

**MINUTES**  
**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 6, 2008**

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Preceding the Board meeting, Board members toured the MJC Auditorium Renovation Project site, East Campus, at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Abe Rojas at 3:30 p.m. Trustees then recessed to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the following Closed Session Agenda items:

- Discussion:
1. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957  
Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Appointment
  2. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.9(b) – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant Exposure to Litigation: One Case
  3. Pursuant to G.C. Section 54956.8 – Property Negotiator  
Conference with Real Property Negotiators (APN: 021-016-037, 021-017-015, 025-006-034, 021-070-002,021-0088-several, 109-015-054 and 109-015-071)
  4. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiators  
District Representatives: D. Wirth, T. Scott, G. Rose  
Employee Organizations: CSEA & YFA

The Board of Trustees reconvened to Public Session at 5:35 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room, Yosemite Community College District. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board action.

Board Members Present      Abe Rojas, Board Chair  
Anne DeMartini  
Linda Flores  
Desirree Abshire  
Paul Neumann

Board Members Absent      Pat Dean  
Tom Hallinan  
Elbert James (Student Trustee)

Others Present              G. Rose, R. Rose, J. Smith, N. Stavrianoudakis, R. Darnell,  
T. Scott, D. Wirth, T. Nesmith, J. Sahlman, K. Schultz,  
D. Baggett, J. Swank, D. Gervin, L. Hoile, C. Mical, J. Daly,  
B. Nadell, B. Crow, J. Johnson, K. Walters-Dunlap,  
M. Kennedy, F. Banuelos, L. Yousif, L. Jackson, F. Osnaya,  
M. Newton, M. Robles, S. Miranda-Brenes, S. Moctezuma,  
G. Stovall, M. Otaya, C. Sampson, G. Whitfield, G. Railey,  
L. Webb, S. Akiona (Recorder).

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Report Out From Closed      There was no report out from Closed Session.  
Session

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Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes, as amended, of the regular meeting on January 9, 2008.

The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

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**COMMENTS**  
From the Public

None.

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Student Presentation –  
TRIO

MJC Vice President, Dr. Bob Nadell, introduced Francisco Banuelos and Layla Yousif to the Board. Mr. Banuelos and Ms. Yousif provided a PowerPoint presentation on MJC's federally funded TRIO programs. TRIO at MJC offers the Upward Bound program, Educational Talent Search (ETS) and Student Support Services. MJC's ETS serves 600 pre-college students annually. These students are enrolled at Hanshaw Middle School, Mark Twain Junior High School, Modesto High School and Downey High School. Upward Bound serves 75 students at Modesto, Johansen and Ceres High Schools. In 2007, MJC was awarded funds to support 50 students at Riverbank and Patterson High Schools. At MJC, 200 students receive TRIO student support services.

Services at the middle and high school levels provide a pipeline of pre-college students. These students are from low income families or are first generation college attendees. Services are offered on the school sites and include tutoring, academic advising, life skills workshops, summer programs at MJC and CSU Stanislaus, assistance with financial aid and college applications. The goal is to prepare pre-college students to enter college. Students who wish to participate in the TRIO program make a commitment in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to participate throughout their high school career. Ninety percent of those students attend MJC. Approximately 45% of the MJC's TRIO students transfer to a four year institution or graduate from MJC within four semesters. High school students addressed the Board and shared their TRIO experiences. Rudy Garcia, Ceres High School student, plans to major in Computer Engineering. He has benefited from the tutoring and has learned to collaborate with students and instructors. Bianca Trujillo, a Johansen High School student, enjoys volunteering and participating in TRIO. She plans to attend MJC after high school and transfer to CSU Sacramento. TRIO has been the extra boost she needs to prepare for college attendance. Thalia Soto, a junior at Johansen High School, believes that TRIO has been her best high school experience. Her participation in Upward Bound has prepared her to take the SAT tests. She plans to attend UC Davis after high school.

TRIO Student Support Services on the MJC campus include academic and personal counseling; book loans and tutoring; cultural and academic activities; assistance with admissions; financial aid and transfer; career advisement and professional development.

