

**MINUTES**  
**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD RETREAT**  
**MAY 24, 2001**

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YCCD Conference Room B  
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Tom Hallinan, President of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present:     Allister Allen  
                                      Linda Flores  
                                      Tom Hallinan  
                                      Joe Mitchell  
                                      Paul Neumann  
                                      Abe Rojas  
                                      Delsie Schrimp

Others Present:               Pamila Fisher, Cindra Smith

The Board of Trustees held a retreat facilitated by Dr. Cindra Smith from the Community College League of California. The focus of the meeting was board roles and procedures.

Dr. Cindra Smith, Director of Education Services for the Community College League of California, presented a tentative agenda of topics which had been developed based on prior input from trustees. She described the characteristics of effective boards and some ground rules for participation by the members. The major topics included change, controversy, civility, the Board as a unit, public input, and communication protocols.

Trustees also identified the strengths of the Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees. These were dedicated members, a commitment to district success, a focus on the right things (access, quality, availability, student success, support of high quality staff) a diversity in background and perspectives, unity in the mission to meet the needs of students, a bright and insightful board, a willingness to look at all sides of an issue and have open discussion, work well together, a well respected Chancellor that supports Board learning, and trustees who participate in professional development and understand the college and district culture. A lively and productive discussion occurred on all the topics on the agenda.

No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Tom P. Hallinan, President  
YCCD Board of Trustees

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Pamila J. Fisher, Secretary  
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