

**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTIETH REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Linda Flores at 3:30 p.m. Trustees then recessed to closed session in YCCD Conference Room B for the purpose of discussing the following closed session agenda items:

1. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957
Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Appointment
Chancellor Search Update
Executive Vice Chancellor Contract
2. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54956.9(a) - Litigation
Case: Lyon v. YCCD
Case: Grievance Appeal Hearing
3. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54956.9(b)
Significant Exposure to Litigation: Two Cases
4. Pursuant to G. C. Section 54957.6 - Conference with Labor Negotiations
District Representatives: J. Williams, T. Scott, D. Wirth, G. Railey
Employee Organizations: CSEA, YFA

The Board of Trustees reconvened to public session at 5:30 p.m. in the YCCD Board Room. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board action.

Board Members Present Pat Dean
 Anne DeMartini
 Linda Flores
 Tom Hallinan (arrived at 6:00 p.m.)
 Paul Neumann
 Abe Rojas
 Delsie Schrimp
 Andrea Garfinkel-Castro (student trustee)

Board Members Absent None

Others Present James Williams, Maria Baker, Jim Riggs, Teresa Scott, Diane Wirth, Bill Scroggins, Stephen Stroud, Nick Stavrianoudakis, Michelle Christopherson, Linda Hoile, Alicia Kolstad, Jeff Swank, Spence Cooper, Linda Kropp, Michele Laverty, John Scheuber, Deborah Campbell, Carrie Sampson, Sue Griffin, Steve Collins, Mark Anglin, Gary Boyd, Gary Moriarty, Myrna Wagner, George Boodrookas, Felicia Osnaya, R.C. Lance Barnell, Jim West, Irene Pippin, Randy Rowyl, Lloyd Vaught, Hilda Sielicki, Wayne Zipser, Dorothy Scully, Bill Bassitt, Kurtis Clark, Connie Mical, and Shelley Akiona (recorder).

15,055 Board Chair Flores announced that during closed session the Report Out from Closed Board of Trustees voted 6-0 to extend Ms. Teresa Scott's contract Session as Executive Vice Chancellor through June 30, 2008.

15,056 A motion was made by Trustee Schrimp, seconded by Trustee Approval of the Minutes DeMartini, that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the

regular meeting of January 12, 2005. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

15,057
Student Activity Reports

Modesto Junior College - Frank Johnson, ASMJC President, reported that ASMJC went before the Modesto City Council to thank each department for their assistance in lowering the speed limit on Blue Gum Avenue, installing a crosswalk and relocating the bus stop. He also reported on two surveys that were being conducted. The results of a smoke-free campus survey were 526 in support, 185 against and 9 undecided. The second survey will ask students if campus security officers should be armed. He also expressed student concerns on two issues: 1) West Campus nurse's station is not open and 2) the program management firm hired to provide student internships.

Interim President Bill Scroggins stated that the West Campus Nurse resigned and that the salary range was not competitive with today's market. Diane Wirth, Interim Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, reported that a statewide salary survey is being conducted and more information will be available at the next meeting.

Student Trustee Garfinkel-Castro commended ASMJC on a successful fashion show. Board Chair Flores and other members of the Board extended their thanks and appreciation to Mr. Johnson for attending this meeting, as he is recovering from an illness and hospital stay.

Columbia College - Sue Griffiths, ASCC President, reported on upcoming activities to be held at Columbia College in recognition of Black History Month. One event is "Mining for Freedom" to be held February 24, at 7:00 p.m. with free admission. She also reported that two new clubs formed on campus; the drama club which is named "ACCLAIM," and the Indian cultural club whose name is translated as "all my relations." She reported that many more activities are being planned in the next few months.

