 continue to stick around and  
23 know that you can count on us in  
24 case you need anything in the  
25 future or you want to give us

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1 more advice on the stock market  
2 or advice to do on the extra  
3 steps in college and  
4 congratulations and help me  
5 thank Raul.  
6 [Applause]

7 >> [Off Mic].  
8 >> Dr. Fierro: Better be a  
9 great photo.  
10 >> [Off Mic].  
11 >> President Lewis: Thank you  
12 Raul for being a voice of the  
13 students and being someone that  
14 has worked very well with the  
15 rest of us and we are very sorry  
16 to see you go. You know it's  
17 already been a year you know.  
18 It's already been a year that  
19 you know these kind of things go  
20 by real fast, but you know we  
21 will always remember -- remember  
22 you for you know participating  
23 in our discussions and for  
24 making sure that the student  
25 voice was not only facilitated

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1 through you but to make to use  
2 the position of Student Trustee  
3 to allow some speakers during  
4 some of the more controversial  
5 topics to make sure they were

6 recognized up there so I want to  
7 recognize and appreciate you for  
8 using the position for good.  
9 And for taking the leadership  
10 qualities that you brought to  
11 the table and growing them with  
12 the position that you were  
13 entrusted with by the student  
14 body unanimously -- was it an  
15 unanimous vote last time? No.  
16 But it was a pretty strong  
17 majority as I recall from your  
18 election and they did not choose  
19 wrong so thank you.  
20 >> Raul Avalos: Thank you  
21 very much. I am not different I  
22 am attending another event next  
23 week and hope to see you there.  
24 >> [Off Mic].  
25 >> President Lewis: All

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1 right. Without any further  
2 comments we will move on to our  
3 Consent Calendar items Number

4 five through 29. I will  
5 entertain a motion pass our  
6 Consent Calendar unless anybody  
7 would like to pull something  
8 out.  
9 >> Carmen Avalos: Motion to  
10 approve.  
11 >> President Lewis. We have a  
12 motion to approve.  
13 >> Second.  
14 >> President Lewis: We have a  
15 second. Is there any objection  
16 to approving the Consent  
17 Calendar? Seeing none the  
18 Motion carries and we move on  
19 our administrative matters  
20 starting with item Number 30 the  
21 consideration of the seat of the  
22 independent audit report for the  
23 college foundation for the  
24 fiscal year ending June 30,  
25 2017. I will entertain a motion

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1 to receive and file.

2 >> Receive and file.



3 >> President Lewis: We have a

4 motion. Is there a second.

5 >> Second.

6 >> President Lewis: We have a

7 second. Is there any objection

8 to the said motion? Hearing

9 none the motion carries. We

10 will move to Item 31 the

11 consideration of international

12 travel of Taiwan.

13 >> Motion for approval.

14 >> Second.

15 >> We have a second. Is there

16 any objection to the adoption of

17 said motion? Seeing none the

18 motion is approved. We move on

19 to reports and comments from

20 district officials starting with

21 Student Trustee Raul Avalos.

22 >> Val: So I would like to

23 thank everyone here at the

24 board, the VPs sitting here and

25 Michelle everyone, the students

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1 and ASCC for always being  
2 helpful and also for you guys  
3 taking the time for listening to  
4 the things that I kind of have  
5 ideas with. Some things that I  
6 did this past week was attend  
7 teacher track and also the ASCC  
8 spring awards banquet and I like  
9 to say they actually get to  
10 learn a lot by attending these  
11 events because I get to hear  
12 students and other stuff that  
13 they go through and it kind of  
14 reminds me of the things they  
15 pretty much went through. Dr.  
16 Fierro said I have been through  
17 a lot. Drop out at another  
18 college and didn't think I was  
19 coming back and I ended up here  
20 in 2014. I didn't think I was  
21 going to finish and I have a  
22 long way to go but I was happy I  
23 was able to attend here, meet  
24 great professors and some  
25 retiring this year and I didn't