Sonia Moctezuma is a second year student at MJC. She participated in TRIO during high school, and is a single parent. She counted on TRIO in high school and she benefited from visits to college campuses. She chose to begin her college career at MJC rather than at a four-year institution. She has been accepted to UC Santa Cruz and will major in Political Science. Loretta Webb is a MJC student and first generation college student. She expressed deep gratitude to the TRIO staff and the program. Loretta is a single mom and was homeless at the time she enrolled at MJC. Today she is a confident student and believes she would not have achieved her goals without TRIO. She is graduating from MJC this Spring with her second Associate's Degree and will be transferring to CSU Stanislaus. Loretta wants to return to MJC after she completes her degree to help students reach their goals.

Board Chair Abe Rojas thanked the MJC TRIO staff and the students for taking time to share their experiences and the benefits of the TRIO program.

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Student Activity Reports

Academic Senate President, Kathy Schultz, provided the following report for the Associated Students of Columbia College. ASCC is participating in planning and hosting Civic Engagement Projects at Columbia College. The recent Political Awareness night was a successful event. The Mardi Gras dance will be held on February 22, 2008. Open Mike nights are scheduled in February, March and April. Other upcoming events include Mentor Day, Blood Drive, chartering of new clubs and a Valentine's Day Fundraiser. Senator Reid Milburn is actively participating as a Region V representative of the State Student Senate. Trustee DeMartini acknowledged student involvement in Civic Engagement Projects and commended them for their excellent work.

Taylor White, the new president of ASMJC, provided the following reports to the Board. Following the resignation of six officers, the ASMJC is currently rebuilding the student Executive Council. Four new Executive Council members have been ratified. Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 events and activities included Constitution Day Activities (which included Voter Registration and Civic Engagement Projects); student leadership conferences; a candidate forum; participation in State Student Senate activities; vendor fairs and blood drives.

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Academic Senate Reports

Kathy Schultz, Columbia College Academic Senate President, reported that many faculty are serving on various committees including hiring screening, Measure E projects, CurricuNet and Basic Skills. Ms. Schultz participated in the State Academic Senate Accreditation Institute with Vice President Dennis Gervin and received information regarding current and upcoming accreditation standards. Columbia College is currently preparing its midterm accreditation report. Four faculty members participated in the Math Across the Community College Curriculum Conference and are working on a pilot program to infuse math into vocational coursework. The Senate will also be focusing on the Educational Master Plan and Program Review during this semester.

Jim Sahlman, MJC Academic Senate President, reported that over 250 people attended the memorial event for Professor Janell Glance on February 1, 2008. He thanked Board Chair Abe Rojas for attending. The Senate is discussing the role of the Virtual Classroom Committee and Distance Education in maintaining academic integrity through online instruction. The Senate is involved in strategic planning, enrollment planning and management, and accreditation. Mr. Sahlman believes that strategic planning will be completed by the end of the Spring semester. The Senate is aware of the two-year accreditation rule and Dean George Railey will be attending the next meeting to discuss the report from the Accreditation Commission.

**REPORTS & INFORMATION ITEMS**

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Activities and Announcements

**Modesto Junior College**

President Rich Rose called the Board's attention to the following activities listed in the agenda:

Civic Engagement Project – Spring Film Series

Modesto Junior College's Civic Engagement Project is presenting a series of documentary films for the Spring semester on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Forum 101 on East Campus. *The Power of Forgiveness* was shown on January 23, and *Hacking Democracy* is being shown tonight, February 6. Upcoming films include *Sicko* on February 20, *Black Gold* on March 5, *No End in Sight* on March 19, and *Crude Awakening* on April 2. The film series is free and open to the public. Open discussion follows each showing.

Off-Balance Dance - "Moments In Between"

The Modesto Junior College Off-Balance Dance Company is currently offering a dance concert entitled "Moments In Between" with additional performances offered on February 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cabaret West Dance Theatre, El Capitan Building, West Campus. The concert is the creative

expression of the Off-Balance ensemble as they perform the choreography of Lori Bryhni, Kim T. Davis, Sandra Scheuber and Justin Tate. General admission is \$10 and \$8 for students and seniors.

