



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

**GOVERNING BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR, ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, December 11, 2007**

The regular, organizational, meeting of the Governing Board of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., in the Griffin Gate at Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, California.

Members Present: Trustees Alexander, Barr, Caruthers (arrived at 5:51 p.m.), Garrett, and Weeks; and Student Trustees Causton and Bernier-Sudano

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Chancellor Suarez, Presidents Cooke and Perri, Vice Chancellor Lastimado, Interim Vice Chancellor Rearic, District and college administrators, members of the staff, students, press, District legal counsel Jack Sleeth, Esq., and interested citizens.

**Call to Order**

Board President Alexander called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

Board President Alexander adjourned the open session at 5:30 p.m., and the Board met in closed session until 6:28 p.m., in the Associated Students Grossmont College Board Room, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to confer with the District Chief Negotiator regarding United Faculty, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Administrators' Association, Confidential Staff matters, and CSEA 2007 Recognition Day.

**Reconvene in Open Session**

Board President Alexander reconvened the open session at 6:31 p.m.

**Announcement of Closed Session Action(s)**

Board President Alexander announced that in closed session the Board, with a vote of 4-0 (Caruthers absent from vote) voted to approve December 21, 2007, as CSEA (California School Employees Association) Recognition Day.

**Public Presentations**

Cuyamaca College faculty members Terrie Nichols, Jim Custeau, Lyn Neylon, Patricia Santana, and Grossmont College faculty members Evan Enowitz and Jenny Vanden Eynden commented on faculty compensation and negotiations; former Grossmont College student Rick Walker commented on non-credit matters; and Grossmont College Part-Time Issues Committee representative David Milroy commented on committee activities.

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Members Barr/Garrett, with a unanimous vote of 5-0, the Board approved the November 13, 2007, regular, meeting minutes as presented.

**Changes to Docket of Business**

Chancellor Suarez announced there was a revision to Docket Item 501, which was distributed.

**Call to order**

**Closed session**

**Open session**

**Closed session  
announcements**

**Public Presentations**

**Minutes**

11/13/07 reg. mtg.  
minutes approved

**Changes to Docket**

Item 501, revised

**Reports of the Governing Board**

Student Trustee Bernier-Sudano commented on her request for information concerning the Strata Information Group contract and requested it be placed on the January agenda. Trustees Garrett, Weeks, and Barr stated they have no problem obtaining information.

Trustee Caruthers requested additional information regarding the length of time involved in the hiring process for classified personnel.

Trustee Barr commented that while being unable to discuss details of negotiations in public sessions, stated the Board is continuing to provide direction and that he feels good about matters discussed.

Student Trustee Causton attended the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce *Women Who Mean Business Luncheon*, honoring Educational Award recipient Dana Quittner, Associate Vice Chancellor Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development & Public Information, the Wheelchair Basketball game, and reported on student activities.

**Report of the Board President**

Board President Alexander commented on the many accomplishments of the past 18 months, highlighting the hiring of Grossmont College President Cooke and new faculty members, completion of new buildings and the start of construction for the Grossmont College parking structure, obtaining an agreement on the Environmental Impact Report litigation, clean audits, increased enrollments, accreditation, and wildfires. He expressed thanks to everyone stating we should be proud of our accomplishments. He also requested the Board consider the need for an Independent Audit Committee.

**Report of the Chancellor**

Chancellor Suarez, referencing the dynamic process of contract negotiations, stated the Board is concerned about reaching an agreement and maintaining the District's fiscal stability.

Interim Associate Vice Chancellor Districtwide Academic, Student, Planning, & Research Services Hertel presented an overview of the annual Accountability Reporting for Community Colleges (ARCC) and the District's 2007 Accountability Report to fulfill the District's requirements under AB 1417. There was discussion in response to Board member questions. Prior to the meeting, all trustees received a copy of the ARCC Report.

Interim Sr. Director Information Systems Henry Eimstad provided a District Technology Report, highlighting the District's long term directions, *Proposition R* projects, status and plans for instructional technology, administrative systems, technology infrastructure, and support services. For trustees interested in additional information concerning the services provided to the District by Strata Information Group, Chancellor Suarez suggested a meeting be scheduled. In response to Student Trustee Bernier-Sudano's comments, Trustee Alexander commented that Strata Information Group would be placed on the docket for the January meeting.

