

**MINUTES**  
**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**FIVE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH REGULAR MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 12, 2007**

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The annual organizational meeting of the Board was called to order by Chancellor Roe Darnell at 3:30 p.m. in the Yosemite Community College District Board Room, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, in Modesto. Chancellor Darnell presided over the meeting until a Board Chair was elected.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag preceded formal Board Action

Board Members Present      Pat Dean  
   Anne DeMartini  
   Abe Rojas  
   Tom Hallinan  
   Paul Neumann  
   Desirree Abshire

Board Members Absent      Linda Flores  
   Elbert James (student trustee)

Others Present                      G. Rose, T. Scott, R. Rose, N. Stavrianoudakis, G. Molina, S. Akiona (recorder).

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Reorganization of the Board of Trustees      Education Code Section 72000 requires that the annual organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees be conducted within 15 days after the first Friday in December. In compliance with this code section, the Board of Trustees accomplished the following:

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Election of Board Chair      Chancellor Darnell opened the floor to nominations for Chair of the Board of Trustees. A motion nominating Abe Rojas was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Hallinan. A motion to close the nominations was made by Trustee Hallinan and seconded by Trustee Neumann. The Board of Trustees elected Mr. Abe Rojas Chair of the YCCD Board of Trustees.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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Election of Vice Chair      New Chair Abe Rojas called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. A motion nominating Trustee Neumann was made by Trustee DeMartini and seconded by Trustee Dean. There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed by Chair Rojas. The Board of Trustees elected Mr. Neumann Vice Chair of the YCCD Board of Trustees.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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Secretary to the Board                      Chair Rojas appointed Dr. Roe Darnell as secretary to the Board of Trustees.

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Stenographer for the Board                      Chair Rojas appointed Shelley Akiona, the Chancellor's Administrative Assistant, as stenographer for the Board of Trustees.

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Time and Place of Regular Meetings                      After discussion, the Board of Trustees agreed to maintain the time and place of the regular meetings. The Board of Trustees will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. The February meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of that month. Closed session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and open session at 5:30 p.m. Two of the meetings will be conducted at Columbia College. Tentative dates were set for the Board's Spring and Fall Retreats and study sessions as needed.

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Voting Representative to Attend Stanislaus County Annual Meeting                      Trustee Dean moved to nominate Trustee DeMartini to serve as a voting representative to attend the Stanislaus County annual meeting where vacancies on the Stanislaus County Committee on School District Organization are filled. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hallinan. There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0

Voting Representative to Attend Stanislaus County Annual Meeting - Alternate                      *This matter was voted on out of order at the conclusion of the open session meeting.*

Chancellor Darnell advised that a Board member is needed to serve as an alternate should the voting representative (Trustee DeMartini) be unable to attend the Stanislaus County annual meeting where vacancies on the Stanislaus County Committee on School District Organization are filled. A motion was made by Trustee Neumann, and seconded by Trustee Hallinan that Trustee Abshire serve as alternate. There were no additional nominations.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Representative to serve on the Stanislaus County Schools Boards Association                      Trustee Abshire moved to nominate Trustee DeMartini to serve as the member to serve on the Stanislaus County Schools Boards Association. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hallinan. There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed by Chair Rojas.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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Board Member and  
Chancellor's Cabinet  
Member to serve on the  
VIP/JPA Board of Directors

Chancellor Darnell advised that this appointment is being added to the reorganization meeting of the Board to provide consistency with Board appointments. He provided a brief history on Board membership on the VIP/JPA Board of Directors. A motion was made by Trustee Dean nominating Chair Rojas, and Diane Wirth as the staff alternate, and seconded by Trustee Abshire. There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed by Chair Rojas.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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Board Member to serve on  
Basic Skills Professional  
Development Roundtable  
(not agendized)

Chancellor Darnell advised that this appointment is being added to the reorganization meeting agenda. The Carnegie Foundation has requested that Trustee Abshire serve. Chancellor Darnell is requesting Board appointment. A motion was made by Trustee Hallinan nominating Trustee Abshire and seconded by Trustee Neumann. There were no additional nominations and the nominations were closed by Chair Rojas.