Art Gallery Exhibit

The MJC Art Gallery is displaying "Most Wanted" – an installation of manipulated digital images by San Francisco artist Taraneh Hemami through February 15. The Gallery is open Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and is free to the public. "Most Wanted" investigates the nature of perception, recognition and representation while examining the construction of the image of the new enemy. Interpretations of a series of faceless portrayals of the most wanted terrorists contemplate the ways in which stereotypical perceptions of people are created while pondering the relationship between image and identity. Hemami has exhibited multi-disciplinary works internationally and has received many awards.

African American Education Conference

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Education Conference will be held on Saturday, February 23, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., in the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center on MJC's West Campus. The conference is designed to help community youth, grades 7-12, gain skills and motivation to stay in school and continue on to college. The conference is open to all students, and registration is available on site.

MJC Agriculture Fundraiser

The Modesto Junior College Ag Department will present a Crab Feed and Auction on February 15 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center on MJC's West Campus. This will be the first general fund raising activity for the MJC Agriculture Program, and proceeds raised will be used to enhance the Agriculture Department's Measure E building projects. In addition to the all-you-can-eat crab, there will be silent and live auctions featuring a broad spectrum of items for sale. Tickets are \$40 each.

*Unagendized Items presented by MJC President Rich Rose*

President Rose also reported that the African American Conference and Teen Summit will be held at MJC this weekend. The college Strategic Planning Committee is conducting an external environmental assessment and will host a college-wide forum on February 11, 2008. The Passport to College program is doing well. Dr. Rose visited three elementary schools; over 400 students attended and parent participation was high. The Literature & Language Arts department is hosting a book drive to encourage reading in elementary age students.

In response to inquiry by Trustee Neumann, President Rose reported that the Facilities Master Plan (FMP) is being fully discussed and reviewed at the campus. A full report will be presented before the Board at the March meeting.

**Columbia College**

President Joan Smith called the Board's attention to the following activities listed in the agenda:

Annual Big Band Jazz Festival

The Columbia College Jazz Series will present the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Band Jazz Festival on February 8 and 9. Eleven middle school, high school and college groups from the foothills, Bay Area and Central Valley will attend a weekend of clinics and workshops with special evening concerts. Festival guest artists will include trumpeter Marvin McFadden of Huey Lewis and the News; trombonist Mic Gillette of Tower of Power and Santana; woodwind artist Paul Contos of the Monterey Jazz Festival; and noted arranger, composer and pianist Bob Secor.

Columbia College Choir Spring Tour

The Columbia College Choir is making plans for their three-day Spring Tour on March 27 to 29. The students will travel through Northern California singing at high schools and colleges, including Pioneer High School (Placerville), Cosumnes River College, Sacramento State University, and at the State Capitol.

Cash for College Nights

Columbia College's Financial Aid Department will be busy hosting two Cash for College Nights: February 12 at 6 p.m. in the Community Education Room and on February 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Calaveras Center in Angels Camp. The free workshops will be for high school and college students, who need help in meeting college expenses. Staff will be available for assistance with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms and will provide information on applying for financial aid. Applicants will be randomly selected for a \$1,000 cash scholarship.

*Unagendized Announcements  
– Columbia College*

President Smith reported that 129 students have been named on the Dean's list with a grade point average of 3.5-4.0 for Fall 2008. She acknowledged the hard work of Vice President Dennis Gervin in working with ASCC on coordinating Civic Engagement Projects. President Smith thanked faculty and staff at Columbia College for working to keep the campus safe during the recent heavy snow.

**District, Central Services**

Chancellor Roe Darnell called the Board's attention to the following activities listed in the agenda:

State Legislative Conference

On January 27-28, 2008, the Community College League of California held its annual Legislative Conference in Sacramento. Trustees Dean, DeMartini and Flores; Chancellor Darnell, and staff members Shelley Akiona and Nick Stavrianoudakis attended the conference. District representatives met personally with six State legislators and/or their representatives (Senators Jeff Denham, Dave Cox, Dave Cogdill and Roy Ashburn and Assembly Members Greg Aghazarian and Tom Berryhill). District representatives

informed legislators that community colleges are willing to absorb a fair share of the necessary mid-year cut, and requested that if mid-year cuts are made, that flexibility be available at the local level to assess where cuts will be made. Legislators were also reminded that the UC and CSU systems will be freezing their student enrollment in response to budget cuts. The overflow students from these institutions will increase enrollment at community colleges statewide.

