



Board of Trustees Legislative Committee

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Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2020

Members Present:

Trustee Frank Reyes (chair)
Trustee John Longville (arrived late)
Trustee Anne Viricel

Guests Present:

Assemblymember Chad Mayes
Assemblymember Eloise Gomez Reyes
Office of Congressman Pete Aguilar - *Andrea Harlin*
Office of Assemblymember James Ramos - *Jeovana Sanchez Gonzales*
Office of Senator Connie Leyva - *Michael Townsend*
SBCCD Trustee Gloria Macias Harrison
Elijah Gerard, Student for Prop 15
Amine El Moznine, Student for Prop 15
Damian Fussel, State Director for Californians For Equal Rights - No on Prop 16
Laurel Tamariz, Prop 15 campaign - Schools & Communities First
Andrew Martinez, Community College League of California

Staff Present:

Jose Torres, Interim Chancellor
Diana Rodriguez, President
Angel Rodriguez, Sr. District Director Marketing, Public Affairs, & Government Relations
Kristina Hannon, Vice Chancellor Human Resources and Police Services
Heather Ford, Executive Administrative Assistant, Office of the Chancellor

The following text was read and all votes were taken by roll call.

Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 on March 12, 2020, and Executive Order N-29-20 on March 17, 2020. Portions of these orders relax parts of the Brown Act. In part, the orders allow elected officials to “attend” a meeting via teleconference WITHOUT having to admit members of the public into the location from which they are participating (N-25-20) and orders that “such a body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment” (N-29-20).

Anyone wishing to participate may do so via the Zoom link which is listed on the agenda. The meetings are also recorded. Public comments must be submitted electronically by emailing hford@sbccd.edu. Submissions must be received 24 hours in advance of the meeting. From the comments received, staff will call each speaker to make their public comment.

Submissions will be considered a public record under the Public Records Act, and are therefore subject to public disclosure.

Public comments will take place at the time designated at the meeting for public comment. Comments must be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker and twenty (20) minutes per topic if there is more than one speaker.

Anyone who requires a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should contact the Chancellor's Office at (909) 388-6903 as far in advance of the meeting as possible.

I. CALL TO ORDER & SELF INTRODUCTION

Trustee Reyes called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

My name is Sara Mooney and I am the Regional Affairs Director for the Campaign for College Opportunity. We have fought for equity in access and success in higher education for the last 16 years. This November election is a big moment for our state. Voters will have the opportunity to increase funding for our K-12 and community college systems with a YES vote on Proposition 15. Also, voters will be able to repeal the 24-year ban on affirmative action with a YES vote on Proposition 16.

Since the ban on affirmative action, studies have shown sharp declines in higher education admission rates for Black, Latinx and Indigenous students. White and Asian rates have stayed about the same. For public contracting and hiring, Asian business people and other businesses of color have lost out on millions of dollars worth of contracts.

Proposition 16 will allow many public institutions, like the San Bernardino CC District, the legal standing to live up to stated commitments to racial justice. Proposition 16 will support increased hiring of faculty and administrators that look like the students they serve--a proven way to increase degree attainment.

We urge the District to endorse Propositions 15 & 16!

III. ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE

A. Appointments

Trustee Anne Viricel moved to approve the appointment of Trustee Frank Reyes as chair of the Board Legislative Committee. Trustee Frank Reyes seconded the motion.

AYES: Reyes, Viricel
NOES: None
ABSENT: Longville
ABSTENTIONS: None

Trustee Frank Torres moved to approve the appointment of Trustee Anne Viricel as vice chair of the Board Legislative Committee. Trustee Anne Viricel seconded the motion.

AYES: Reyes, Viricel
NOES: None
ABSENT: Longville
ABSTENTIONS: None

B. Committee Charge

Trustee Anne Viricel moved to approve the Board Legislative Committee's charge and legislative principles "first read". Legislative principles will be sent to the Board Legislative Committee for second read at the October 8, 2020 meeting. Trustee Frank Reyes seconded the motion.

AYES: Reyes, Viricel
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Longville
 ABSTENTIONS: None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

V. CURRENT ISSUES UPDATES: NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BALLOT PROPOSITIONS**A. Proposition 15: Increases Funding Sources for Public Schools, Community Colleges and Local Government Services**

Yes – Laurel Tamariz Prop 15 Campaign- Schools & Communities First and Andrew Martinez, Community College League of California, spoke in support of Proposition 15. No - SBCCD staff invited a surrogate to speak in opposition to Prop. 15; staff received no response.

Trustee John Longville moved to approved a recommendation to the Board of Trustees' October 8, 2020 meeting in support of Proposition 15. Trustee Frank Reyes seconded the motion.

AYES: Longville, Reyes
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTENTIONS: Viricel

B. Proposition 16: Allows Diversity as a Factor in Public Employment, Education and Contracting Decisions

Yes – Elijah Gerard and Amine El Moznine, Students for Prop 16, spoke in support of Prop. 16

No - Damian Fussel, Californians for Equal Rights, spoke in opposition to Prop. 16.

Trustee John Longville approved a recommendation to the Board of Trustees' October 8, 2020 meeting in support of Proposition 16. Trustee Anne Viricel seconded the motion.

AYES: Longville, Reyes, Viricel
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTENTIONS: None

VI. LEGISLATIVE FIELD REPORTS

- A. Assemblymember Eloise Gomez Reyes
- B. Assemblymember Chad Mayes
- C. Office of Congressman Pete Aguilar - *Andrea Harlin*
- D. Office of Senator Connie Leyva - *Michael Townsend*
- E. Office of Assemblymember James Ramos - *Jeovana Sanchez Gonzales*

VII. **FUTURE TOPICS**

Trustee Longville reported there will be times in which legislative activity could have a significant impact on SBCCD without giving substantial time notification for SBCCD to weigh in.

Trustee Anne Viricel would like a future agenda item to discuss how to proceed when legislative proposals change without giving substantial time notification. Trustee Anne Viricel would like to solidify ways to communicate/share the board's position on issues affecting SBCCD's mission with constituents. Recommended the legislative principles will aid in taking a quick stance on issues.

Trustee Frank Reyes agreed as a committee and the Board of Trustees, must have the flexibility and needs to act immediately.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board Legislative Committee:

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96195940761>

October 8, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Heather Ford, Recorder, Office of the Chancellor