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

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**CLOSED SESSION  
AGENDA**

At approximately 3:45 p.m. the Board adjourned to closed session in Conference Room B of the Yosemite Community College District to discuss closed session items listed on the agenda.

The Board of Trustees reconvened to open session at 5:43 p.m. in the Yosemite Community College District Board Room.

Board Members Present      Anne DeMartini  
Pat Dean  
Linda Flores  
Tom Hallinan  
Paul Neumann  
Desirree Abshire  
Abe Rojas

Board Members Absent      Elbert James (student trustee)

Others Present              T. Scott, G. Rose, R. Darnell, R. Rose, J. Smith, D. Baggett, J. Swank, J. Daly, B. Nadell, N. Stavrianoudakis, J. Sahlman, L. Hoile, K. Schultz, D. Gervin, B. Crow, E. Christopherson, M. Christopherson, M. Robles, K. Walters-Dunlap, J. Lanning, T. Rojas, M. Fretl, V. Metcalf, G. Sherriffe, L. Diggs-Gray, I. Nunez, C. Mical, C. Sampson, B. Imbesi, J. Codoni, T. Nicoll-Johnson, M. McKinnon, D. Bunce, D. Keller, H. Louie, D. Louie, B. Hutchison, F. Osnaya, S. Miller, M. Adams, J.T. Johnson, D.

Phillips, B. Sinclair, M. Kennedy, M. Otaya, G. Boodrookas, G. Whitfield, N. Backlund, D. Todd, L. Kekic, B. Anelli, W. Byrd, C. Putnam, M. Anglin, L. Kropp, R. Milburn, L. Wong, S. Mellor, V. Lara, A. Coey, A. Mercer, D. Keo, G. Catrina, A. Meneses, K. Martin, E. Funez, D. Partridge, J. Lanchester, P. Amarante, D. Higginbotham, A. Peek, D. Shrock, B. Gibbs, D. Campbell, R. Ganes, D. Gervin, S. Woodside, E. Jarrett, S. Curl and S. Akiona (recorder).

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Report Out From Closed  
Session

There was no report from closed session.

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Special Recognition

Chancellor Darnell thanked Trustee Dean, outgoing Board Chair, for her leadership over the past year. Chancellor Darnell presented Trustee Dean with a plaque recognizing her service as Board Chair. Trustee Dean thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chair. She is proud to be a part of this Board and believes that by working together significant changes can be made. Trustee Dean expressed special thanks to Shelley Akiona for her support during Ms. Dean's service as Board Chair.

Chancellor Darnell recognized the staff in media services and facilities departments for their work over the last several months in upgrading the audio/visual equipment in the Board room. The work and planning was detailed and extensive. Chancellor Darnell expressed special thanks to Jeff Swank and Shelley Akiona for coordinating the upgrade.

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Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee DeMartini seconded by Trustee Abshire, that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2007.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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California School Employees  
Association Awards of  
Distinction  
*(Activities and Announcements-  
taken out of order)*

CSEA Chapter 420 President, Jeff Swank, displayed the award winning work of two CSEA members on the new media equipment. He thanked the staff who assisted with the upgrade project for their good work. Mr. Swank introduced Mr. Tony Rojas, CSEA's Area E Representative on the Public Relations Committee, who presented CSEA State awards to two District employees. Irene Nunez, MJC Graphic Arts Technician, was selected by the statewide California School Employees Association Public Relations Committee as the winner of the 2007 "Award of Distinction - Best Use of Photography On the Web" for her work on our CSEA Chapter's website. David Todd, MJC Media Production Photographer/Visual Specialist,

was selected by the same CSEA Public Relations Committee as the winner of the 2007 "Award of Distinction - Best Use of Photography In Print" for his work on our CSEA Chapter's newsletter.