15,058
Academic Senate Activity Reports

Michelle Christopherson, MJC Academic Senate President, focused her report on Measure E Bond projects. She appreciated receiving the draft bond priority list and having the opportunity to share ideas and input with District Council. She thanked Dr. Williams for Senate representation on the committee to select a program manager. She also expressed faculty concerns about design construction and cost overruns. The Academic Senate has concerns about the architectural firm. She asked the Board that the District protect itself from the type of problems that have occurred in the past on projects such as Sierra Hall, Founders Hall and the Science building remodel and presented materials supporting the faculty's claims.

Trustee Schrimp stated that faculty has committee representation and were represented at the time of the Science building remodel. In response to an inquiry from Trustee Rojas, Executive Vice

Chancellor Teresa Scott confirmed that a percentage of payment is held and surety bonds are secured to ensure satisfaction of completed work. Trustee DeMartini thanked the Academic Senate for the information.

Alicia Kolstad, CC Academic Senate President, thanked Dr. Williams for meeting with the Academic Senate leadership last month to discuss faculty issues and concerns. She also thanked Michelle Christopherson and Geri Wend for setting up the joint Academic Senate meeting on February 10, 2005. She also extended commendations to Central Services staff for their assistance and patience during this large hiring period.

Board Chair Flores thanked both Academic Senate presidents for their presentations.

**REPORTS AND
INFORMATION ITEMS**

15,059

Activities/Announcements

Author Highlights Black
History Month

President Jim Riggs reported that author Sylvia Roberts will take a look at African Americans in the Gold Rush through her presentation, "Mining for Freedom" on February 24, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Dogwood Forum. Coordinated by the Associated Students Columbia College (ASCC), Roberts will highlight Black History Month at Columbia College. In addition, an African American exhibit in the Manzanita Rotunda will feature a music display, historical photos, rare books, biographical posters and a film on the underground railroad.

Women's History Month
Celebrated in March

President Jim Riggs reported that Associated Students Columbia College (ASCC) plans are underway to recognize March as Women's History Month at Columbia College. Photos, posters and poetry depicting prominent women in history will be on display at Columbia College in the Manzanita Rotunda, starting on March 1.

MJC Management
Training Opportunity

Interim President Bill Scroggins reported that MJC is offering a management training day at the NASA Challenger Learning Center on Thursday, February 10, 2005. Participants will earn a ½ unit of college credit for the class, *Decision Making and Problem Solving Mgmt 50G*.

MJC to Host Annual
African American
Education Conference

Interim President Bill Scroggins reported that MJC will host the 17th Annual African American Education Conference & Teen Summit on Saturday, February 12, 2005, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on MJC's East Campus. The free conference is aimed at inspiring youth of all backgrounds, ages 12-19, to pursue a college education. The keynote speaker will be local businessman Emerson Johnson speaking on "Self Determination." A variety of workshop topics will include "Preparing for College," "Developing Good Study Skills," "Financial Aid," "Attending a Historically Black College" and "Where the Real Bling Bling Is." A special Parents' Workshop will be held 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on "How to Prepare

Students for ACT/SAT Test & College Prep Courses.”

A complimentary continental breakfast and lunch will be provided for all registered participants. Pre-registration is requested and registration forms are available in activity offices at high schools in the Modesto City School District, online at www.mjc.edu and by calling 575-6700.

MJC Mediator Skills
Training Workshop

Modesto Junior College has scheduled a communication, conflict resolution and mediation skills course for managers and staff members on February 23-25, 2005, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. This 12-hour course, lead by the Mediation Center of San Joaquin County, is designed to give participants a basic knowledge of the mediation process.

CCLC Legislative
Conference

On January 30-31, 2005, the Community College League of California held its annual Legislative Conference. Representatives from YCCD attended and received the latest information on proposed legislation, the Governor’s budget proposal, and to discuss issues that directly affect YCCD with our local representatives. Six trustees, the MJC Interim President, the YCCD Interim Chancellor, and the Director of External Affairs met with YCCD’s six area legislators and/or their representatives.