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1 find out until last week so they  
2 had parties going for them and I  
3 have to say good bye and thank  
4 you and guiding me and helping  
5 me finish college. I want to  
6 thank Dr. Johnson for always  
7 being there too. I know he's  
8 retiring and we're going to miss  
9 you and thank you for being  
10 there with the students and  
11 taking your time as well and I  
12 wish you the best in your  
13 retirement but I'm not done. I  
14 will be attending like I said an  
15 event Thursday May 24 for the  
16 scholarship recognition  
17 reception so I really hope to  
18 see some of you guys there for  
19 one last time but I really want  
20 to thank you guys for everything  
21 as well so thank you.  
22 >> President Lewis: Thank  
23 you. Trustee Perez.  
24 >> Marisa Perez: Thank you  
25 everyone for being here today.

1 I want to recognize and thanking  
2 Trustee Avalos. Thank you very  
3 much for your leadership on  
4 behalf of our students. We're  
5 going to miss you but we wish  
6 you the best in the future  
7 endeavors. The future is very  
8 bright for you and I hope to  
9 hear what you're loop to. I  
10 went to the conference in  
11 Valencia and issues facing  
12 community colleges, meet other  
13 trustees as well as other  
14 Presidents and CEOs and of  
15 course the discussion on the  
16 budget and before the May revise  
17 I had the chance to David with  
18 the former VP David El Fattal  
19 and was caught up and sends best  
20 wishes and doing fantastic at  
21 Ventura. I got to meet his boss  
22 as well as his boss is very  
23 happy to have him and nice to  
24 visit with him. We talked a lot

25 and I attended the session on

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1 labor negotiations and timely to  
2 what we're talking about as a  
3 board and attended Dr. Fierro's  
4 presentation and on the panel  
5 talking about economic  
6 development and online college  
7 and Dr. Dr. Fierro was able to  
8 really illustrate his successes  
9 with online education in his  
10 previous jobs so everybody was  
11 very grateful so I wanted to  
12 recognize Dr. Fierro for putting  
13 together that presentation.  
14 Also again talked a lot about  
15 the Governor's proposal for the  
16 online college and the stranded  
17 workers and workers who have  
18 high school degrees but don't  
19 have any college degrees and the  
20 need to upgrade skills and  
21 training so again that was very  
22 good to attend. I also attended  
23 by triple CT board meeting and

24 we welcomed two new members Eric

25 Payne from State Center and Greg

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1 Penza. I don't remember what

2 college he is from. Jim Morena

3 from Coast is now the President

4 so we welcomed him as well.

5 Last week I was able to attend

6 and represent the college at the

7 Lakewood Pan American luncheon

8 association and honors

9 scholarship recipients and sadly

10 no Cerritos College students and

11 one [INAUDIBLE] and again

12 congratulating those students as

13 they pursue higher education.

14 We also have very exciting

15 things going on about the

16 Bellflower Unified School

17 District and one of the main

18 things they're starting the

19 search for the new

20 Superintendent President. As

21 you know Dr. Brian Jacobs

22 retired a while ago and they  
23 have hired a consultant and  
24 going through the process to  
25 start to put together the

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1 qualities that the community  
2 wants in their Superintendent so  
3 next Tuesday they're having a  
4 day time and even forum for  
5 those interested in giving  
6 feedback. There's also an  
7 online survey too. Again what  
8 read qualities what we're  
9 looking for in the Bellflower  
10 Unified School District and I  
11 would encourage everybody at  
12 least all the VPs here to  
13 complete that because we have a  
14 strong partnership with them and  
15 they're a partner in the future  
16 and really excited about that. I  
17 was asked to sit on the  
18 screening panel which is July 14  
19 in the middle of vacation so I  
20 had to turn that down but

21 hopefully we will have another  
22 community member who will pick  
23 the Superintendent. Looking  
24 forward to graduation. I wanted  
25 again to congratulate all our