Strategic Plan – Central Services

Assistant Chancellor Gina Rose reported that the Board of Trustees previously received a copy of the “Central Services Strategic Plan – Moving Forward and Upward”, which was prepared under the direction of the Chancellor. The Central Services Strategic Plan was discussed with the Central Services Leadership Team in December 2007 and with the entire Central Services staff in January 2008. The Central Services Strategic Plan is directly in line with the District Strategic Plan and contains the broad elements upon which the more specific unit action plans will be based. The next phase of Strategic Planning at Central Services will be at the unit level.

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Presentations/Updates  
Enrollment Update

Vice President Dennis Gervin reported that at census for Spring 2008, Columbia College was up 1.2% FTES from last Spring. The college anticipates generating significantly more ‘late’ FTES in Spring 2008. Dr. Gervin provided charts for the Board’s review that denote growth/decline trends since the 2004-2005 academic year. In the 2007-2008 year, Columbia College’s growth was .25% and 1.3% in Summer and Fall, respectively.

Dean of Instruction George Railey reported that MJC FTES for Spring 2008 are up 4% from the previous year. The 2008 Spring Intersession produced 35.63 FTES. MJC projects that Summer Early Start will produce 412 FTES. MJC should easily surpass the 2% growth target for Summer. MJC anticipates no rollback of FTES. MJC also anticipates a 2% growth over Spring 2007.

Chancellor’s Update

Chancellor Darnell acknowledged the colleges’ progress in enrollment management. Chancellor Darnell will share copies of the Legislative talking points put together by Nick Stavrianoudakis regarding the State Budget. The State Textbook Committee meeting originally scheduled to be held in March at MJC will be rescheduled. Chancellor Darnell will be traveling to Washington D.C. next week to support legislation for special programs for the developmentally disabled. A higher education bill is being proposed that would allocate \$200 million nationwide. If passed, the District could receive up to \$10 million over a five-year period to participate in the program.

Chancellor Darnell is hosting a media hour on a monthly basis to provide general information and hold conversations with local media. He will soon begin hosting a similar event in the Columbia area.

The Chancellor informed the Board that he would be signing a resolution in support of a School of Medicine on the UC Merced campus.

Chancellor Darnell reported that a Benefits Review Committee has been established through District Council to review health benefit programs and make recommendations. This committee will participate in premium cost control while maintaining quality health programs for staff.

**Classification Study Update** Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, Ms. Diane Wirth, reported that, in response to employee appeals, the District Advisory Committee met for six days and reviewed over 120 classified and leadership positions. Final Committee recommendations are being prepared for the Chancellor.

**Fiscal Update** Executive Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Services, Ms. Teresa Scott, reported that interviews of five firms to manage the District's OPEB (other post-employment benefits) have been conducted. Staff will make a recommendation to the Board at its next meeting.

Ms. Scott reported the following Public Works (Construction) Awards and Service (Non-Construction) Agreements:

**Public Works (Construction) Awards**

There are no completed Public Works Awards to report at this time.

**Service (Non-Construction) Agreements**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
SEIU-UHW Joint Employer Education Fund	\$13,751	MJC	MANAT 125 Human Anatomy, Spring 2008

**Bond Update** Kitchell representative Mr. Mark Newton provided the Board with an update on the progress of current Bond Projects.

**Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee** – The next meeting of YCCD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at 6:00 pm on the Columbia College campus.

Kitchell provided a PowerPoint overview on Columbia College's *Public Safety Center*. This project will centralize the location of all Emergency Services on campus. The project has been



approved by the State and bidding is under way for hazardous materials remediation and swing space requirements. The project will bid in March. The anticipated completion date is August 2009.

**Columbia College:** *Child Development Center:* Construction documents for the Child Development Center have been submitted to DSA. Expected start of construction is June 2008. *Science and Natural Resources:* The design firm is working to finalize the schematic design package. The *Madrone* project has received comments from the State. The design team is preparing for the back-check. Construction may begin in April.