Trustee Schrimp reported that the Governor is very much in favor of community colleges this year. Invitations were extended to legislators to visit MJC and Columbia College. Trustee Flores and DeMartini reported that they attended sessions that were informative, received current information, and were glad to participate. Interim Chancellor James Williams commended Board Chair Flores for encouraging legislators to support equalization funding. Dr. Williams expressed appreciation for the Governor’s proposed 3% growth, 3.93% COLA and the hope that equalization funding will be added back into the budget. Dr. Williams recognized student trustee Andrea Garfinkel-Castro and Karlha Arias from External Affairs who also attended and were very actively involved. Trustee Hallinan reported that this was his first opportunity to meet Senator Cox and was pleased with that meeting and discussions regarding Prop 98. Trustee Rojas attended a meeting of the Advisory Commission on Legislation. Equalization was also a topic of that meeting.

15,060
Presentations/Updates
CampusWorks & Datatel
Update

Lloyd Vaught, representing the Information Technology Oversight Committee, provided a brief progress report on the efforts to solve our software problems. He reported that the current structure is on the right track. Spring registration was successful and they are working on summer and fall registration. In response to an inquiry by Trustee Schrimp, Mr. Vaught stated the goal is complete self-reliance once the consultants leave. Mandatory upgrades are necessary to stay at current product level. Trustee Neumann expressed thanks that Bill Woodard was available to come back to

the District during this transition period. Trustee Neumann has noticed a positive change on campus. Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott thanked Lloyd Vaught, Bill Woodard and Jim Ply for their continuing efforts and good progress. Trustees thanked Professor Vaught for his report.

State Budget Update

Teresa Scott, Executive Vice Chancellor, provided highlights of the Governor's 2005-2006 Proposed State Budget. The primary factors affecting community colleges favorably include 3% growth, 3.93% COLA and no student fee increase. There is the possibility of restoration of Partnership for Excellence (PFE) funding. A proposed 2% increase to the STRS employer contribution, however, will impact community colleges negatively. The increased STRS cost to YCCD is estimated to be approximately \$500,000. Also, the Governor did not include equalization funding in his proposal. Despite the State's ongoing budget challenges and a \$2.3 billion cut to Proposition 98, the budget shows the commitment of the Governor to provide access to community colleges. An amended budget for this current year will be brought before the Board for approval in March.

Ag Pavilion Learning Center Project

John Scheuber, former MJC Ag instructor and current President of the Stanislaus Ag Center Foundation, presented a proposal to the Board of Trustees to locate an Ag Pavilion Learning Center on three acres on the edge of MJC's West Campus (**Report #2151**). The Ag Pavilion Learning Center will be dedicated to agricultural education and awareness. The center would be designed as a cutting edge, high-tech and interactive science museum with multi-purpose area, resource center and various labs to showcase agricultural products. The Ag Center Foundation estimates the project to cost \$23 million. Mr. Scheuber reported that over \$3 million has been raised to date. A delegation will be visiting Washington, D.C. in March to try and get additional dollars to build the structure. Mr. Scheuber asked that the Board begin the process of studying the synergisms that might be gained from this partnership; consider the possibility of having the Center located on the perimeter of MJC for freeway visibility and accessibility; and consider the joint benefit of sharing and utilizing facilities. Trustee Neumann stated that this type of project is compatible with our educational mission and believes that this is a project that the community can support. Trustee Dean is pleased to support new partnerships. Board Chair Flores recognized the benefits for K-12 students and the community. Trustees Flores and DeMartini inquired regarding financial feasibility of the project. Mr. Scheuber stated that an economic study has been done and a business plan addressing construction and operation will be ready to share with the Board in March. Trustee Rojas expressed concern regarding increasing traffic on Briggsmore/Carpenter, however, believes this is an excellent opportunity. Trustee Schrimp indicated that the State owns the property and that will need to be considered. Trustees directed staff to further pursue this potential partnership.

Interim Chancellor James Williams informed the Board that a preliminary meeting with Mr. Scheuber, Bill Scroggins, Maria Baker, Teresa Scott and himself had been conducted. Dr. Williams

will move this item to the next step and bring a report back to the board.

