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## **Compton College Trustee Nicole Jones Chosen to Lead Statewide African American Trustees Caucus**

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees President, Nicole J. Jones was recently elected president of African American California Community College Trustees (AACCCCT). AACCCCT is an affinity caucus of the Community College League of California (CCLC), which is the statewide membership organization for trustees serving at each of the 114 California community colleges statewide.

The mission of AACCCCT is to advance and strengthen the position of African Americans within California's community college system with an overall goal to improve access and outcomes for African American students enrolled at the state's community colleges. AACCCCT works to increase the number of African Americans elected, selected and/or appointed to executive positions and advocate for policies that best serve African American students and communities – as a strategy to support all community college students.

AACCCCT works closely with other CCLC caucus organizations, including the Asian Pacific Islander Trustees & Administrators Caucus, California Association of Latino Community College Trustees and Administrators, and Veterans Caucus. Collaboratively, AACCCCT seeks to improve community colleges by equipping trustees with professional development and information.

“It is an honor to pass the leadership baton to Trustee Nicole Jones as she becomes the next AACCCCT president,” said Eric Payne, outgoing president and trustee at State Center Community College District (Fresno). “I am confident that Trustee Jones will continue the important work and legacy of our caucus.”

Jones took the oath of office as a Compton Community College District Board of Trustees member for Trustee Area 2 in November 2016; she was elected president of the Board of Trustees in December 2017. She works as the senior special assistant to California State Controller Betty Yee. She has experience in nonprofit management, public affairs and philanthropy, and has worked across multiple sectors including government, foundations, higher education and civic organizations. Jones earned a master's of public administration degree at Bernard M. Baruch College in New York, and a bachelor's degree in social sciences with emphasis on urban education from the University of California, Berkeley.

Historically, the Compton Community College District has been an active force in promoting the AACCCCT mission. In April 2010, Compton College Trustee Dr. Deborah LeBlanc led the charge to establish the caucus, playing a significant role in organizing trustees across the state. Trustee LeBlanc also has the special distinction of serving as the first AACCCCT president. During her tenure as president, Trustee LeBlanc organized several summits to explore issues related to African American student success and community engagement.

Dr. LeBlanc remarked, “While she is a new leader within the community college system, Trustee Nicole Jones is a proven leader and has a track record of community service. It is an honor to have Compton College continue the legacy in leading African American California Community College Trustees and continuing advocacy for students and communities locally and statewide.”

**Photo available online:**

[http://www.compton.edu/adminandoperations/publicrelations/images/2018/Jones\\_Nicole.JPG](http://www.compton.edu/adminandoperations/publicrelations/images/2018/Jones_Nicole.JPG)

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**About the Compton Community College District**

Board meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.