



**GOVERNING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, October 7, 2003**

A special meeting of the Governing Board of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District was held on Tuesday, October 7, 2003, at 6 p.m., at the Griffin Gate, Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, California.

Members Present: Trustees Alexander, Caruthers, Clark, Cutting, and Kraft; Student Trustees Collins and Duncan

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Chancellor Suarez, Presidents Martinez and Perri, Vice Chancellors Austin and McMahan, district and college administrators, members of the staff, students, press, and interested citizens.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Board President Dr. Timothy Caruthers.

Adjourn to Closed Session

Caruthers adjourned the open session at 6:01 p.m., and the Board met in closed session from 6:10 p.m. until 6:40 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to confer with the District Chief Negotiator regarding United Faculty, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Administrators' Association, and Supervisory/Confidential matters.

Reconvene in Open Session

Board President Caruthers reconvened the open session at 6:49 p.m., and announced that there were no closed session actions to report.

Report of the Chancellor

Chancellor Suarez called on President Martinez, who welcomed masters and doctoral students from a course he teaches at the University of San Diego on "The Community College."

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing on the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District 2003-2004 Adoption Budget was announced on the Docket of Business. No public comment was received.

Workshop on 2003-2004 Adoption Budget

Chancellor Suarez reported that, while the District will receive more money from the State this year, mandated costs in the areas of STRS, PERS, Workers Compensation, and health benefits far surpass the additional income from the State, resulting in a \$6.5 million shortfall. He added that the District's enrollment plans call for the colleges to maintain the same number of FTES as last year. He invited Dana Quittner, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, to present an update on legislation affecting community colleges.

Suarez called on Vice Chancellor Austin, who presented an overview of the 2003-2004 Adoption Budget. Presidents Perri and Martinez presented highlights from their respective college budgets, and Austin shared the District Offices and Districtwide Services budgets, which included a report on the Proposition R Fund and a report by Vice Chancellor McMahan on the status of health benefits and the District's self-insurance plan.

Call to order

Closed session

Open session

Report of Chancellor

Public Hearing

Public hearing on 2003-2004 Adoption Budget

Workshop

Chancellor Suarez thanked those involved for their presentations, and reminded the Board that the Adoption Budget will be presented for approval at the October 21 Governing Board meeting.

Adjournment

Board President Caruthers adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by the Governing Board October 21, 2003

Omero Suarez, Ph.D.,
Chancellor and
Secretary to the Governing Board

Timothy L. Caruthers, D.C.
Board President

Mary V. Watkins
Recording Secretary