ACTION ITEMS

15,061

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Rojas, seconded by Trustee Neumann that the Board of Trustees take the following action on the Consent Agenda Items as follows:

Purchase Orders

Approve the purchase orders issued from December 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.

Acceptance of Gifts

Accept with appreciation the following gifts:

- a. 290 bales of pasture grass from Bud Fisher to be used for the Animal Science Program at Modesto Junior College.
- b. Video camera and underwater housing from Joel Tuttle to be used in the TV/Film Department at Modesto Junior College.
- c. Donation of \$160 from Suzanne Forrest to be used to pay a harpist for the November 22 and 23, 2005 rehearsal and concert for the Music Department at Modesto Junior College.
- d. 100 pounds of garnet abrasive blasting material from Edwards Heat Treating Service to be used in the Machine Tool Technology program at Modesto Junior College.
- e. Pregnancy check services from John Openshaw to be used in the Sheep Unit – Animal Science Program in the Ag and Environmental Sciences & Technical Education Division at Modesto Junior College.
- f. Donation of \$150 from Lou Barton to be used to assist in the purchase of new instruments and in improvements in the band room at Modesto Junior College.
- g. Pick up, elevator setup, hulling and field hauling services for 26,980 pounds of walnuts from Alan Cover to be used in the Beckwith Instructional Lab in the Ag and Environmental Sciences & Technical Education Division at Modesto Junior College.
- h. Ten Huntsman welding helmets, 15 sets of heavy welding gloves and 15 sets of light welding gloves from Modesto Steel to be used in the Ag and Environmental Sciences & Technical Education Division at Modesto Junior College.
- i. Source 1 Altamont Plastics, a plexiglass display box

to be used in the biology program at Columbia College.

- j. Donation of \$50 from Gina Wells to purchase supplies in the biology program at Columbia College.
- k. Donation of \$1,000 from David Dillabo to be used for the Livestock Judging Team in the Ag & Environmental Sciences Division at Modesto Junior College.
- l. Donation of \$500 from Mr. & Mrs. Ray Rodgers to be used for the Dairy Judging Team in the Ag & Environmental Sciences Division at Modesto Junior College.

Notice of Completion of Contract Accept the work performed by Land Technology, Inc., on the Domestic Water Valve Additions at Columbia College, Bid #05-1546, as having been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and authorize final payment of \$2,570.82 to be made.

Nonresident Tuition Fee Adopt a 2005-2006 nonresident student tuition fee of \$151, consistent with the statewide average.

Project Applications/Amendments Authorize the Yosemite Community College District to submit the following project applications/amendments (**Report #2152**) and to enter into a contract with the appropriate donor agencies when the projects are selected for funding:

- a. Child 25 Infant/Toddler Caregiver Training - CC
Submitted to Human Resources Council
Calaveras Headstart/State Preschool
Agency share: \$7,425; Proposer share: \$0
- b. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Careers in Child Development - MJC
Submitted to Foundation for California Community Colleges
Agency share: \$49,585; Proposer share: \$0
- c. Tech Prep Local Networks and Collaboratives Project - MJC
Submitted to California Department of Education
Agency share: \$196,618; Proposer share: \$0

Notice of Non-Renewal of Contract – Classified Management Approve the non-renewal of the classified management contract for System Programming Manager, Yosemite Community College District.

The motion approving the Consent Agenda Items carried with a vote of 7-0.

15,062
Personnel Items A motion was made by Trustee Rojas, seconded by Trustee Dean that the Board of Trustees approve the Personnel Items, with

changes noted by Diane Wirth, Interim Chancellor of Human Resources, as follows:

Alice Noriega

Interim Chancellor Diane Wirth stated corrections to item #3, Elaine Thornton, and item #7, Rick Rivera, those are noted below. Accept the retirement of **Alice Noriega**, Director of Benefits, Yosemite Community College District, effective February 4, 2005,

and officially commend her for over 20 years of valuable service to the District.