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1 graduates. Glad to hear so many  
2 tests went well, finals went  
3 well and thank you to the  
4 faculty and the staff for  
5 supporting our students these  
6 last couple of weeks and really  
7 looking forward to the  
8 graduation speaker and what the  
9 student life committee has in  
10 store for graduation this year  
11 and I think that's about it.  
12 Thank you very much.  
13 >> President Lewis: Thank  
14 you. Trustee Avalos.  
15 >> Carmen Avalos: Thank you.  
16 Ditto to everything she said and  
17 thank you Raul for being truly a  
18 voice for the student and



19 advocate for their behalf to  
20 increase classes on change  
21 things to make things better and  
22 support the learning process for  
23 them so thank you very much for  
24 your input. It's very valuable  
25 and you know wherever you go,

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1 whatever you do just know that  
2 you will always have a special  
3 place here at Cerritos College  
4 with all of us because I think  
5 we've all -- you have grown on  
6 all of us in terms of supporting  
7 you and your successes and  
8 you're a very typical student;  
9 right? A student who has doubts  
10 who started somewhere else and  
11 for whatever reason doubted  
12 themselves and their abilities  
13 to succeed and yet you came here  
14 and found success so I think  
15 that's a wonderful story and  
16 resonates with many students  
17 that come here and I read an

18 article online what it looks  
19 like to be a student from  
20 different financial background  
21 and what experiences those look  
22 like and as I was reading these  
23 things I said this is what we  
24 would like all of our students  
25 to do just go to college and

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1 focus on school. That's we  
2 would love to see but the  
3 reality you get up at 5:00 a.m.  
4 and go to work and have a long  
5 day and go to class or vice  
6 versa and everything we can do  
7 to support the students and the  
8 voice that you bring to the  
9 support really supported what we  
10 want to do as Trustees and  
11 empower our students to be  
12 successful and thank you very  
13 much for your contributions and  
14 very excited they're things  
15 happening at Bellflower Unified.

16 Downey Unified will have one of  
17 the Board Members left the  
18 board. He moved and so there's  
19 a vacancy and Downey decided to  
20 go with an election for November  
21 so there will be an November  
22 election to fill seat Number  
23 three in Downey Unified so an  
24 opportunity for folks out there  
25 to get engaged and be involved

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1 with the educational process  
2 that happens so that's  
3 happening. As you know LA  
4 Unified just hired a  
5 Superintendent with no  
6 background in education and I  
7 think that's a good way in many  
8 things and it's like when you  
9 don't know something you try  
10 everything so I think that's a  
11 very positive. My son attending  
12 a magnet school in L.A. Unified  
13 and showed up at the school so I  
14 have to show you my son was

15 talking to him so he got a  
16 tagged on all these things which  
17 was interesting. However I will  
18 tell you my son got more excited  
19 not about me and the new  
20 Superintendent but the fact that  
21 NPR was on campus because he  
22 loves that station. This kid  
23 has been listening to them since  
24 he was 12 and more excited about  
25 that not that Superintendent so

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1 I thought that was kind of funny  
2 but there's obviously  
3 opportunities to learn from  
4 folks who may not have as much  
5 knowledge in education but  
6 certainly have the best interest  
7 of students in mind and  
8 certainly the opportunities to  
9 change things to improve the  
10 quality of education for all  
11 students. I think as a society  
12 we all benefit and excited we

13 will see some things happening  
14 there and ultimately where the  
15 kids come from they may endure  
16 here at college and we're  
17 supportive in continuing those  
18 path ways to success for them  
19 whatever that may be for them  
20 and excited for that. I am  
21 looking forward to the  
22 graduation. I want to thank all  
23 of the folks that contribute to  
24 the success of our students here  
25 whether that be a faculty

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1 member, whether that be  
2 clerical, classified, CSEA  
3 member. Thank you for the work  
4 that you do and make sure that  
5 the doors are open and the  
6 restrooms are clean and the  
7 students get what they need to  
8 be successful and thanks for  
9 what you do and we don't know  
10 and maybe a pat on the back and  
11 you can do this and whatever it