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Student Activity Reports

ASMJC Secretary, Mr. Donald Bunce, reported that ASMJC expects revenue of approximately \$80,000 this semester from Student Benefit Sticker Fees. ASMJC is hopeful that these funds will help with improvements to the Pirate's Galley to purchase new furniture and complete an interior upgrade. Executive Training, Club Training and Vendor fairs are scheduled throughout January and a student versus faculty football game will be held on January 23, 2008.

ASCC Vice President, Reid Milburn reported that Columbia College student events are going well and there is much student participation. A 50s dance party and several open mike events have been held. The ASCC Senate conducted their last meeting in front of the Middle College students. Representatives will be attending the Student Senate General Assembly in May. ASCC is working with the Civic Engagement Project Committee and will be hosting several events. ASCC will host student welcome tables at the start of the new semester.

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Academic Senate Reports

Kathy Schultz, Columbia College Academic Senate President, reported that the Academic Senate has adopted the equivalency procedures which were created through collaborative efforts with MJC and Central Services. A resolution in support of Proposition 92 has passed. Activities for Columbia College's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary are being planned. The AWE Committee continues to focus on student success through improved basic skills. Four faculty have been specially selected to attend the Math Across Curriculum (MAC) Conference. The Distance Education Committee held a retreat, met with a consultant and is working on the Distance Education Plan.

Jim Sahlman, MJC Academic Senate President, reported that the Academic Senate passed Resolution FI07-D: No Confidence in the Current President of Modesto Junior College which conclusion reads, "Therefore, be it resolved that the Academic Senate of Modesto Junior College and the constituents it represents have no confidence in the ability of the current President, Dr. Richard D. Rose, to serve and further the mission of the college." Mr. Sahlman stated that at the November 14, 2007, Board meeting he presented Senate concerns. Mr. Sahlman reported that the Resolution went through two readings on November 29 and December 11, and

the Senate vote was in support of the resolution. Mr. Sahlman reviewed the Senate's reasons for adopting the Resolution and emphasized the Senate's belief that Dr. Rose failed to comply with California law, by not acknowledging the faculty and Senate role in the decision making process in academic and professional matters. Because of his disregard of the participatory governance process, the Senate voted no confidence in Dr. Rose.

Chair Rojas thanked the Senate for providing the information. The Board will take the matter under advisement and refer it to the Chancellor to work towards resolution.

Comments from the Public on  
MJC Academic Senate  
Report

Maria Quilvajo, former ASMJC president, addressed the Board as a student of MJC. Ms. Quilvajo spoke in support of Dr. Rose, stating that he is a dynamic leader who cares about students and is not afraid to make unpopular changes. As a past student leader, Ms. Quilvajo has experienced faculty's lack of respect toward student involvement in the shared governance process. Ms. Quilvajo stated that there are many faculty who support Dr. Rose, agree with capping overloads, support a five-day class week and implementation of a winter intersession. She stated that students have complained that faculty have abused their class time and used it as a platform to campaign against Dr. Rose.

Professor of Math, James C. Curl, has taught and been a part of MJC for 42 years. He stated that shared governance was a hallmark at MJC, and is now gone. It is imperative that the President restore morale, shared governance and a healthy culture at MJC.

James T. Johnson, Math Professor for 27 years makes his first address to the Board. He fears that the President is unwilling to change and has no concept of shared governance. Dr. Rose has interfered with the shared governance process and though Mr. Johnson agrees with some of the President's decisions, he does not agree with lack of faculty input. Mr. Johnson does not feel that bringing in a mediator will remedy the problem and suggests that the Board buy out the President's contract.

Daniel Keller, Music Instructor, stated that while Dr. Rose will communicate one on one with faculty, he has not communicated publicly with the faculty. His statements need to be open, transparent and on the record. Dr. Rose must regain faculty confidence, re-evaluate and reconsider some of his decisions. Dr. Rose's vision has not been made clear nor has it been communicated to the campus community.

At the request of YFA, Jillian Daly, YFA president, stated that the Academic Senate Resolution has the strong support of YFA.

