

**MINUTES
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FIRST ADJOURNED MEETING FROM THE 546th REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2010**

**BOARD STUDY SESSION
YCCD BOARD ROOM
2201 Blue Gum Avenue
Modesto, California
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

The Board Study Session was called to order by Chair Pat Dean at 3:30 p.m. Chair Dean announced there would be no Closed Session.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board Action.

Trustees began with the Open Session Agenda.

Board Members Present Pat Dean, Board Chair
 Desirree Abshire
 Anne DeMartini
 Abe Rojas
 Tom Hallinan
 Mike Riley
 Linda Flores

Board Members Absent Soliel Talamantes, Student Trustee

Others Present J. Smith, N. Stavrianoudakis, G. Molina, J. Mathies (Recorder)

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Discussion Items
Fall Board Retreat

Interim Chancellor Smith reported that Dr. Barbara Beno, President of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, is available for Board training on accreditation. At the suggestion of Trustee DeMartini and following board discussion, Interim Chancellor Smith was requested to invite Dr. Beno to the Board's Spring 2011 Retreat where newly elected Trustees will be present. Retired CEO Dr. Kevin Ramirez will join the Board at its Fall Retreat on September 17, 2010, as facilitator and will also provide board governance training.

Board Self-Evaluation Trustees previously participated in a Board self-evaluation. Those results were compiled by the Chancellor's Office and made available to Trustees for review and discussion at this meeting. In the future, Trustees would like the self-evaluation tool to be tied to State Accreditation Standards. Trustees specifically discussed the Board's interest in, and the value of, members regularly participating in seminars, conferences and retreats, specific to Board needs and priorities. The Board requested information and recommendations from the Interim Chancellor regarding upcoming governance events. There was discussion on the need to increase the technical aspects of Board development with respect to

financial, accreditation, policy, and long-range planning. Trustee Hallinan commented that the Board should focus on what their roles and responsibilities are as Trustees. Further, the Board requested that Interim Chancellor Smith increase staff training, succession planning, to include mentoring, and leadership development. Trustee Riley commented on a focus and support of long-range planning and the most efficient use of District resources, including specific focuses on employee retirement, employee benefits and integrated planning. Trustees discussed and concluded that there is a Trustee need for more information on the educational and service needs of the community. Trustee Flores commented that the colleges are to reflect the diversity of their communities. Chair Dean commented that continued discussion on this topic should occur at a future date. Trustee Abshire suggested a mentorship program for student graduates to connect them with professionals in the graduate's field of interest.

Special Priorities

The Trustees discussed various 2010-11 Goals and Priorities and commented that goals should be obtainable and measurable. Trustees determined the first priority is to hire a permanent Chancellor, with an employment date in the Summer of 2011. The Board discussed various Board Priorities and Goals, keeping #1, #2, #6 and #7 from the 2009-2010 Special Priorities, and adding Accreditation and succession planning as priorities or core value statements. Interim Chancellor Smith was requested to prepare draft 2010-2011 Special Priorities for review and discussion by the Board at its next regular meeting. Trustees discussed development of Board core values and a subcommittee was appointed. The subcommittee members as appointed are: Trustees DeMartini, Riley, and Flores. The subcommittee will bring draft Board Core Values to the entire Board for review and discussion at a future meeting.

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COMMENTS

Chair Dean reported she will be unable to attend the September 8, 2010, Board meeting and requested that Vice Chair Abshire preside over the meeting.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2010. Closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and open session at 5:30 p.m. in the Yosemite Community College District Board Room, Yosemite Community College District, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto, California.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Pat Dean, Chair
YCCD Board of Trustees

Joan E. Smith, Ed.D., Secretary
YCCD Board of Trustees