Item 153—Public comment was heard from Executive Secretary Associated Students Grossmont College Toku Hankins, Grossmont College students Sean Bentz, Jessee Robles, and Jared Wilson. President Alexander called for a Point of Order asking Student Trustee Bernier-Sudano to hold questions to the end of the presentation.

Risk Management Director Bob Eygenhuysen provided an overview of the District's smoking policy and the results of the smoking survey. He anticipates a recommendation going to the Board in January.

The Presidents' Reports were distributed and Presidents Cooke and Perri reported on campus activities and events. President Perri reported good early enrollment numbers for Spring 2008. President Cooke reported on alternative staff parking at the Cajon Air Center Lot at Gillespie Field during parking structure construction.

Vice Chancellor Human Resources and Labor Relations Lastimado presented data on California community college district salaries and benefits.

The Chancellor announced the Calendar of Events was distributed.

**Reports of the Board**

Bernier-Sudano

Caruthers

Barr

Causton

Alexander

**Report of Chancellor**

Suarez

ARCC Report and discussion

District Technology report

Public comment item 153

Point of Order

Smoking Policy status

Presidents' reports

Lastimado

Calendar of events

**Adoption of Consent Calendar**

On the motion of Members Caruthers/Weeks with a unanimous vote of 5-0, the Board approved the Consent Calendar, which included:

**Operations**

**Set the Time, Frequency, and Place of Year 2008 Regular Governing Board**

**Meetings**—Scheduled regular Governing Board meetings of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District for the year 2008, as recommended by the Chancellor. See Exhibit 204, which is a made a part of these minutes.

**Resolution 08-012 Closure of the District and College Child Care Centers due to Fires in San Diego County**—Adopted Resolution 08-012 Closure of the District and College Child Care Centers due to Fires in San Diego County, for the week of October 22–26, 2007, as recommended by the Chancellor. See Exhibit 205, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Resolution 08-013 Trustee Absence**—Adopted Resolution 08-013 Trustee Absence, which excuses the absence of Student Trustee Audrey Causton from the October 24, 2007, Governing Board, special, meeting, due to a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board, and compensate her pursuant to Education Code Section 72024. See Exhibit 206, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Budget and Finance**

**Budget Status and Requested Changes**—Accepted a report on the current budget status, and granted authority to the Chancellor to approve budget changes. See Exhibit 301, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Budget Revisions**—Accepted revenues, new grants, and revisions to the working budget, and granted authority to the Chancellor to budget these funds. See Exhibit 302, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Purchase Orders and Warrants**—Ratified the action of the Chancellor in approving purchase orders and warrants issued during the month of November 2007, and granted authority to execute appropriate documents. See Exhibit 303, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Donations**—Granted authority to the Chancellor to accept, budget, and spend, as appropriate, donations to the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District. See Exhibit 305, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Out-of-Country Travel to Erfurt, Germany**—Granted authority to the Chancellor to authorize Joseph Orate, Culinary Arts Department Coordinator, Carrie Clay, Associate Dean, Regional Occupation Programs, and six Culinary Arts students from Grossmont College, to participate in the Culinary Arts Olympics; and travel to Erfurt, Germany, for the period of October 15 through October 24, 2008, conditional upon clearance for safe travel by the U.S. Department of State. See Exhibit 306, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Supplies, Equipment, and Services**

**Bid B08.006—Spring Semester 2009 Study Abroad Program in Florence, Italy; Ratification of Award**—Ratified the action of the Chancellor in awarding Bid B08.006—Spring Semester 2009 Study Abroad Program in Florence, Italy, to Leonardo World, the lowest responsive bidder meeting all terms, conditions, and specifications. See Exhibit 351, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Public Works Projects**

**Bid B08.015—Cuyamaca College Relocate Hazardous Storage; Permission to Award**—Granted authority to the Chancellor to: a) Award Bid B08.015—Cuyamaca College Relocate Hazardous Storage, to the lowest responsive bidder meeting terms, conditions, and specifications; and b) Execute appropriate contract documents prior to ratification by the Governing Board at the next meeting following the bid opening. See Exhibit 401, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Personnel**

**Short-Term Hourly Assignments**—Approved short-term temporary, non-academic assignments, and certified ending dates, as recommended by the Chancellor. See Exhibit

**Adopt Consent Cal**

**Operations**

Set the Time, Frequency, and Place of Year 2008 Reg. Gov. Bd. Mtgs.