Tawn Angela LaBarbera

Approve the probationary appointment of **Tawn Angela LaBarbera** to the position of Research Analyst, Educational Services, Yosemite Community College District, effective January 24, 2005.

Elaine Thornton

Approve the ~~probationary~~ promotional appointment of **Elaine Thornton** to Support Staff III, Counseling, Modesto Junior College, effective February 10, 2005, contingent upon funding.

Sandy Stretch

Approve the promotional appointment of **Sandy Stretch** to Foundation Group Coordinator, MJC Foundation, Modesto Junior College, effective February 1, 2005.

Carolyn Buck

Approve the appointment of **Carolyn Buck** to the position of Dean of Learning Support Services, Columbia College, effective February 22, 2005, rather than February 1, 2005, as previously approved.

John Zamora

Approve the administrative appointment (interim) of **John Zamora** to the position of Dean, Business, Behavioral and Social Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective January 18, 2005, not to exceed one year.

Rick Rivera

Approve the lateral transfer of **Rick Rivera**, ~~Counselor~~, from Instructor of English, Modesto Junior College, to Instructor of English, Columbia College, effective Fall 2005.

Eric Ivory

Approve the lateral transfer of **Eric Ivory**, Counselor, from EOP&S Counselor to General Counselor, Counseling, Modesto Junior College, effective with the 2005/2006 academic year.

Todd McClintock

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Todd McClintock**, Art Instructor, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, from 60% to 90% effective January 10, 2005 through April 29, 2005.

Carole Cameron

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Carole Cameron**, Art Instructor, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, from 60% to 80% effective January 10, 2005 through April 29, 2005.

Linda Johnson

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Linda Johnson**, Humanities Instructor, Arts, Humanities & Communications,

Modesto Junior College, from 60% to 80% effective January 10, 2005 through April 29, 2005.

Richard Colla

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Richard Colla**, Music Instructor, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto

Junior College, from 60% to 62.5% effective January 10, 2005 through April 29, 2005.

Dawn Stout-Fernandez

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Dawn Stout-Fernandez**, Nursing - Clinical/Skills Lab Instructor, Allied Health, Modesto Junior College, from 60% to 100% effective January 10, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

Gladys Schmitt

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Gladys Schmitt**, Nursing - Skills Lab Instructor, Allied Health, Modesto Junior College, from 60% to 100% effective January 10, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

Maria "Luisa" Adams

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Maria "Luisa" Adams**, Library Media Technician II, Learning Resources/Library, Modesto Junior College, from 75% to 95%, effective January 29, 2005 through March 26, 2005.

Bobbie Jantz

Approve the voluntary reduction in assignment from 100% to 83.75% for **Bobbie Jantz**, Administrative Secretary, Criminal Justice Training Center, Modesto Junior College, effective January 25, 2005 to April 30, 2005.

Gary Fair

Approve the voluntary reduction in assignment from 100% to 84% for **Gary Fair**, Instructional Assistant II, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, effective January 24, 2005 to April 29, 2005.

Anne Shanto

Approve the voluntary reduction in assignment from 100% to 79% for **Anne Shanto**, Performing Arts Costume Specialist, Arts, Humanities, & Communication, Modesto Junior College, effective January 10, 2005 to April 29, 2005.

Koni Bicknell

Approve the unpaid leave of absence for **Koni Bicknell**, Administrative Secretary, Columbia College, effective February 7, 2005 to April 30, 2005.

Taisha King

Accept the resignation of **Taisha King**, Campus Security Dispatcher, 40%, Yosemite Community College District, effective January 1, 2005.

Ka Lor

Accept the resignation of **Ka Lor**, Fiscal Analyst III, Workforce Training Center, Modesto Junior College, effective January 31, 2005.

Asia Keil

Approve the termination of probationary employment of **Asia Keil**, Food Service Specialist – 60%, at Columbia College, effective

January 27, 2005.