## **REPORTS & INFORMATION**

### **ITEMS**

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#### **Activities and Announcements**

MJC Music - Festival of  
Choirs

MJC's Music Department will present a Holiday Festival of Choirs on Friday, December 14, 7:30 p.m. at Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Road in Modesto. Performing during the concert will be the MJC Masterworks Chorus, under the direction of Daniel Keller, and the MJC Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, under the direction of Richard Colla. Admission is \$5 general and \$4 for students and seniors, and tickets will be available at the door.

MJC Honor Society Student  
Recognized

Phi Theta Kappa honor society student, C. Anne Engert, was selected to be published in the *Nota Bene* anthology, which showcases the written work of Phi Theta Kappa members nationwide. Her submission was one of 20 pieces selected out of more than 1,000 entries that is distributed nationally to more than 1,700 community college libraries.

MJC Dairy Judging Team  
Wins National Award

Dean Mark Anglin reported that MJC's Dairy Judging Team continued their winning this Fall by winning 1<sup>st</sup> High Team at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky in November. MJC also won 1<sup>st</sup> High Team awards and individual awards in a number of categories at this national competition. Because of their prestigious wins, the team will be invited to compete internationally this summer in Scotland. Dean Anglin further reported that the majority of the students who participate in the Judging Teams transfer and complete their programs at four year institutions. Since 1999, out of 51 students, 11 students have graduated from Cornell University and 13 from Cal Poly, 25 have completed their Bachelor's Degree, and other students are currently in four year programs.

TRIO/Upward Bound Grant  
Award (*Unagendized Item*)

President Rose reported that the TRIO/Upward Bound Program has received \$1 million dollars to service high schools in Patterson, Riverbank and others throughout the valley.

MJC Spring Institute Day

MJC will hold Spring Institute Day on Friday, January 4, 2008, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast followed by an opening program at 9 a.m. in the Mary Stuart Rogers Student Learning Center on West Campus. Several speakers and the annual Distinguished Faculty and Staff Awards will highlight the morning program. A buffet lunch will be held at noon, followed by departmental and divisional breakout sessions. Trustees are invited to join with the campus as we kick off a new Spring semester.

Columbia College In-Service  
Day

Columbia College will hold its In-Service Day on Thursday, January 3, 2008, beginning at 8:15 a.m. An all-college meeting

will include introduction of new employees and brief sabbatical presentations. Morning breakout sessions are scheduled around the topic of matriculation. Lunch will be provided and division/senate meetings will be held in the afternoon. Trustees are invited to attend. Two Sabbatical presentations will also be given by returning faculty.

Big Band Christmas Concert

Columbia College Jazz Series presented the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "It's a Big Band Christmas" concert on December 8 in the Dogwood Forum. Featured guest artist was Bob Secor on piano and trumpet. Secor is also a big band composer and arranger with more than 200 published charts to his credit. The 25-piece big band joined with the college jazz singers to perform Christmas favorites to welcome in the holiday season.

Community Chorus' Winter Concerts

Columbia College Community Chorus presented the "Sounds of the Season" on November 30, December 1 and 2 at the Sonora Opera Hall in downtown Sonora. The winter concert performances featured chorus and orchestra classical and traditional holiday music. Included were 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century composers, traditional Christmas songs, and the ever-popular sing-along. John Carter, Columbia College music instructor, was the director and Dorothy Arndt was the accompanist.

ASCC November-December Activities

Associated Students of Columbia College are actively involved in a number of November-December activities. Under the leadership of Elbert James, ASCC and Environmental Club volunteers cleared the arboretum area and trails from the campus to Columbia State Historic Park in November. Open microphone events took place on November 6, 27 and 28 where students were given the opportunity to express their opinions, or perform their talent in front of the student body at the Manzanita Patio area. A free '50s Dance Party was held on December 6 in the Alder Building for students. During the month of December, the ASCC is sponsoring a Christmas Giving Tree for children in need and a canned food drive in conjunction with A-TCA (Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency).