**Modesto Junior College:** *Campus Master Planning:* The Facilities Master Plan (FMP) has been widely distributed and a college-wide forum was held on January 11. MJC has been reviewing and forwarding comments to Kitchell. The revised FMP will be presented to the Board at its March meeting.

The *Multi-Use Pavilion* project is in schematic design. The design phase for the *Beef Unit and Sheep Unit* is underway. The *Allied Health* project is nearing completion. Construction documents will be submitted to the State. The expected start of construction is Fall 2008. The *Parking Garage* project is on hold pending land acquisition on Tully Road. The *Auditorium* project is 70% complete and proceeds on schedule and within budget. The architect has presented the facility plan for the *Softball Complex* which has been approved by the Committee. The *Science Community Center* project is proceeding in schematic design. The Museum consultant has initiated meetings with the Committee.

Faculty consultant David Baggett stated that MJC faculty are concerned with the Measure E Website. Faculty would like to see more information posted sooner to the site. Chancellor Darnell is aware of faculty concerns and will be exploring responsive options to improve the information and user-friendliness of the site.

**Calaveras Educational Site:** Final analysis is underway. **Oakdale Educational Site:** College and District are currently reviewing possible sites. **West Side Educational Site:** The College and District are considering various site offers. **Turlock Educational Site:** Various properties are being considered for a future location.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

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Consent Agenda

Chair Rojas reported that Item C will be pulled from the agenda: Student Travel – Summer Basque Country Travel-Study. This item was previously approved by the Board and was presented for information only.

Purchase Orders

Approve purchase orders issued from December 1, 2007, to December 31, 2007.

Acceptance of Gifts

Accept with appreciation the following gifts:

Donor	Gift	College	Program
BK Welding	\$100.00	MJC	Young Farmers Ag Mechanics Club ¼ Scale Tractor Competition
Frank Assali	22 tons of almond shells	MJC	Bedding for the Beef and Sheep Units at Beckwith Instructional Laboratory
Richard Nimphius	28" TV	MJC	Ag Student Interim Housing, West Campus
Bavaro Ranches, Inc.	\$1,000.00	MJC	¼ Scale Tractor Project
TuCARE (Tuolumne County Alliance for Resources & Environment)	Plaque	MJC	Natural Resources Program, Natural Resources Competition

Grant Project Applications/Amendments

Authorize the Yosemite Community College District to submit the following project applications/amendments (**Report #2248**) and to enter into a contract with the appropriate donor agencies when the projects are selected for funding:

Agency	College	Agency Share	Proposer Share
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office	MJC	\$214,000	-0-
Foster & Kinship Care & Education Training Child Care	Columbia	\$1,500	-0-
Child Development Division/California Department of Education	YCCD	\$3,707,704	-0-
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office	MJC	\$126,759	-0-
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office	MJC	\$163,277	-0-
The James Irvine Foundation	MJC	\$400,000	-0-

Notice of Completion of Contract

Accept the work performance as having been completed and authorize final payment of 10% of the contract amount.

Bid #	Project Name	College	Contractor	Original Amount	Revised Amount
07-1579	Electrical Upgrade, Main Switchboard	Columbia	Big Valley Electric	\$198,000	\$215,339

Sabbatical Leaves 2008-2009

At its January meeting, the Board approved recommendations presented by Columbia College and MJC Sabbatical Leave Committees for 2008-2009 sabbatical leave recipients. A recommendation is made that the Board of Trustees approve the following additional 2008-2009 sabbatical leave.

Faculty Name	College	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Tom Nomof	MJC	-	Yes

Approve the Personnel Transaction list below, as amended,  
and commend retirees for their years of service:

**PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS LIST**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>Effective</b>
<b>Retirements:</b>				
Kedrick Nicholson 17 years of Service	Campus Security Office	Safety & Security	YCCD	2/29/2008
Robert Williams 33 years of Service	Counselor	Special Programs, DSPS	MJC	5/1/2008
<b>Probationary Appointments - Academic:</b>				
Craig Johnston	Academic Achievement Center Coordinator	Academic Achievement Center	CC	1/14/2008
<b>Promotional Appointments - Classified:</b>				
Amanda Landis	Secretary III	Business, Behavioral & Social Sciences	MJC	2/1/2008
<b>Temporary Appointments - Academic:</b>				
Suzanne Hulsey	Instructor of Chemistry	Science, Math & Engineering	MJC	Spring 2008 Only
Karin Rodts	DSPS Faculty Coordinator – 50%	DSPS	CC	1/14 to 6/30/2008
Susan Medeiros	EOPS/CARE/CalWorks/Veterans Faculty Coordinator – 50%	EOPS	CC	1/14 to 6/30/2008
<b>Lateral Transfers - Classified:</b>				
Shawn Smith	Child Development Center Associate Teacher	From General Child Care to Early Headstart, Family & Consumer Sciences	MJC	1/4/2008
<b>Reduction in Assignment - Academic:</b>				
Susan Medeiros	Counselor (100% to 50%)	DSPS	CC	1/14 to 6/30/2008
<b>Reduction in Assignment - Classified:</b>				
Karin Rodts	Laboratory Assistant I (100% to 50%)	DSPS	CC	1/14 to 6/30/2008
<b>Increase in Assignments – Classified:</b>				
Santiago Uvina	Program Representative II (11 months to 12 months)	TRIO/Upward Bound	MJC	2/1/2008
Aurelia Gonzalez	Program Representative II (11 months to 12 months)	TRIO/Upward Bound	MJC	2/1/2008

Name	Position	Department	College	Effective
Tiffnie Akiona	Program Representative II (11 months to 12 months)	TRIO/Ed Talent Search	MJC	2/1/2008
<b>Resignations:</b>				
Maria Baranova	Instructor of Chemistry	Science, Math & Engineering	MJC	12/15/2007
Carmen "Melissa" Soto	Admissions & Records Tech III	Admissions & Records	MJC	1/31/2008
Aracely Rodriguez	Financial Aid Technician II	Financial Aid	MJC	1/31/2008
Amanda Lewis	Support Service Aide	Workforce Training	MJC	12/31/2007
<b>Terminations:</b>				
Classified Probationary Employee	Grounds Maintenance II	Facilities Operations	CS	1/11/2008

Short-Term Appointees

Approve the list of short-term appointees, as amended, in accordance with recently adopted state law (AB500-Goldberg).

**SHORT-TERM APPOINTEES**

Name	Classification	Department	Coll	Start Date	End Date
Archer, Wendy	Laboratory Asst I	DSPS	CC	2/7/08	6/30/08
Caballero, Ruby	Program Aide	Technical Ed.	MJC	2/7/08	6/30/08
Castillo, Leticia	Outreach Recruiter	TRIO/Upward Bound	MJC	2/7/08	6/30/08
Ibarra, Luis	Custodian	Facilities Operations	CS	2/7/08	6/30/08
Johnson, Pauline	Fiscal Analyst III	District Grants	CS	2/7/08	6/30/08
Mathies, Janet	Secretary III	Chancellor	CS	2/7/08	6/30/08
Rodriguez, Aracely	Financial Aid Tech II	Financial Aid	MJC	2/15/08	6/30/08

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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Quarterly Report on the District's Financial Condition

Executive Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Services, Ms. Teresa Scott, reported that, consistent with prevailing fiscal practices and in compliance with current statute, staff prepared the quarterly statement of the District's financial condition for the quarter ending December 31, 2007. A copy of the status report statement was attached to the agenda. Ms. Scott reviewed the report with the Board. She reported that the report reflects trend information from 2004-2005 through 2006-2007 and projections for 2007-2008. The District did not have any significant events that impacted this report nor are there any

significant fiscal problems that must be addressed. A public hearing was conducted on the financial report for the quarter ending December 31, 2007. There were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Abshire that the Board of Trustees direct Staff to submit a copy of the required report to the Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

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Property Purchase (APN 109-015-054 and a Portion of 109-015-071)

At the YCCD Board of Trustees January meeting, Vice Chair Paul Neumann reported out from Closed Session that the Board unanimously authorized the Chancellor to negotiate property purchases of APN's 109-015-054 and 109-015-071 at Tully Road, Modesto. Chancellor Darnell reported that an offer was made, accepted, an appraisal was received, and the property is in escrow. The first level of due diligence is in progress; a survey and lot line adjustment are being conducted.

