



ADOPTED MINUTES

FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

On Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 5:32 p.m., Board President Romualdo Medina called the Special Meeting of the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees to order in the Administration Building Board Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carlos R. Acuña
Rudy Cardenas, Jr.
Norma Sierra Galindo
Marian Long
Romualdo Medina
Rebecca L. Ramirez
Louis Wong

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Dr. Bruce Seivertson, Academic Senate Representative
David Lopez, ASG Representative
Suzanne Gretz, CTA Representative

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Frank Oswalt, Legal Counsel
Kathy Berry, Vice President for Academic Services
Travis Gregory, Associate Dean of Human Resources

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ASG President David Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BUSINESS

M/S/C Ramirez/Acuña

Resolution No. 13954: Selection of Presidential Search Committee Community Members

Motion by Trustee Ramirez to approve the resolution. Second by Trustee Acuña.

Discussion

Associate Dean of Human Resources Travis Gregory spoke and stated that each trustee would write a single name, fold it in fourths, and place it in a bowl to draw. ASG President David Lopez would pull a name from the bowl and then the same drawing would take place again. He stated that a third name should be drawn as an alternate may be needed.

Trustee Galindo stated it would be a good idea to draw a third name.

Trustee Ramirez announced she would not be submitting names.

The drawing was held and the following names were drawn:

1st draw: Clem Mueller
2nd draw: Jon LeDoux
3rd draw: Carmen Durazo

Trustee Long asked for the number of meetings the community members would need to attend. Vice President for Academic Services Kathy Berry stated the members needed to be present for interviews and for the review of the applications which could be done at different times to accommodate their schedules.

Motion by Trustee Ramirez to amend the motion to reflect the following change:

“NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees approves the following two community members to serve on the Presidential Search Committee and selects an alternate member in the event one of the members is unable to participate.”

Second by Trustee Acuña.

The motion passed.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the vacancy of the Superintendent/President must be filled;

WHEREAS, the Imperial Community College District authorizes two individuals from the community to serve on the committee;

WHEREAS, the Trustees have agreed to submit two names each and hold a drawing to determine the two community members to serve on the Presidential Search Committee;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees approves the following two community members to serve on the Presidential Search Committee and selects an alternate member in the event one of the members is unable to participate:

1. Community Member: Clem Mueller
2. Community Member: Jon LeDoux
3. Community Member (Alternate): Carmen Durazo

M/S/C Long/Acuña (Opposed: Galindo)
Resolution No. 13955: Approve a Presidential Search Public Forum

Motion by Trustee Long to approve the resolution. Second by Trustee Acuña.

Discussion

Trustee Galindo noted, for the record, that she is not opposed to a public forum. She is not opposed to an event or activity for the community to meet and mingle with the candidates, however, a candidate's forum is tantamount to a political debate. She further stated that the job of selecting the college president is not done by hosting a political event, but instead, it should be done by the Board.

Trustee Long stated she would like to see the forum conducted in the way it held during the last presidential search. She stated that during the last time, questions were worked up by the committee and then the forum was conducted.

Trustee Ramirez asked about the third paragraph in the resolution and asked for clarification that community members would be allowed to submit questions.

Vice President for Academic Services Kathy Berry stated that the panel would solicit questions thirty minutes prior to the start of the public forum.

Associate Dean of Human Resources Travis Gregory informed the Board he would review the questions prior to asking the candidates to ensure compliance with legality and appropriateness of the questions. He stated each candidate would have five minutes of introduction, five minutes of closing, and alternate questions.

Trustee Cardenas stated he was in favor of holding a public forum.

Trustee Acuña stated he was in favor of holding a public forum and noted that the community gets a sense for leadership skills during this process.

The motion passed.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the vacancy of the Superintendent/President must be filled;

WHEREAS, interviews and discussions will take place with potential candidates;

WHEREAS, the community will have the opportunity to submit questions to the candidates in a public forum;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees approves holding a public forum for the Presidential Search.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C Acuña/Wong to ADJOURN the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2007, AT 6 P.M.** in the Administration Building Board Room.