12 is and kids have rough days and  
13 they're kids and students here  
14 and thank you for contributing  
15 to their successes whether that  
16 be with a smile or opening the  
17 library for longer hours and the  
18 custodians are trying to keep up  
19 the bathrooms so there is toilet  
20 paper and thank you very much.  
21 Looking forward to being at  
22 graduation and ultimately it's a  
23 culmination of long nights and  
24 sacrifices and we don't always  
25 know the student's stories but

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1 resonates as we listen to the  
2 names we can see the pride in  
3 their eyes as they pick up the  
4 diplomas and the cheers from the  
5 parents in the stands that know  
6 the sacrifices are worth it so  
7 thank you to the parents  
8 supporting their kids and the  
9 folks that support our students

10 because it's a team effort so  
11 looking forward to that and then  
12 I think that's it. I don't know  
13 what else I can add I know  
14 there's a lot of things  
15 happening. I apologize I  
16 haven't been able to attend some  
17 of the ceremonies. There's a  
18 lot happening and unfortunately  
19 with budgets I have a lot more  
20 work so this is a long week for  
21 me. This is my third meeting  
22 this week so if I'm not exactly  
23 100% on task I apologize but  
24 with that thank you very much  
25 and I look forward to

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1 graduation.  
2 >> President Lewis: Thank  
3 you. Vice President Liu.  
4 >> Shin Liu: I also want to  
5 thank you. You're a role model  
6 and also a good team player for  
7 the board team. Thank you very  
8 much. May is graduation season

9 and it bring a lot joy to  
10 celebrate students success with  
11 them so I attend quite a lot.  
12 Some of the ceremony I attend  
13 Northridge University graduation  
14 and also the teachers track and  
15 transfer center. We transfer a  
16 lot of students and then to a  
17 pinning ceremony. It really  
18 bring a lot of joy to me when I  
19 celebrate the students' success.  
20 Okay. Congratulations all kids  
21 and I have a great bright  
22 future. Thank you.  
23 >> President Lewis: Thank  
24 you. Dr. Fierro.  
25 >> Dr. Fierro: Thank you

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1 again and again and again. So  
2 the May revise was released, and  
3 to our surprise this time rather  
4 than below the line we're almost  
5 on the top of the line so we are  
6 looking at the calculations and



7 see what is our real number  
8 right now but so far it's  
9 actually -- I guess I still  
10 won't believe it until we get  
11 the money but it still looks  
12 very good for us based on our  
13 current calculations of the  
14 funding formula so there's been  
15 a lot of work done in Sacramento  
16 and talking to Chancellor and  
17 the Chancellor's staff and a lot  
18 of different people who help us  
19 advocate and build a different  
20 model while not all the  
21 recommendations that were  
22 provided by our work group were  
23 accepted by the Chancellor. The  
24 large portion of the  
25 recommendations that were

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1 provided were accepted. I sent  
2 an Email to the campus with the  
3 comparison of the two and we  
4 will provide additional updates  
5 as we get them. I am a bit

6 skeptical of the spread of the  
7 funding because I'm not sure  
8 where they're going to get all  
9 that money from, but hopefully  
10 it comes out that way or very  
11 close and obviously we will not  
12 have to be concerned for our  
13 funding for the next two years.  
14 One thing that is very sure  
15 apparently at this point we  
16 won't get any less allocation  
17 than we received the previous  
18 year so I think that is probably  
19 worst case scenario at this  
20 particular point but obviously  
21 we don't know until additional  
22 discussion takes place, but it's  
23 looking much better from and  
24 concerned and obviously I want  
25 to thank everyone that have

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1 reach out to their legislators  
2 and everyone that I had the  
3 opportunity to work in

4 Sacramento and the league and  
5 the board group also work on  
6 these, so thank you for that.  
7 It was a bit of work there.  
8 Obviously the partnership that  
9 we develop with the other single  
10 campuses help to solidify the  
11 position on how this budget will  
12 affect us, and we seem to be  
13 coming on the best end of this  
14 equation so -- as I said my mom  
15 used to say "don't count your  
16 chickens until the egg hatches  
17 or something like that" .  
18 >> [INAUDIBLE].  
19 >> Dr. Fierro: So I will wait  
20 a little bit but I am less  
21 concerned at this point. The  
22 other part of the budget and  
23 seems to be moving quickly.  
24 There were some changes last  
25 time and the online college is