Chair Rojas commented that though the Board previously decided on a parking structure, when new and better options present themselves, they will be considered. When it is in the best interest of the colleges or District, the Board will revisit previous decisions and always look for the better option.

A motion was made by Trustee Abshire and seconded by Trustee DeMartini that the Board of Trustees accept the agreement and direct staff to conduct the due diligence activities to finalize the purchases.

The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

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MJC Spring 2009 Academic Calendar - Revised

MJC President Rich Rose reported that the 2008-2009 Academic Calendar for Modesto Junior College was previously approved at the November 14, 2007 Board of Trustees meeting. In December, the MJC Office of Instruction discovered an error in the calendar. In order to facilitate the two flex days mandated by the State, this revised Spring/Summer 2009 calendar reflects those dates by moving the Spring 2009 and Summer 2009 calendars forward one week.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Rojas that the Board of Trustees approve the revised 2008 - 2009 academic calendar for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

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Negotiations – YFA

Chancellor Darnell reported that discussion with the Yosemite Faculty Association (YFA) regarding 2007-2008 contract negotiations are continuing. Based on the interest-based bargaining process, a tentative agreement on salary has been reached with YFA. Faculty will receive a retroactive salary payment for services rendered beginning July 1, 2007. YFA members voted today to ratify the tentative agreement; however, the results of that vote were not yet available for this meeting. Chancellor Darnell requested that this matter return for Board approval on the March agenda.

A motion was made by Trustee Abshire and seconded by Trustee Flores to remove this discussion item from this agenda.

The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

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Resolution Authorizing  
Issuance of GO Bonds

Chancellor Darnell reported that the California Education Code requires districts to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds. The Resolution approves not-to exceed \$150 million of Series B Bonds and approves the preparation of the Official Statement which will be used by Citigroup to market the bonds. In light of the economic downturn, District staff is working hard to keep a strong bond rating. The Resolution before the Board has been reviewed by the District's Bond Counsel, Underwriter and Bond Consultant prior to its presentation to the Board. The Resolution also approves a Bond Purchase Agreement for the sale of the bonds to Citigroup. Additional Board action will be required for this second issuance of Bonds to approve the form of Official Statement.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Abshire that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No. 07-08/04 authorizing the issuance of YCCD General Obligation Bonds not to exceed \$150,000,000.

The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

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**COMMENTS**  
From the Board of Trustees

Trustee Flores reported that she visited two schools that are participating in MJC's Passport to College program. She thanked MJC for the wonderful opportunity that they are presenting to these elementary age students. Trustee Flores attended the Sacramento Legislative Conference and met with state legislators. She thanked Nick Stavrianoudakis for preparing talking points for Trustees. Trustee Flores also attended an MJC Allied Health event and the Edge Program which focuses on integrated basic education and skills training.

Trustee Abshire reported attending the second meeting of the Basic Skills Round table and she thanked faculty for their input. Roundtable discussions are currently on supporting adjunct faculty who teach basic skills. Trustee Abshire participated in the Campaign for College Opportunity in support of SB 890 which supports the Early College Commitment Campaign. Trustee Abshire received a report with projections on college graduates and California workforce needs.

Trustee Neumann commended Trustee Abshire for her lobbying efforts. He will be bringing a proposal to his fellow trustees at the upcoming Spring Board Retreat.

Trustee DeMartini attended the Sacramento Legislative Conference and met with State Legislators. Trustee DeMartini stated that the Governor and the Legislature support community colleges and it would still be effective to separate from the K-12 system. She encouraged faculty and staff to advocate for this cause.

Trustee Rojas spoke at an El Concilio event on the direction of California Community Colleges. He participated in the Turlock Education Summit which focuses on providing job skills and vocational opportunities. Trustee Rojas has been a long time resident of Turlock. The City of Turlock recognized Trustee Rojas for his commitment to the City and its youth and named a softball field after him.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. Closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and open session at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Education Room, Manzanita Building Columbia College, 11600 Columbia College Drive, Sonora.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Abe Rojas, Chair  
YCCD Board of Trustees

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Roe Darnell, Secretary  
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