

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, December 9, 2009
CCCD Board Room 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Board Members in Attendance: James E. Castillo, Dr. Lawrence Cox, Mohammad H. Khalilzadeh, Elizabeth Martinez, Dasol Mashaka, Rodney Murray, Dr. Nelly Rodriguez, Martin Vargas, and Tony Williams. **Absent:** Ronald Gerhard, Dr. John Phalen.

Guests in Attendance: Reuben James- representing Ronald Gerhard, Juan F. Pazos, selected Director of Foundation, and Julia Sylva, Attorney.

Call to Order

Board Vice President Marty Vargas called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and

Approval of Minutes

Motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes for the October 2009 regular meeting and the December 2009 Special Meeting.

Agenda Items

Board president Tony Williams reviewed and facilitated the discussion of agenda items as outlined below.

General Business

a. Presentation of Foundation Director

Board Secretary Nelly Rodriguez introduced Juan F. Pazos as the Director of Foundation selected by the Foundation's Executive/Selection Committee. Board members briefly introduced themselves and extended an enthusiastic welcome to Mr. Pazos. The new Director of Foundation thanked the Board for the opportunity and expressed his eagerness to start the implementation of development strategies. His official employment date is January 11, 2010. The Title V Office will house the Foundation and Nelly Rodriguez will follow up on any necessary arrangements.

b. Refund Policy Regarding Scholarships

Attorney Julia Sylva provided an overview of Mrs. Anita Spiecker's insistence on a refund of the Spiecker Scholarship contribution made in 2005, and noted that the Board should consider a policy to address such situations. A discussion ensued regarding legal responsibilities, the need to consider public relations issues, and the importance of setting precedents. The Board also discussed how aggravated Mrs. Spiecker was due to the inability of the former Foundation to keep her informed and implement the scholarship as agreed. To no avail, Dr. Cox, the District's new Chief Executive Officer, and Tony Williams, new Foundation's President communicated in writing and via telephone with Mrs. Spiecker several times and offered to meet with her to provide a full accounting and plan the scholarship's implementation under the new leadership. Given the unique circumstances of the case, a motion was made to refund Mrs. Spiecker up to \$5,000 to reflect the new Foundation's commitment to raise funds and do what is right. The refund should be presented by Dr. Cox and records should note that the transaction is part of the dissolution process of the former Foundation, and should not set precedent for the new Foundation. A

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reviewed by the attorney to this effect. Two members voted in favor. Motion carried. The Board also agreed to include in the Foundation's policies a clause to address acceptance of gifts and avoid legal and financial liabilities.

c. Presentation of Financial Gifts

Tony Williams presented a \$5,000 contribution on behalf of Southern California Edison. Marty Vargas presented a \$5,000 contribution on behalf of First Class Vending. Dr. Cox announced a \$10,000 contribution from Sherri Franklin, new Board member, on behalf of Urban Design Center. The Board also addressed the contribution expected from each Board member during the current fiscal year but preferred before the end of December 2009. The contribution should be \$500 on funds raised or a direct contribution. James E. Castillo made his contribution presenting a personal check for \$500.

Dr. Cox stated that fundraising goal for the Foundation is \$140,000 by December next year and expects to raise approximately \$100,000 before the end of the academic year. He stated that a major annual campaign has been launched on campus encouraging staff and faculty to contribute and strive for 100% participation. Staff has been informed that contributions can be made via payroll or through the Fiscal Services office. The new Foundation Director will follow up with a comprehensive development/marketing plan linking the district's business plan to the Foundation's objectives and strategies.

- d. CCCD/CEO Update** - Dr. Cox requested that, in the future, this section of the agenda (General Business) includes an update from the Compton Community College District's chief executive officer. Dr. Cox provided an update on recent changes to the El Camino College's organizational structure to facilitate the process of re-accreditation and expedite academic processes and services. Dr. Cox will continue as the chief executive officer for the Compton Community College District, and the Compton Center will no longer have a provost, but a vice president reporting directly to the president of El Camino College (ECC); Barbara Perez, ECC Vice President of Human Resources has been assigned as Compton Center Vice President.

Review Foundation Financials

Reuben James presented on behalf of Board treasurer Ronald Gerhard. The financial information was presented at the previous meeting as reflected on the minutes at hand. BDI Consultants has completed the previous Foundation's tax returns needed to complete the dissolution. The reports will be reviewed by Ronald Gerhard and filed through his office.

Review of FCCCD Strategic Plan

Tony Williams distributed the Foundation's strategic plan updated to reflect goals and tasks completed to-date (attached). The plan reflects the progress made by the new Board and president Williams thanked board members for their commitment and work.



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Executive Committee – Tony Williams reported that the committee met on November 2009 to discuss Foundation issues as discussed above and to move forward the process of selecting the new Foundation director.

Board Development Committee . Dasol Mashaka reported that the committee met on December 7, 2009 and discussed preparing informational materials to support Board Development efforts. A rough draft has been assembled and the new Foundation Director will assist with this process. The committee understands that urgency of completing these tasks as it awaits bios on several board member candidates.

Policy and Procedures Committee . Elizabeth Martinez shared that policies have been previously distributed for the Board's review. Policies will be updated as discussed above.

New Business

Dr. Rodriguez distributed a letter received from Prof. Pieter Van Niel requesting \$85,000 in support from the Foundation to acquire equipment for the Theatre Program. The Board stated that the Foundation is not positioned to grant this type of requests at this point since the main focus will be on providing scholarships to students. Foundation staff will follow up with a formal response to Dr. Van Niel.

Adjournment

Tony Williams concluded the meeting expressing appreciation for the work done and noting the progress accomplished. He wished everyone a joyous holiday season and stated that he look forward to everyone's participation and support in 2010. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 P.M.