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1 growing on support. Very  
2 unlikely to see -- it will be

3 unlikely it will not happen in  
4 some way at the very least but  
5 the support continues to grow --  
6 >> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic].  
7 >> I know they were looking at  
8 three pathways. Did they decide  
9 on the three pathways? And have  
10 we had the opportunity to  
11 comment what pathway as Cerritos  
12 College would like to see as a  
13 possible online college?  
14 >> Dr. Fierro: No. We  
15 haven't had the opportunity to  
16 comment and it has not been to  
17 -- to my understanding not fully  
18 defined. The only program that  
19 has been advertised is medical  
20 coding but we did not get the  
21 opportunity at this point to  
22 comment. It doesn't mean that I  
23 will not submit a position on  
24 this.  
25 >> Marisa Perez: Yeah, I

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1 would like outreach to the  
2 faculty leaders and this is the  
3 proposal going on. I just think  
4 it's very vague. Every time I  
5 hear it it's vague so again it's  
6 going to happen. I mean let's  
7 put there it's going to happen  
8 and those on the other side of  
9 the fence come on over because  
10 it's going to happen and what  
11 will work best for the faculty  
12 and the student and the  
13 community and it's going to  
14 happen and at least let's be a  
15 leader. That's where I am at  
16 this point.

17 >> Dr. Fierro: Agreed. We  
18 had a number of conversations  
19 with Michelle and Michelle is  
20 going to lead an initiative on  
21 the online program at Cerritos  
22 College to expand the program.  
23 Look at the standards and any  
24 opportunities for us to move  
25 from course offering to program

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1 base offerings. Hopefully we  
2 can move faster than the state  
3 is able to move. If we cannot  
4 move faster than the state  
5 that's a sad state of affairs  
6 but I think we can move to be  
7 ahead at the time of the online  
8 college roll out and presenting  
9 at the next board meeting and  
10 thank you for the work you have  
11 been doing so we have been  
12 having the conversations and  
13 will continue to have the  
14 conversations on campus because  
15 my position on the online  
16 college is the same I have with  
17 regards of our neighboring  
18 districts. They're here.  
19 They're going to try to take the  
20 students and try to offer better  
21 programs so some thing with the  
22 online college and the  
23 opportunity to expand programs  
24 and we as well do it better than  
25 they do so we keep our students

1 where they are and serve our  
2 community in the best possible  
3 way. We have been going through  
4 May madness. We've had many  
5 events almost every evening. I  
6 think I have been at every event  
7 with the exception of Saturday  
8 event when I was doing the  
9 presentation in Valencia but I  
10 think Dr. Johnson was there and  
11 we have been attending the many  
12 events. It's great to see  
13 faculty, staff and I cannot say  
14 it enough how quickly our  
15 facilities people turn around  
16 those rooms and clean them up,  
17 and they're fast, so  
18 congratulations and thank you to  
19 them because as many events and  
20 they turn around the rooms  
21 quickly I am impressed with the  
22 work they're doing.  
23 Commencement is this Friday and  
24 I hope that all of you attend

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1 anyone watching I hope you  
2 attend. It's an opportunity to  
3 do one last bit of support to  
4 our students as they graduate  
5 and transition to the next step  
6 and we're going to have our  
7 speaker Oz Sanchez, a really  
8 great speaker and resonate a lot  
9 with our students and his  
10 message of overcoming obstacles  
11 and a powerful message and I  
12 think we can all learn from his  
13 experience. This obviously will  
14 be the last commencement for  
15 many of our colleagues as full  
16 time employees of the college.  
17 We had the opportunity to have  
18 the celebration last week. We  
19 had a good time. We talk a lot  
20 during the celebration. There  
21 was a lot of hugs, pictures,  
22 tears and everything in between,  
23 but we will be losing great



