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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

TIM NADER, GOVERNING BOARD PRESIDENT
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NICK AGUILAR, GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
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TERRI VALLADOLID, GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
MANUEL R. LOPEZ, JR., STUDENT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
DENISE WHITTAKER, INTERIM SECRETARY TO GOVERNING BOARD
AND INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT

Written notice is hereby given in accordance with Government Code Section 54956 that a special meeting of the Governing Board of the Southwestern Community College District will be held as noted below:

DATE:

Saturday, February 5, 2011

TIME:

9:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Southwestern College Building 210, Room 214

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	ITEM
Call to Order	1. CALL TO ORDER (Nader)
	9:03 a.m., Building 210, Room 214
	Attendance at this special meeting (Board members arriving after meeting commences will be noted as "present" at point in this suggested order of business at which they arrive).
	Present: Nader, Hernandez, Aguilar, Roesch, Valladolid
Pledge of Allegiance	2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Nader)
Oral Communication	3. ORAL COMMUNICATION (Nader) Persons wishing to address the Governing Board under this item should fill out a yellow request

Persons wishing to address the Governing Board under this item should fill out a yellow request card (available at the reception table) and indicate on the card if they wish to be called under Oral Communication, or when a specific agenda item is considered.

An oral presentation to the Board does *not* constitute an open discussion on the presentation topic, unless that topic is on the posted agenda. Pursuant to the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54954.2(a)): "No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may *briefly* respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3."

The following individuals addressed the Board and asked that they reconsider and overturn the Board's previous decision in the matter of former employee Eli Singh: Andrew MacNeill, Carla Kirkwood, Heidi Newhouse

Accreditation Workshop

ITEM

4. ACCREDITATION WORKSHOP (ENCLOSURE)

(Nader)

Presentation of status of accreditation recommendations.

- Overview: Denise Whittaker
- Preparation of Follow-Up Reports and Workshop Overview: Mink Stavenga
- Work Group 1 Overviews: Angelina Stuart, Angelica Suarez
- Work Group 2 Overview: Kathy Tyner
- Work Group 3 Overview: Linda Hensley, Ron Vess
- Work Group 4 Overview: Patricia Flores Charter
- Work Group 5 Overview: Mink Stavenga
- Work Group 6 Overview: Nicholas Alioto
- Work Group 7 Overview: Randy Beach
- Work Group 8 (a) Overview: Diane Gustafson, Michele Fenlon
- Work Group 8 (b) Overview: Angelina Stuart
- Work Group 9 Overview: Ron Vess, Mink Stavenga
- Work Group 10 Overview: Ron Vess, Mink Stavenga
- Summary/Conclusion: Denise Whittaker

Interim Superintendent/President Whittaker provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding accreditation. The presentation included an overview of accreditation levels of action, recommendations to be addressed, timeline, and plans for addressing recommendations 6, 7 and 9. She emphasized the urgency of moving at a fast pace to resolve the recommendations before the end of spring semester.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by Accreditation Oversight Committee (AOC) co-chairs Mink Stavenga and Ron Vess and members of the AOC. The Board had discussion which included access to data and the role of the Board in setting goals and priorities. The Board recessed at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

The accreditation presentation continued. The Board had discussion which included clarification on the mission of the college, and the role of the Board. After discussion, it was determined that a Special Board meeting would be scheduled to address accreditation recommendations related to the Board, self evaluation, and the Board's role.

Closed Session

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

(Nader)

At 12:10 p.m., President Nader announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session and anticipated reconvening in open session at 1:30 p.m.

Building 100, Conference Room A

- 5A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Government Code Section 54956.9(b) (2 potential cases)
- 5B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE Government Code Section 54957

Reconvene in Open Session

6. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

(Nader)

1:43 p.m., Room 214

Present: Nader, Hernandez, Aguilar, Roesch, Valladolid

Closed Session Announcement

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION(S) (If applicable)

(Nader)

Board President Nader announced that the Board took action in closed session. The Board has unanimously given direction to the President and special counsel to take action to resolve the Eli Singh matter as expeditiously as possible, hopefully no later than March 9. The Board will have a status report on this at its closed session at its next meeting on Wednesday, February 9.

Budget Workshop

8. BUDGET WORKSHOP (ENCLOSURE)

Presentation of the budget development process.

Budget Process Denise Whittaker, Interim Superintendent/President

• Budget Projections Nicholas Alioto, Vice President for Business & Financial Affairs

Budget Forums Tim Nader, Governing Board President

Interim Superintendent/President Whittaker provided an overview of the budget. Vice President Alioto provided an overview of a PowerPoint presentation which included the College's budget development process, fund balance and reserves, and the State budget environment and scenarios based on the approval of the June tax package. The Board asked questions and had discussion regarding the budget. Discussion included enrollment projections, OPEB payments, and reserves.

President Nader proposed holding a series of community budget forums to 1) inform the public of the budget situation; 2) give the public an opportunity to weigh in on choices; and 3) inform the public of the implications of the budget scenarios. He asked Board members to let the President know if they would be interested in participating. Aguilar suggested the Board give direction to the Interim Superintendent/President to conduct such workshops and the Board consider the gathered input at a meeting. Hernandez deferred to the Interim Superintendent/President and suggested forums be held for employees and students. Nader and Whittaker will work together to plan budget forums.

Adjournment

9. ADJOURNMENT 2:13 p.m.

(Nader)

Denise Whittaker

Governing Board Secretary

Tim Nader

Governing Board President