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Keith Curry Takes Oath of Office as Interim CEO of the Compton Community College District

On April 12 at the regular Board Meeting of the Compton Community College District (CCCD), Dr. Keith Curry took the official oath of office to serve as the Interim CEO of the District. The oath was administered by Curry's long-time mentor and colleague Dr. Juan Francisco Lara, assistant vice chancellor emeritus, Enrollment Services at University of California, Irvine.

Dr. Curry's appointment was announced by Special Trustee Dr. Genethia Hudley-Hayes on March 16. He previously served as the El Camino College Compton Center dean of student services since 2006. "Dr. Curry's demonstrated leadership skills, ability to assess and quickly respond to student needs, and his familiarity with the Compton Center and the community are all assets he brings to this position," said Dr. Hudley-Hayes.

Dr. Curry assumed the interim CEO position on March 16; his compensation will include his salary only, as he has declined all stipends (car allowance, mileage) associated with the position, citing the current budget situation and the cuts in programs and services to students as his incentive for doing so.

Prior to joining the CCCD, Curry served at the University of California, Irvine as director of the Early Academic Outreach Program. In this position, he worked with incoming freshman students to help them succeed in college. While at UC Irvine, Curry was instrumental in re-establishing a partnership between local school districts, including Compton Unified School District and the University of California, Irvine.

Curry earned his doctorate degree from the University of California at Irvine, and a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz. His professional affiliations include working with the African American Male Educational Network and Development (A²MEND) organization, and the Association for California Community College Administrators.

Born and raised in Compton, his service to the community has included volunteering as chair of the Compton Unified School District Achieving College Partnership and serving on the Compton Unified School District Foundation board; he also co-authored the Compton Unified School District Gear-Up proposal during his tenure at UC Irvine. More recently, he completed his doctoral dissertation on the former Compton Community College's accreditation being revoked.

About the Compton Community College District

The Compton Community College District serves the communities of Carson, Compton, Enterprise, North Long Beach, Lynwood, Paramount and Willowbrook. The District is governed by a state-appointed Special Trustee, who works with the five-member elected Board of Trustees. Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA, 90221.

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