24 employees and a lot of

25 institutional knowledge that

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1 hopefully we're able to capture

2 during the transition, but to

3 all of them that are leaving

4 obviously congratulations to

5 your retirement. I am jealous

6 and I hope you make the best out

7 of it. Our men's and women's

8 tennis became the state

9 championships at the beginning

10 of this month so they have been

11 doing very well. They didn't

12 miss a bit each with the change

13 of coaching staff so they're

14 doing quite well. We do have

15 similar intentions with

16 Stephanie. I do want more

17 meetings during the summer. I

18 want you guys to continue to

19 work so we're already having

20 conversations in that regard so

21 we are -- we have the same

22 interest at least on meetings.  
23 Other than that I really want to  
24 thank everyone for having such a  
25 successful semester. I was

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1 going to hold it until Friday  
2 yet again we will be graduating  
3 the largest graduation class of  
4 Cerritos College.  
5 [Applause]  
6 >> It is not by much this time  
7 around. It's getting more  
8 difficult and will be  
9 increasingly difficult as we get  
10 better at this but we're  
11 graduating nearly 3500 students  
12 this semester up from 3200 I  
13 think had -- yeah about that  
14 much last year and less of an  
15 increase this year but if you  
16 still look at it it's 10% so it  
17 is a significant increase on our  
18 graduates so it will be harder  
19 to top that next year but we're  
20 surely going to try again so

21 thanks to everyone and thank you  
22 for everyone that supporting our  
23 students and helping them get to  
24 the finish line.  
25 >> President Lewis: Thank

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1 you. Board Member  
2 Camacho-Rodriguez.  
3 >> Thank you. I will be brief  
4 and Raul thank you for the time  
5 and I am grateful you shared  
6 your setbacks and successes and  
7 a role model for the student  
8 body and other adults that  
9 admire you. I sat with you at  
10 the retreat and I my boys with  
11 me so they were able to hear  
12 your conversation about money  
13 and that just seems to brighten  
14 everybody's eyes and ears opened  
15 up, so it was a real pleasure  
16 that my boys had the opportunity  
17 to meet you and they speak of  
18 you often about the bit coin and

19 how we're going to be rich and  
20 rule the world and it's a  
21 beautiful thing when you're  
22 young and you think about where  
23 you're at today, where you came  
24 from and where you're going.  
25 That's a fantastic thing and I

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1 am glad that other people have  
2 had the opportunity to know you  
3 as well. Thank you.  
4 >> President Lewis: Thank  
5 you. Trustee Birkey.  
6 >> James Cody Birkey: Since I  
7 didn't we were very brief last  
8 time I figured everyone is  
9 taking advantage of the  
10 opportunity on time. First I  
11 want say congratulations to all  
12 the mothers out there this last  
13 weekend having being a father  
14 for the first time I have  
15 definitely seen a whole another  
16 level of motherhood than I have  
17 before and I really want to

18 emphasize that and also on that  
19 note say thank you to everybody  
20 who extended greetings and cards  
21 and gifts to myself and my  
22 family with a newborn baby.  
23 Raul it's going to be really  
24 tough to see you go. Thank you  
25 so much for welcoming me. I

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1 think one of your first sessions  
2 was my appointment so I  
3 appreciate you doing that and as  
4 much as I love to think that  
5 Cerritos College is this perfect  
6 place for you to find your way I  
7 have to imagine that in real  
8 life it's largely your hard work  
9 and dedication. It would be  
10 great to congratulate the  
11 college on that but I think it's  
12 more than you than anything and  
13 take Cerritos with you and the  
14 other stuff that made you  
15 succeed and I am proud that you

16 represent this college wherever  
17 you go after this.  
18 Congratulations to the 3500  
19 commencement participants  
20 upcoming this weekend. I  
21 graduated three times and it was  
22 all three days rank in the top  
23 ten days of my life. I have to  
24 say I couldn't have been more  
25 proud and whenever I see other