Staff Recognition Dinner

The annual YCCD Staff Recognition Dinner will be held April 18, 2008, at the Gene Bianchi Community Center, 110 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Oakdale. Please save this date and help us celebrate our colleagues who are retiring or celebrating 25 years of service to the District. Upcoming announcements regarding this event will come soon.

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Presentations/Updates  
Enrollment Update

Vice President Dennis Gervin reported an estimated growth of 1.5% at Columbia College and provided a handout to the Board which demonstrated FTES trends at Columbia College



since Fall 2004. The Colleges continue to work on a joint FTES reporting format to provide to the Board on a regular basis. Dean of Instruction, George Railey reported that at MJC, FTES are up less than 1% and anticipates that MJC will fall less than 0.5% short of its target for Fall, a shortage of approximately 30 FTES. Trustee Abshire thanked both colleges for their aggressive efforts to increase FTES.

#### Classification Study Update

Chancellor Darnell reported that in the absence of Vice Chancellor Wirth, he will be giving tonight's update. The District wide Advisory Committee has completed a training session with the CPS consultant to further understand the classification process. That committee will be meeting for an extended period of time in January to identify and review sore thumbs. Dr. Darnell is hopeful that the committee will complete its work and that a report will be given to the Board at the February meeting.

#### Chancellor's Update

Chancellor Darnell presented his updated Long Term Goals to the Board. These goals were revised after receiving comments from the District Community and the Board. Many of the goals will be ongoing and the Chancellor will use it as his focus to share with the District and community. Trustee DeMartini thanked Dr. Darnell and is supportive of his goals.

Dr. Darnell also presented the Board with a draft of a new agenda format. Comments from the public will be taken at the beginning of the meeting starting in January. Announcements will be more concise with the opportunity for Presidents to provide additional information. Dr. Darnell and Chancellor's Office staff are looking for ways to bring more information to the Board in a more concise and streamlined manner. Trustee Neumann requested that discussion items include details on both pro and con views on an issue. Trustee Hallinan is looking forward to increased substantive discussion on items coming to the Board for vote. The new agenda format will be rolled out in January.

#### Bond Update

Kitchell representative Mr. Matt Kennedy provided the Board with an update on the progress of current Bond projects. Mr. Kennedy provided the Board with a one-page timeline report which provides a status overview on all projects. This report will be updated and provided at each Board meeting

**Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee** – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the YCCD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 5:00 pm on MJC's East Campus.

**Columbia College:** *Child Development Center:* Construction documents for the Child Development Center have been

submitted to DSA for review. Expected start of construction is May 2008. *Science and Natural Resources*: Architectural work has resumed on the project and is currently in the redesign process. *Public Safety Center*: Comments have been received from DSA. Architect has scheduled the back check appointment with DSA for the week of December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The project is likely to bid in January 2008; start of construction in February 2008. The *Madrone* project has been submitted to the State for approvals and we are currently waiting for the State review process to be completed.

**Modesto Junior College:** *Campus Master Planning*: bfgc has resubmitted the master plan to MJC and the District for review. *Agricultural Housing*: Start of construction is on hold pending additional environmental testing. The *Multi-Use Pavilion* project has completed redesign to meet current budget requirements. The programming phase for the *Beef Unit* is underway and cost estimates are being gathered. *Allied Health* project has gone through two independent cost estimates and is currently 4% over budget, and there is good faculty involvement in the project. A Value Engineering session has been scheduled for December 18, 2007, to look for cost saving strategies to bring this project back into budget compliance without reducing the size of the facility. The *Parking Structure* project schedule indicates submittal to the State in May 2008. The current plan is to accelerate this into April. The *Auditorium* project is 64% complete and proceeds on schedule and within budget. *Science Community Center*: The project committee continues to meet with the Architect on programming the new Science project. A museum consultant has been added to the design team and work has begun on programming the Great Valley Museum.