Resolution 08-012 Closure of the District and College Child Care Centers due to Fires in San Diego County

Resolution 08-013 Trustee Absence

**Budget & Finance**

Budget Status and Requested Changes

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**Personnel**

Short-Term Hourly Assignments

502, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Short Term, Student, and Work Study Hourly Pay Schedule Minimum Hourly Rate Increase**—Granted authority to the Chancellor to adopt the revised Short Term, Student, and Work Study Hourly Pay Schedule, which increases the minimum hourly rate. See Exhibit 503, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Information**

The vote on Consent Calendar also included the following reports for information:

**Status Report—Board Assignments.** See Exhibit 651, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Accountability Reporting for the Community Colleges**—the 2007 Accountability Reporting for the Community Colleges report, as presented by the Chancellor. See Exhibit 652, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Items Pulled from Consent Calendar for Discussion**

**Election of President of Governing Board for 2008** *pulled by Trustee Alexander.* The Board heard public comment from former Grossmont College student Rick Walker concerning election of Board President. Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Garrett, seconded by Trustee Weeks. No other nominations were made. With a unanimous vote of 5-0, Trustee Garrett was elected President of the Governing Board for 2008. Student Trustees Causton and Bernier-Sudano cast advisory votes in favor. See Exhibit 201, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Trustee Garrett Assumes Chair**

Board President Elect Garrett assumed chairing the meeting at this point. He expressed appreciation for the Board's confidence in him. He said he desires continued improvement in relationships between the Board, staff, and constituent groups, emphasizing that he will listen and work with all groups. He spoke about the progress on *Proposition R* projects, and referencing accreditation, stated that he will work with the colleges on recommendations and resolving issues that affect the Board.

Trustee Garrett presented a ceremonial gavel plaque to outgoing Board President Alexander and expressed appreciation for his service.

**Items Pulled from Consent Calendar for Discussion, continued**

**Election of Vice President of the Governing Board for 2008** *pulled by Trustee Alexander,* who nominated Trustee Weeks, seconded by Trustee Barr. No other nominations were made. With a unanimous vote of 5-0, Trustee Weeks was elected Vice President of the Governing Board for 2008. Student Trustee Bernier-Sudano cast an advisory vote in favor. See Exhibit 202, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Election of Clerk of the Governing Board for 2008** *pulled by Trustee Alexander.* Trustee Garrett nominated Trustee Barr, which was seconded by Trustee Weeks. No other nominations were made. With a unanimous vote of 5-0, Trustee Barr was elected Clerk of the Governing Board for 2008. Student Trustees Causton and Bernier-Sudano cast advisory votes in favor. See Exhibit 203, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Ratification of Signatures on Agreements** *pulled by Student Trustee Bernier-Sudano* to obtain information concerning items A1 #1, A2 #7, A2 #8, A3 #5, A3 #6, and A4 #9. The College presidents will provide additional information on A2 #8 and A4 #9. On motion of Members Alexander/Caruthers, with a unanimous vote of 5-0, the item was approved. See Exhibit 304, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Grossmont College Grading of Football Field; Permission to Award** *pulled by Student Trustee Bernier-Sudano* to obtain information. On motion of Members Alexander/Weeks, with a unanimous vote of 5-0, the item was approved. See Exhibit 402, which is made a part of these minutes.

**Personnel Actions** *pulled by Trustee Caruthers* to obtain confirmation from Interim Vice Chancellor Business Services Rearic that with approval of this item, there would be no further temporary housing allowances. On motion of Members Caruthers/Alexander, with a unanimous vote of 5-0, the item was approved. See Exhibit 501, which is made a part of these minutes.

Short Term, Student, and Work Study Hourly Pay Schedule Minimum Hourly Rate Increase

**Information**

Board Assignments

Accountability Reporting for the Community Colleges

**Items Pulled**

Election of President of Gov Board for 2008

Garrett assumes chair

Plaque presentation to Alexander

Election of VP of Gov Board for 2008

Election of Clerk of Gov Board for 2008

Ratification of Signatures on Agreements, approved

GC Grading of Football Field, approved

Personnel Actions, approved

**Staff Communication**

California School Employees Association Chapter 707 President Recktenwald, United Faculty President Close, Administrators' Association representative Brad Tiffany, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President Ford, and Grossmont College Academic Senate President Hill presented staff reports.

**Adjournment**

Board President Elect Garrett adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

**Staff Communication**

**Adjournment**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Approved by the Governing Board January 22, 2008**

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

Bill Garrett  
Board President

Jennifer Danks  
Recording Secretary