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1 people graduating I just extend  
2 that same sense of  
3 accomplishment and it will be  
4 with you for the rest of your  
5 life so really cherish this and  
6 I couldn't be more proud that  
7 the students all the days of  
8 hard work and the sleepless  
9 nights and the extra hours that  
10 went in and the sacrifice and  
11 also our faculty and staff that  
12 did the same thing. As I spent  
13 so many decades now in academia  
14 I recognize that faculty and

15 staff oftentimes have  
16 disagreements and drama and  
17 difficult issues no matter where  
18 it is and they have a tendency  
19 to put that behind them with the  
20 interface of students and have a  
21 mutual goal of creating a  
22 special experience for students  
23 and foster them the rest of the  
24 days of their lives and this  
25 commencement is an opportunity

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1 to see that take place and thank  
2 you to the faculty and staff if  
3 put in the hours and the  
4 personal priorities behind them.  
5 Reporting on economic  
6 development issues and close to  
7 my heart in Bellflower and  
8 Downey and there for the soft  
9 opening of Richies and downtown  
10 Bellflower and not until they're  
11 officially open because they run  
12 out of food. If you go to a

13 family run restaurant to  
14 employees it takes a minute but  
15 some of the best Italian food  
16 around.  
17 >> When does it open?  
18 >> It's officially open on the  
19 24th.  
20 >> Okay. Let me write that  
21 down.  
22 >> Yeah, I went and closed at  
23 8:15 p.m. because they were  
24 ought out of another pasta but  
25 shrimp and a few other things

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1 and napkins and at a table  
2 clothe restaurant you don't want  
3 to do and if they're listening I  
4 apologize I said anything but  
5 yeah get the shrimp scampi it's  
6 great. The economic development  
7 in Bellflower and steel craft is  
8 coming to Bellflower so if you  
9 see the North Beach beach  
10 location and how cool that is  
11 you will recognize how neat it



12 is to have a developer and a  
13 business really try to highlight  
14 all the kind of local flavors  
15 and entrepreneurships we have in  
16 our community in southeast L.A.  
17 County so steel craft  
18 prioritizes those local  
19 partnerships and proprietorships  
20 and eight out of ten spots on  
21 are taken and if you know a  
22 local business while there is an  
23 opportunity reach out to them  
24 online or let me know.  
25 Bellflower Kiwanas auction and

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1 we raised over \$50,000 for kids  
2 in education and scholarships  
3 there in Bellflower and that was  
4 hosted in the brand-new L.A.  
5 County Fire Museum on Bellflower  
6 boulevard so there's a lot of  
7 cool things now coming to life  
8 in Bellflower and Downey that I  
9 really wanted to highlight.

10 Jose thank you so much for your  
11 dedication hard work in this  
12 budget process at the state  
13 level. I know the dust hasn't  
14 settled yet but it's a lot of  
15 work and it's hopefully going to  
16 pay millions a fold when it all  
17 comes down it and  
18 congratulations gone to the  
19 tennis student athletes on their  
20 championship. Other than that I  
21 have nothing else.  
22 >> President Lewis: Other  
23 than that. Trustee Salazar.  
24 >> Sandra Salazar: Okay. I  
25 would like to thank Raul for his

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1 service. Job well done. Good  
2 luck in the future. I want to  
3 congratulate the 3200 graduating  
4 students and thank Dr. Fierro  
5 for his leadership. I think  
6 he's leaving a legacy of  
7 increased success and we  
8 appreciate that and looking for

9 the increased numbers next year,  
10 looking forward to it.  
11 >> President Lewis: Thank  
12 you. And again I will echo the  
13 same sentiments said and I  
14 mentioned before so thank you  
15 Trustee -- Student Trustee Raul  
16 Avalos for your service and we  
17 look forward to having you come  
18 back and showing us what you  
19 have done and what you will be  
20 doing with the Cerritos  
21 education so thank you. Just  
22 like how Downey is going through  
23 a -- Downey Unified is going  
24 through a vacancy Norwalk La  
25 Mirada also had a member move