*Softball Complex*: The original location of the complex was not close enough to the existing soccer field. At the Chancellor's direction, the complex will move near the soccer field. This is a better location as there is parking, sewer lines, and closer restroom access. Chair Rojas suggested that, funds allowing, restrooms be built at the facility site.

Faculty Consultant David Baggett requested additional information regarding environmental testing and its impact on the student housing project. Chancellor Darnell explained that CEQA and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) required additional testing, and details of an agreement are being concluded. Students who are impacted are being kept informed and the District and MJC will hold to their agreement with meeting the students' housing needs.

**Calaveras Outreach Site:** An Appraisal is being prepared for the Board of Trustees. Trustee Dean, President Smith and Chancellor Darnell will be visiting the property next week.

**Oakdale Outreach Site:** Columbia College and District are currently reviewing possible sites. **West Side Outreach Site:** Modesto Junior College and District are considering various offers for sites. **Turlock Outreach Site:** Various properties are being considered for a future location. **Quarterly Expenditure Report:** The Measure E Quarterly Expenditure Report was reviewed with the Board and reflects expenditures through October 31, 2007 (**Report #2243**).

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann, and seconded by Trustee Dean, that the Board approve all items appearing on the Consent Agenda, amended as follows:

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Purchase Orders

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

Acceptance of Gifts

Accept with appreciation the following gifts:

- a. Donation of \$100.00 from Agata Sulczynski for use in supporting the Civic Engagement Project at Columbia College.
- b. Donation of 10 IBM Thinkpad laptop computers from IBM for use at the Baker Station High Sierra Institute.
- c. Donation of a '96 Freightliner from Foster Farms to be used in the Power Mechanics program at Modesto Junior College.

Project  
Applications/Amendments

Authorize the Yosemite Community College District to submit the following project applications/amendments (**Report #2244**) and to enter into a contract with the appropriate donor agencies when the projects are selected for funding:

- a. California Department of Education, Child Development Division – CC/MJC  
Agency share: \$911,584 (both colleges)  
Proposer share: \$0

Notice of Completion of  
Contract

Accept the work performed by Modesto Executive Electric, Inc., on the Electrical Upgrade Main Switchboard at Modesto Junior College East Campus, Bid #07-1582, as having been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and authorize final payment of \$11,706.91 to be made.

Notice of Completion of  
Contract

Accept the work performed by Robert E. Boyer Construction, Inc., on the Pinyon Building Relocation, Columbia College, Bid #07-1576, as having been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications, and authorize final payment of \$12,231.10 to be made.

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**Personnel Items**

Grant retirement emeritus status to **Lynda Wilson**, Nursing Professor, Allied Health / Family & Consumer Sciences,

Modesto Junior College, effective June 1, 2008 and officially commend her for 25 years of valuable service to the District.

Grant retirement status to **Sandra Mesenhimer**, Payroll Supervisor, Yosemite Community College District, effective March 31, 2008 and officially commend her for 20 years of valuable service to the District.

Approve the temporary appointment of **Julie Haynes** to the position of Registered Veterinary Technology Program Faculty Coordinator, Agriculture & Environmental Sciences and Technical Education, Modesto Junior College, effective December 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009.

Approve the full-time temporary appointment of **Tina Troiler** to the position of Instructor of Psychology, Columbia College, effective for the Spring 2008 semester only.

Approve the promotional appointment of **Denise Godbout-Avant** to the position of Laboratory Assistant II, Anatomy & Physiology, Science, Mathematics & Engineering, Modesto Junior College, effective December 17, 2007 (10-month work year).

Approve the promotional appointment of **Laura "Lori" Sammis** to the position of Administrative Secretary, Arts, Humanities & Communications, Modesto Junior College, effective December 3, 2007.

Approve the probationary appointment of **Lattha Souvannaseng** to the position of Instructional Assistant I (75%), Business, Behavioral & Social Sciences, Modesto Junior College, effective January 2, 2008 (10-month work year).

Approve the probationary appointment of **Scotty Gonser** to the position of Laboratory Assistant II (80%), Allied Health, Modesto Junior College, effective January 7, 2008, contingent upon funding (8-month work year).

