



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

**GOVERNING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

A special meeting of the Governing Board of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., in the Griffin Gate, Room 60-180, Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, California.

Members Present: Trustees Barr, Garrett, Hiel, Justeson, and Rosinski; and Student Trustees Alyasini and Elliot

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Chancellor Miles, Vice Chancellor Rearic, Presidents Cooke and Zacovic, and other interested faculty, administrators, staff, and community members.

Call to Order

The meeting of the Governing Board began at 4:05 p.m.

Public Presentations

Grossmont College student Alex Neofitidis joined by Associated Students
Grossmont College President Peg Marcus commented on funding for education.

General Obligation Bond Presentation

Chancellor Miles introduced the following experts involved in guiding the bond initiative process:

- Bonnie Moss, partner, Clifford Moss LLC
- Rod Carter, Underwriter, RBC Capital Markets
- Robert Barna, Underwriter, De La Rosa & Co
- Ivory Li, Underwriter, Piper Jaffray
- David Casnocha, Bond Counsel

A PowerPoint presentation was presented and experts Moss, Carter, Casnocha, along with Vice Chancellor Sue Rearic provided information on pursuing a *Prop 39* bond in 2012 with key considerations that included the following:

- Facilities Needs—technology infrastructure, renovation, veterans support centers.
- Feasibility Process—Moss reported the District is in the range for a potentially successful bond measure, being above the 55% threshold for voter support in two polls of 600 registered voters who are likely to vote in the November General Election. The polls reflected voters are interested in the District's needs and likely to support the measure based on the financial projections.
- Ballot Measure Preparation—Rearic reported on planning that included completion of the Educational Master Plan, Strategic Plans, Technology Plan, and work to date on the Facilities Master Plan. She also reported on the essential needs for students and programs, including aging buildings, technology infrastructure, and Veterans Resource Centers.

Call to Order

Public Presentations

Bond Presentation

- Financials—Carter provided information on the overall bond amount of \$398 million with an estimated tax rate of \$16.94 per \$100,000 assessed value, for a \$40 per year cost for the typical homeowner. He provided information on the proposed issuance schedule over a 17-year period for the general obligation bond Series 2014A, 2018B, 2023C, and 2031D.
- Legal Compliance—Casnocha provided a review of the resolution and the legal aspects of it along with *Prop 39* and electoral requirements, and transition to campaign, including the do's and don'ts. He stated that by passing the resolution, the Board calls for an election. He cautioned that public funds and equipment cannot be used to advocate for the bond.
- Voter Alignment—Moss reported the current estimate for facilities needs is over \$600 million for conservative, prudent needs identified on both campuses. The bond being requested is an “essentials only” and affordable to voters. The 75-word ballot statement was reviewed and reads as follows:

East County Grossmont College and Cuyamaca College Students, Active Military and Veterans Affordable Education and Job Training Measure. “To prepare local students/veterans for college/career success, shall GCCCD upgrade career training facilities for science, medical, public safety, in-demand fields, create a Veterans Support Center on each campus, modernize technology in classrooms, libraries, science labs, improve disabled persons access, upgrade, construct, acquire classrooms, facilities, sites/equipment, by issuing \$398 million in bonds, at legal rates, with independent citizen oversight, no money for pensions/administrators, and all money staying local, benefitting East County community colleges?”

Discussion

Board members engaged in a question and answer session with the experts and Chancellor Miles to gain clarity and information on topics that included the following:

- Feasibility study included two polls administered in January and July 2012 of registered voters in East County who were likely to vote in the General Election
- Confirmation of 59% voter support, which surpasses the 55% threshold for a successful bond initiative
- Differentiating between the District's bond initiative and the Governor's Tax Proposal
- The selection of registered voters polled throughout the county and the methodology for choosing those voters
- Voter appreciation and support for veterans' assistance and support for technology upgrades
- Margin of error being confirmed at less than 5%
- Poll #2 questions were refined slightly as informed by Poll #1
- Emphasizing what the bond will provide for the District in energy efficient upgrades, which will free up general fund dollars for students
- District needs will direct prioritization for renovations, upgrades, and buildings

Resolution 13-004 Ordering an Election and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order—Adopted Resolution 13-004 Ordering an Election and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, requesting the San Diego County Registrar of Voters to call an election under the provisions of *Proposition 39*, and submit to the electors of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District the question seeking authorization to issue and sell bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$398 million to finance a significant portion of the District's facilities-related master plans, as recommended by the Chancellor. On motion of Members Rosinski/Barr, with a unanimous vote of 5-0, the board adopted the resolution. Refer to item 301 attached to the docket and made a part of these

Q&A

Resolution 13-004 Ordering an Election and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, adopted

minutes.

School Construction and Professional Services Procurement Best Practices—
Adopted *School Construction and Professional Services Procurement Best Practices* to comply with San Diego County Taxpayers Association requirements, as recommended by the Chancellor. On motion of Members Barr/Justeson, with a unanimous vote of 5-0, the board adopted the practices. Refer to item 302 attached to the docket and made a part of these minutes.

Adjournment

Board President Garrett adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

School Construction and
Professional Services
Procurement Best Practices,
adopted

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

**Approved by the Governing Board
August 21, 2012**

Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D.
Chancellor and
Secretary to the Governing Board

Bill Garrett
Board President

Jennifer Danks
Recording Secretary