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Compton Community College District Selects Bond Oversight Committee Members

The Compton Community College District recently selected eight members to serve on its Bond Oversight Committee. The oversight Committee members will each serve a two-year term and do not receive any compensation or benefits for their service.

As outlined in the Education Code Section 15278, the role of the District Citizen's Oversight Committee is to inform the public concerning the District's expenditure of revenues received from the sale of bonds authorized by the voters. The Bond Oversight Committee will provide oversight to ensure that:

- Bond revenues are expended only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of district facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of district facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for district facilities.
- No bond revenues are expended for any teacher or administrative salaries or other district operating expenses other than the salaries for district employees who provide administrative oversight for the bond program or individual bond projects.

The newly appointed Bond Oversight Committee members are:

Bruce A. Boyden is deputy director of the Early Education Services Division of the Community Development Institute Head Start in Long Beach. Prior to his current position, he worked as education manager at Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science in Long Beach. Boyden served on the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees from August to December 2009.

He earned a master's degree in education at Almeda College & University in Idaho and a bachelor's degree in social psychology with a minor in child development at Pepperdine University. Boyden also earned a Child Development Program Director Permit at Laverne University. Since 2007, he has served as a professional development advisor for El Camino College Compton Center, and also is a member of the Compton Early Childhood Advisory Committee. In addition, Boyden has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Center for Community and Family Services in Pasadena since 2005.

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Giovanna A. Brasfield is the founder of Brasfield & Associates Marketing, a marketing consulting company offering a broad range of public relations, marketing, event and sales consulting services. Brasfield is also a professor for Irvine University, California International University and American InterContinental University where she teaches both undergraduate and graduate level courses.

She received a bachelor's degree in business administration/marketing from Mt. St. Mary's College in 1998, a master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix in 2000, and Doctorate of Public Administration from the University of La Verne in 2006. Brasfield is also a 2005 graduate of the Los Angeles African American Women Public Policy Institute.

In addition, Brasfield is a commissioner on the City of Compton's Oversight Committee; a commissioner for Compton Unified School District's Bond Oversight Committee, founder of the Economic Empowerment & Development Foundation, corporate member of the Regional Black Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the American Society of Public Administration.

Mary L. Edwards is the executive director at Tower of Faith Community Development Corporation, responsible for the organization's consistent achievement of its mission and financial objectives in program development and administration. She has 35 years of experience in business management, subcontract management/negotiations, community relations and social services. From 2004-2006, she served as a field representative to Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald. In addition, Edwards has also served as executive director at the Potter's House Restoration Program, and senior subcontract administrator for Rockwell International.

Edwards is also the executive board secretary for Compton/Watts Interfaith Collaborative, Inc.; a member of the Concerned Citizens of Compton; a past member of the Advisory Board of the Compton Community College District; past president of the Compton Community Development Coalition, and past first vice president of the Compton Chamber of Commerce.

Joel Estrada is a seasoned business executive and small business owner with strong ties in the community. He meets frequently with parent groups and business groups such as Community Lawyers and the Latino Chamber of Commerce. Estrada served on the Compton Unified School District Board of Trustees from 2005-2009. He has chaired both the Cost Containment and Technology Advisory Committees for the Compton Unified School District which were responsible for making recommendations that involved several million dollars worth of construction and technology. He also serves on the Advisory Committee for ICDC College regarding their online paralegal program.

Estrada received a bachelor's degree in law, jurisprudence and social thought from Amherst College and is a May 2011 J.D. candidate at Loyola Law School. He has received many awards including: the Beverly Hills Bar Association Scholarship (2009), the Charles B. Rugg Fellowship (2009), the John Woodruff Simpson Fellowship (2008), the Wolff Scholar Award, the Bancroft Prize, the Hispanic Scholarship Foundation Award, and the Southern California Alumni Scholarship.

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Sherman Gordon is senior pastor at New Philadelphia African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church and is also a professor at the University of Phoenix. He served on the City of Carson Fine Arts and Historical Commission which oversaw and recommended funding for the city's fine arts programs. He also served as Chairman to Nu Power Community Outreach Services, Inc.

Gordon earned a bachelor's degree in sociology/pre-law from the University of California, Santa Barbara; a Master of Arts in Religion from Claremont School of Theology; master's degree in education from the University of Phoenix, and a doctorate of ministry from the United Theological Seminary.

Mark Guillen is currently employed by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District. He has been active in the community for more than 20 years, serving as a community leader via service groups, churches, and in the political arena.

He was on the initial Advisory Board of the Paramount Education Partnership, a partnership between the City of Paramount and the Paramount School Board, which focuses on the educational needs of the community. In addition, he was on a committee that worked to pass a bond for the Paramount School District that allocated \$100 million in funding for the district.

Brandon Mims currently serves on the Compton Education Foundation Board of Directors; the NAACP local branch Executive and Youth Leadership Advisory Board, and is vice president of the National Executive Conference of Minority Public Administrators' Board. He is a qualified project manager with considerable municipal policy and accounting experience.

Mims earned both a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public finance from California State University, Long Beach. In addition, he has a Doctorate of Public Administration in organizational development from the University of LaVerne.

Olivia Verrett is currently employed by the Los Angeles County Department of Education, and has more than 15 years of collective experience working with foster children, the Department of Probation, the Department of Children and Family Services and Child Welfare. She also has over 10 years experience in the legal profession.

She has served on the Advisory Board of the Compton Community College District; Congresswoman Juanita McDonald's committees on Education and Youth Against Violence; chaired the City of Carson's Human Relations Commission, Public Safety Task Force, Women's Task Force, and the Code of Ethics Task Force. She is President of the Carson/Torrance Branch of the NAACP, Planning Commissioner for the City of Carson, and is a NAACP State Conference officer.

Verrett earned an associate degree in administration of justice from El Camino College, a bachelor's degree in political science, and a master's degree in sociology from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

To qualify for appointment on the Bond Oversight Committee, a member must meet specific criteria as outlined by the District. In addition, a Committee member cannot be an employee, official, contractor, consultant, or vendor of Compton Community College District. Elected officials are also disqualified from service on the committee.

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