Approve the probationary appointment of **Richard X. Avila** to the position of Campus Security Officer I, Campus Security, Yosemite Community College District, effective December 17, 2007.

Approve a temporary reduction in assignment for **Korene Keene**, Account Technician I, Business Services, Yosemite Community College District, from 40 hours per week to 36 hours per week, effective January 10, 2008 to April 24, 2008.

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Robin Frazier**, Registered Nurse I, Health Services, Modesto Junior

College, from 50% to 75%, effective January 2, 2008 to June 30, 2008.

Approve a temporary increase in assignment for **Cheryl Garcia**, General Clerk (47.5%), Counseling, Modesto Junior College, from 47.5% to 100%, effective November 19, 2007 to January 4, 2008.

Approve the elimination of the position of **Director of Budget**, Office of Planning & Budget, Modesto Junior College, effective January 2, 2008.

Accept the resignation of **Martin Gang**, Director of Information Technology and Media Services, Columbia College, effective December 9, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Tawny LaBarbera**, Research Analyst, Office of External Affairs, Yosemite Community College District, effective January 2, 2008.

Accept the resignation of **Hoang Ho**, Programmer Analyst I, Information Technology, Yosemite Community College District, effective November 30, 2007.

Accept the resignation of **Jeff Menge**, Fiscal Analyst III, Controller's Office, Yosemite Community College District, effective December 7, 2007.

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Discussion Items

2006-2007 Audit Report

Executive Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Services, Ms. Teresa Scott, introduced Mr. Bryce Gibbs from the auditing firm of Matson and Isom. Matson and Isom has completed the 2006-2007 audit of the District's fiscal operations. The audit report and financial statements have been prepared using the guidelines required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The audit consists of the examination of the District's financial statements, a review of the systems of internal accounting controls and a review of state and federal compliance areas mandated by the Single Audit Act, the State Department of Finance Guide, and the California Community Colleges State Chancellor's Office. A copy of the audit report was previously provided to the Board for their review (**Report #2245**).

Mr. Gibbs reviewed the audit report, the process and procedure for the Board. There were no difficulties encountered during the audit and Mr. Gibbs stated this was the smoothest District audit in five years. There were no disagreements with management and management provided full disclosure. Auditors offered an unqualified opinion, there were no material

weaknesses or significant deficiencies identified. There were findings regarding Federal Awards of several instances at MJC where financial aid funds were not returned to the Department of Education within the required time frame and a finding where several students did not receive written notification regarding disbursement. Recommendations have been made that the District establish procedures to post refunds immediately to meet required timelines and also ensure that all students receive timely written notification regarding disbursement. There was a finding at Columbia College that language required by the State was not printed in brochure material regarding scholarship standards. The required language will appear in the Columbia College 2008-2009 catalog.

Executive Vice Chancellor Teresa Scott recognized Controller Deborah Campbell for her months of hard work and coordination and preparation for the annual audit visit.

A motion was made by Trustee Hallinan and seconded by Trustee DeMartini, that the Board of Trustees receive the 2006-2007 audit report and authorize its filing with the appropriate state agency in accordance with Education Code Section 84040.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

15,706  
Board Special Priorities

Chancellor Darnell reported that the Board's annual retreat on September 14, 2007, Trustees discussed various challenges facing the District in the 2007-2008 academic year. Based upon that discussion a tentative list of Board priorities was developed, discussed and revised at the Board's November meeting. The revised Board Special priorities is before the Board for final review and approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Abshire and seconded by Trustee Dean that the Board of Trustees review the draft Board of Trustees 2007-2008 Special Priorities, modify it as desired, and adopt the statement of their 2007-2008 Special Priorities **(Report #2246)**.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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MJC Dairy Judging Team -  
Fort Worth, Texas Trip

