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## **Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Governance and Authority Structure**

Effective July 1, 2015, the Compton Community College District (CCCD) Board of Trustees will assume a more active role as Board members, Special Trustee Thomas Henry recently announced.

In 2006, AB 318 (Dymally) suspended the authority of the CCCD elected Board of Trustees. AB 318 also provided a process for the return of authority.

Beginning in July, the elected Board of Trustees will have the opportunity to make motions, deliberate and provide an advisory vote. The elected Board of Trustees will also participate in “closed session” meetings. The Special Trustee will continue to provide oversight and guidance, as well as maintain the authority provided in AB 318.

“This is great news for the Compton Community College District,” Henry said. “The recent Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) scores show progress has been made in the governance area of the district. Upon careful review, and in consultation with California Community Colleges Chancellor Harris, I put forth the recommendation to move to the next phase of the board’s governance and authority structure.”

"This expansion of the board's involvement in the governance of the district is a sign of remarkable progress," California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris said. "The district has made great strides as it works toward full recovery while serving students and the community. I have faith that the board will help lead the institution on its path to complete recovery."

During a follow up review in spring 2016, FCMAT will assess how the board has performed since being given the opportunity to make motions, deliberate and ultimately take action through an advisory vote.

“This is another important step toward recovery for the Compton Community College District,” stated Board President Leslie Irving.

CCCD Chief Executive Officer Dr. Keith Curry and Henry expressed their optimism in the elected Board of Trustees’ ability to assume this new responsibility.

The **Compton Community College District** represents the communities of Compton, Lynwood, Paramount, and Willowbrook, as well as portions of Athens, Bellflower, Carson, Downey, Dominguez, Lakewood, Long Beach and South Gate. Board meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton CA 90221.

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