



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

December 10, 2013



1. Call to Order / Open Session

President McKean called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 9:05 am and led the Board members and audience in the flag salute.

Board members present:

Mark McKean, President
Nina Oxborrow, Clerk
Jeff Levinson
Jack Minnite

Board members absent:

Edna Ivans
Steve Cantu

Administrators present:

Frank Gornick, Chancellor
Ken Stoppenbrink, Deputy Chancellor
Stu Van Horn, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Workforce Development
Don Warkentin, President, West Hills College Lemoore
Carole Goldsmith, President, West Hills College Coalinga
Becky Cazares, Director of Human Resources

A. Introduction of Guests

There were no guests introduced at this time.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments made at this time.

2. Chancellor's Office

A. Board of Trustees Interview with Trustee Area 4 Candidate – Mr. Jay Salyer

– Mr. Jay Salyer addressed the Board of Trustees and provided a brief background of his education, employment, and community activities. Board members asked various questions which were answered by Mr. Salyer.

B. Board of Trustees Interview with Trustee Area 4 Candidate – Mr. Len Falter

– Mr. Len Falter addressed the Board of Trustees and provided a brief background of his education, employment, and community activities. Board members asked various questions which were answered by Mr. Falter.

C. Appointment of Individual to Trustee Area 4 Vacant Seat – Trustee Levinson stated that he can see both Mr. Salyer or Mr. Falter as part of the West Hills College family. Trustee Oxborrow stated that she has served on a Board with Mr. Falter in the past and appreciates his comments about being organized and structured so as not to waste people’s time. She also stated that the his leadership skills would be beneficial. Trustee Oxborrow stated that Mr. Salyer has a lot of impressive experience and that she has some concern about potential conflicts with regard to the District’s relationship with Kings County. Both candidates have great experience in the business, finance, and educational arenas. Trustee Minnite commented that Mr. Salyer is well qualified and a long term resident of the District. He stated that he appreciates the sincerity of Mr. Falter and his attributes may be more in line with where we are going as a District with regard to technology. This is a difficult decision and he thanked Mr. Salyer and Mr. Falter for their time.

Trustee Levinson made a motion to appoint Mr. Len Falter to fill the Trustee Area 4 seat until the next regular election in November 2015. The motion was seconded by Trustee Minnite and carried unanimously.

At this time President McKean administered the oath of office to Mr. Falter and he was formally seated with the Board of Trustees.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am.

Nina Oxborrow
Clerk of the Board of Trustees