The MJC Dairy Product Judging Team has again been invited to compete in the South Western Livestock Exposition Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Fort Worth, Texas. The Dairy Judging team trip will occur on January 10-14, 2008. The trip for Professor Hobby and six team members will cost approximately \$3,300 and will be paid for through the Dairy Club.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Flores that the Board of Trustees approve the MJC Dairy Judging Team Fort Worth, Texas trip for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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MJC Dairy Cattle Judging  
Team - Scotland Trip

MJC is seeking Board approval of the Dairy Cattle Judging Team competition in Scotland. The MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team has once again qualified to compete in the Scottish Royal Highland International Dairy Judging Contest in Edinburgh, Scotland. Mr. Hobby, MJC Dairy Judging Team coach, is in the process of planning a trip for the team that will span from June 10-22, 2008. In addition to the contest, Mr. Hobby and the team will visit dairy and farming operations, along with other significant historical locations, in Holland, Germany, Belgium, France, Isle of Jersey, England, and Scotland. Mr. Hobby is working with AgroTours Inc. of Fredericksburg, Virginia to organize the trip. The approximate cost of the trip for Mr. Hobby and six team members will be approximately \$20,000. The funds for the trip will be raised by Mr. Hobby and his Dairy Team members.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Hallinan that the Board of Trustees approve the MJC Dairy Cattle Judging Team Scotland trip for Modesto Junior College.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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MJC YCCD Parking and  
Traffic Ordinance Booklet

MJC Vice President of Student Services, Bob Nadell, reported that Section 40203.5 of the California Vehicle Code indicates that the schedule of parking penalties for parking violations and late payment penalties shall be established by the Governing body of the jurisdiction where the notice of violation is issued. To the extent possible, issuing agencies within the same county shall standardize parking penalties. A committee of Modesto Junior College and Columbia College representatives have revised the parking and traffic ordinances for the Yosemite Community College District (**Report #2247**). The booklet guides the campuses security departments and concludes with a bail schedule consistent with the County of Stanislaus and County of Tuolumne and has previously been provided to the Board. In response to inquiry by Trustee Rojas, Director of Security, Ms. Becky Crow, reported that parking is relaxed for special events to avoid unnecessary ticketing.

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Dean that the Board of Trustees approve the language

contained in the parking and traffic ordinances booklet and adopt the identified bail schedule.

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

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Citizens' Bond Oversight  
Committee Term Limits

Chancellor Darnell reported that the by-laws of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) state that no member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. At the request of the CBOC, staff brought this item to the Board at the November 14, 2007 Board meeting. The following is a proposed amendment to the by-laws to include that members may be able to serve more than two consecutive terms until replacement(s) are identified. This modification would change the CBOC bylaws in Section 5, Subsection 5.4 to the following:

*"Term. Except as otherwise provided herein, each member shall serve a term of two (2) years, commencing on the date of the first meeting of the Committee. No member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms, **unless a replacement has not been identified.** At the Committee's first meeting, members will draw lots or otherwise select a minimum of two members to serve for an initial one (1) year term and the remaining members for an initial two (2) year term."*

A motion was made by Trustee Neumann and seconded by Trustee Dean that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed change to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee by-laws to allow for members to serve more than two consecutive terms, until replacement(s) are identified.

The motion was carried with a vote of 7-0.

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**COMMENTS**  
From the Public

None.

From the Board of Trustees

Trustee Abshire reported that on January 8, 2008, she will be traveling to the Capitol to campaign for college opportunities. Trustees Rojas, Dean, DeMartini and Abshire will be attending the MJC Nurse Pinning Ceremony in Turlock tomorrow. Trustees Dean and Rojas attended the MJC President's Holiday Social. Trustee Dean thanked Dr. Smith for speaking at a Sonora community event earlier today. Trustee Rojas and the Chancellor have met with staff from the Turlock City Planning Department to discuss a future site in Turlock. Trustee Rojas will be attending the upcoming Turlock Educational Summit Meeting.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008. 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 Ave, Modesto.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Abe Rojas, Chair  
YCCD Board of Trustees

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Roe Darnell, Secretary  
YCCD Board of Trustees