Short-Term Appointees

Approve the list of short-term appointees in accordance with State law, AB500-Goldberg. The motion approving the Personnel Items carried with a vote of 7-0.

Discussion Items

15,063

YCCD and the Alliance
Small Business
Development Center
(SBDC) Partnership

Interim Chancellor James Williams reported that during the past two semesters business development classes have been offered at MJC through the community education program. These classes are a joint venture between the Alliance Small Business Development Center and YCCD. There is potential to expand this collaboration (**Report # 2153**). Dr. Williams introduced Bill Bassitt, CEO of the Stanislaus Economic Development Alliance. The function of the Alliance is to oversee economic and workforce development for Stanislaus County. Kurtis Clark, Alliance Small Business Development Center Director, presented to the Board the existing partnerships the Alliance has with MJC through the community education program. The Alliance requested that the Board assist the Alliance in collaborating on additional classes, training and workshops for small businesses, entrepreneurs, child care business training, etc.; encourage interested faculty to participate in SBDC programs; expand this collaboration to Columbia College; join in grant applications and jointly explore additional funding sources; explore the possibility of using MJC and district facilities and invest \$25,000 of financial resources to expand one-on-one client consulting. In response to a question by Trustee Rojas, Mr. Clark stated that the Alliance will be hosting free workshops to small businesses on how to procure or do business with government entities which will help local small businesses who may want to participate as a subcontractor on large construction projects. Trustee Hallinan reported that he attended an SBDC economic development program in New Orleans and is encouraged by the work that our local Alliance SBDC is doing to promote economic development in our own community. The Board discussed the funding proposal, and Dr. Williams stated that those funds would need to be budgeted into next year's budget. Trustees expressed interest in expanding the partnership with the Alliance and directed staff to review and research the Alliance's requests. Trustee Hallinan made a motion that the Board direct staff to pursue the requests outlined in the Alliance's letter to Trustee Hallinan attached to the February 9, 2005 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dean. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

15,064

Request for Qualifications
for Program Management
Services

Interim Chancellor James Williams reported that at the January 12, 2005 Board of Trustees meeting, ten firms responded to the Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for Program Management Services. Two firms elected to submit a joint proposal. At the last board meeting the Board directed the Interim Chancellor to establish a review committee to evaluate the applications and report the results to the Board. The committee consisted of three

trustees, the College Presidents, Maria Baker, Teresa Scott, Dr. James Williams, a faculty member and two community members. Dr. Williams requested that a motion be made to amend the recommendation to interview the top four, instead of the top three program management candidates.

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendations by the RFQ Screening Committee to interview the top four program management candidates - DMJM, Swinerton, Kitchell, 3DI/URS. The successful firm will be responsible for coordinating the design and construction of the bond projects. Interviews will be held February 25, 2005 and Trustees are invited to attend. Trustee Hallinan commended Interim Chancellor Williams for his good work on forming the review committee and bringing recommendations to the Board in a timely fashion.

Trustee DeMartini made a motion to interview the top four candidates, and it was seconded by Trustee Dean. The vote carried 7-0.

15,065
Quarterly Report on the
District's Financial
Condition

Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott presented the second quarterly report (**Report #2154**). This report will be submitted to the State once the Board has reviewed and approved it. We are now 50% through the fiscal year. A \$101 million revenue budget and a \$102 million expenditure budget was adopted. While this is a deficit spending budget, the District continues to maintain its 5% reserve. The District's fiscal difficulties due to the drop in the full-time equivalent students at Modesto Junior College have been reported to the State. The Board of Trustees conducted a public hearing to review the District's financial report for the quarter ended December 31, 2004. There were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Trustee Schrimp and seconded by Trustee Neumann that the District submit 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 7-0.