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1 thus creating a vacancy vac in  
2 that position and they elected  
3 not to go to election but rather  
4 an appointment and last Monday  
5 on the seventh the board  
6 unanimously decided on Norma and

7 welcome her and she's a member  
8 of the Advisory Board for the  
9 Cerritos College Child  
10 Development Center over here and  
11 as I recall has a Master's  
12 Degree in child work so she has  
13 a very strong connection with  
14 our college as a resident of  
15 Norwalk and we look forward to  
16 partnering with her and the rest  
17 of the Norwalk La Mirada Unified  
18 board and continuing our efforts  
19 at dual enrollment at online  
20 colleges at the La Mirada High  
21 -- or the La Mirada site that we  
22 have there, and looking forward  
23 to having a full board to work  
24 with over there, so we look  
25 forward to seeing you norm A

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1 also went to the ace academy  
2 which is the business academy  
3 dinner that recognize their out  
4 going seniors for all of the  
5 their work and extra curricular

6 program in the ace academy and  
7 some of us including my father  
8 La Mirada Councilman Lewis  
9 mentored some of the students  
10 and talking about how  
11 institutions work and what  
12 institutions are looking for in  
13 high school students and future  
14 college students and boils down  
15 to there's more to an applicant  
16 than what is on paper and the  
17 interviews as Trustee Birkey can  
18 testify to make a large  
19 difference as part of that  
20 overall application because it's  
21 not just bounded by the four  
22 corners of the paper but how you  
23 present yourself to your future  
24 employer so that and other  
25 things were mentioned and said

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1 during that ace academy dinner  
2 and looking forward to our new  
3 record of 3500 students that we

4 will be graduating this Friday  
5 and I always look forward as I  
6 mentioned a number times to  
7 handing out the diplomas and in  
8 their eyes they have a sense of  
9 accomplishment and each one has  
10 a individual story that you just  
11 begin to imagine by looking at  
12 their eyes and their expressions  
13 as they walk up to the stage for  
14 the few seconds that you get to  
15 meet them and you get to kind of  
16 see who they are and you might  
17 never see them again but you  
18 know they made an impact and  
19 that we as an institution have  
20 made an impact on them, so thank  
21 you to everybody that continues  
22 to make that impact from the  
23 Administration to faculty to  
24 classified staff to other  
25 students that help them along

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1 the way to make them -- to make  
2 their story and to continue to

3 advance the Cerritos College  
4 legacy so thank you and with  
5 that we will begin our close  
6 session which includes two read  
7 outs and three items --  
8 >> [INAUDIBLE] [Off Mic].  
9 >> Yeah.  
10 >> Carmen Avalos: I did say  
11 this is my third meeting this  
12 week.  
13 >> President Lewis: So we  
14 have three items and Item 32 and  
15 the litigation to exclosure  
16 pursuant to Board Secretary  
17 Zurich Lewis with Maria Diaz and  
18 number 33 with claimant of Fata  
19 Construction and a conference  
20 with Labor Negotiators. Again  
21 there are two read outs today  
22 and we will see you after our  
23 close session. Thank you.  
24 [GAVEL]  
25 >> (closed session).

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1 the Board of Trustees Meeting  
2 will resume after closed  
3 session. (closed session)  
4 [GAVEL]  
5 >> President Lewis: All  
6 right. We have come back with  
7 read outs of the two first  
8 items. First of which regarding  
9 the claimant Maria Diaz. During  
10 close session the board Item 32  
11 the board approves the claim  
12 from Maria Diaz in the amount of  
13 \$235. Item 33 with claimant  
14 Fata Construction. During close  
15 session the board agenda number  
16 33 the Board of Trustees denies  
17 the claim from claim at Fata  
18 Construction and authorizes our  
19 district to enter into non  
20 bidding mediation. This does not  
21 conclude our close session and  
22 we will continue back for  
23 laborer negotiations. There  
24 will be no read out for such  
25 things and we will be done after

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1 that. Thank you.

2 [GAVEL]

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