15,066
Sexual Harassment
Awareness Training

Diane Wirth, Interim Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, reported that AB1825 requires employers to provide Sexual Harassment Awareness Training to full-time employees. Human Resources is developing a training process to address the requirements of AB1825 and the Government Code. Two interactive trainings have been scheduled in March at Modesto Junior College. The first will be held on March 16, 2005 with the Instructional Administrative Council (IAC), the second is scheduled for March 29, 2005, with Student Services. Feedback will be gathered from these two sessions. From that the finalized process will be developed. Training will begin this summer and extend through fall. Trustee DeMartini requested that the Board give the Human Resources staff direction on this issue and encouraged trustees to attend the pilot sessions and give feedback. She further requested that this item be brought back to the Board in

April to be reviewed and approved. Chair Flores stated that the Board would look forward to further information at the April meeting.

COMMENTS

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Comments from the Public

Ron Ramont and Ian Parker from Merrill-Lynch addressed the Board regarding the passing of Measure E. Merrill-Lynch asked that the Board reconsider securing co-managers on the bond. Ian Parker presented benefits of having a co-manager and that Merrill-Lynch would be a good fit with the District in that role. Merrill-Lynch would provide wider distribution; aggressive pricing and a strong local community presence. A co-manager will not cost the district additional monies, it will be an expense assessed to Citigroup.

Trustee Hallinan commented that he was originally interested in a co-manager, however, at the last board meeting he was persuaded by the subcommittee that there was no need for a co-manager. Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott reminded the Board that this selection process started two years ago, this also included researching the feasibility of hiring a co-manager. Two separate rounds of interviews were held. CitiGroup was recommended to the Board by the subcommittee and that selection was accepted by the Board at the February 9, 2005 Board meeting. In response to inquiry by Trustee DeMartini, Ian Parker explained that with the possibility of more retail orders being generated between CitiGroup and Merrill-Lynch, supply and demand is created and the bonds could be repriced.

Trustee Rojas asked if Merrill-Lynch were selected, would they want a co-manager. Ian Parker responded that the District would benefit from a co-manager. Trustee DeMartini commented that the issue may need to be revisited if having a co-manager would generate additional revenue. Trustees Rojas and Schrimp served on the selection committee. Trustee Rojas stated that a unanimous decision had been made after an analysis had been completed by the subcommittee. The information being provided could have been considered if it had been presented at the time firms were being interviewed. Trustee Schrimp commented that it is very important to be able to offer the bonds to the local community. However, all firms interviewed recommended that a co-manager was unnecessary. Dr. Williams advised that the Board cannot take any action at this time.

Trustee Schrimp and Board Chair Flores thanked Merrill-Lynch for coming and sharing this information. Board Chair Flores expressed appreciation to the trustees and staff who served on this selection committee.

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Comments from the Board
of Trustees

Trustee DeMartini reported that she enjoyed attending the Black History Luncheon at MJC, which was put on by the American Association of Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC).

Trustee Dean reported that a committee has been formed in Tuolumne County to look at community indicators that would draw people to that area. Trustee Dean and President Riggs are serving on the education committee. Trustee Dean is also serving on the fiscal review and accreditation committees at Columbia College.

Trustee Neumann visited with former MJC President Maria Sheehan, President, College of the Desert. That district has recently passed a bond.

Trustees Rojas and DeMartini and Student Trustee Garfinkel-Castro enjoyed attending the staff Follies at MJC. Student Trustee Garfinkel-Castro reported that the Civic Engagement Program is presenting short films and speakers over the next few weeks. The first event will be held Thursday, February 10, 2005.

Board Chair Flores announced that the Citizens' Oversight Committee Applications are available and are due on February 18, 2005.

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NEXT MEETING

The Board of Trustees adjourned to a retreat on Thursday, February 24, 2005, at the Red Lion Hotel, Vineyard I Meeting Room, 1612 Sisk Road, Modesto. Closed session will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by an open session. No action will be taken at this meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on March 9, 2005. Closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and open session at 5:30 p.m. at Columbia College.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Linda Flores, Chair
YCCD Board of Trustees

James Williams, Secretary
YCCD Board of Trustees