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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Audits Reflect Excellence

The District, Foundations, Auxiliary, and Pension Eligible Alternative Retirement (PEAR) Plan all received “unqualified” or clean audits from the District’s accounting firm Christy White Accountancy for 2009-10, the seventh straight year of outstanding audits.

Accountants **James Hawley** and **John Dominguez** presented the audit reports to the Governing Board. **Dominguez** said the results reflect the best opinion available, with no deficiencies in control or compliance. All audits have been submitted to the respective agencies and have met all reporting deadlines.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** commended those involved with the District’s finances. **Sue Rearic**, Vice Chancellor Business Services, said that while finance people get the credit, it is a districtwide effort. **Rearic** said the audits are available on the District’s website for review.

New Trustees Sworn into Office

Re-elected Board trustee **Greg Barr** and newly elected trustees **Edwin Hiel** and **Debbie Justeson** were sworn into office by Board President **Bill Garrett**.

Hiel said he is looking forward to working with his colleagues, the administration, and everyone else. He introduced his family, including his parents, sister, and wife.

Justeson said she also looked forward to working with everyone. She introduced her husband, son and daughter, and her in-laws.

Speakers offered congratulations to the new members and the new Board: **Jim Mahler** said, “It is a new day and a new direction. We couldn’t ask for a better chancellor, better Board, better management team.” Mahler distributed awards to the newly elected and re-elected trustees. **Michael Golden** said, “There’s a feeling of collaboration everywhere. That is how we are going to get through tough times. Everyone is trying to do the right thing for the students and the District.” **Sabrina Santiago** said Justeson “is a woman of tremendous integrity and intelligence.” Santiago said she is also impressed with Hiel, and is happy about the direction the Board is going. **David Milroy** thanked everyone for the work they are going to be doing. “These are difficult times for education in the state of California. We have people who understand from the inside who will keep the damage from spreading.”



Board Reports

Trustee **Greg Barr** said he is “pleased and honored to be sitting next to two new Board members who will serve this Board and this District well,” calling **Hiel** and **Justeson** “great thinkers and practical people.”

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** welcomed the new members of the Board and congratulated **Barr** on his re-election.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** offered as his first Board report, “Let the show begin.”

Trustee **Debbie Justeson** thanked everyone who spoke to the Board about the future of the District.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** said ASGC is hosting “Cram It” study sessions for students and held a holiday party for EOPS students. **Enders** said it has been a “very rough semester” for students, and thanked everyone on behalf of himself and ASGC for supporting students.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** congratulated the team who worked on the Mother Goose floats. **Taylor** said Cuyamaca College is actively attending Region X meetings and hosted one on campus. Both **Enders** and **Taylor** welcomed the new trustees on behalf of the students.

Board President **Bill Garrett** said he met with new California Community College Board of Governors President **Scott Himelstein** during his recent visit to Cuyamaca College. **Garrett** said **Himelstein** will be a good advocate for community colleges. **Garrett** said he and his wife, **Judy**, enjoyed the Grossmont College theatre production of “Time Flies.”

Garrett congratulated **Barr** on his unopposed return to the Board and **Justeson** and **Hiel** on their election. “We are going to have a great Board and you are going to be part of it,” **Garrett** said.

Board Actions

Closed Session

In closed session, by a vote of 5-0, the Board voted to affirm the administrative determination in regard to a complaint of discrimination filed by a District employee.

Open Session

The Governing Board approved all items on the [agenda](#); the majority were approved by consent, with discussions as follows:

The Governing Board unanimously approved new Board officers for 2011: President **Bill Garrett**, Vice President **Greg Barr**, and Clerk **Mary Kay Rosinski**. President **Garrett**, chosen to lead the Board for the fourth year, said he has enjoyed serving as Board President. "I look forward this year to working with a terrific Board."

The Governing Board approved the 2011 meeting schedule. President **Garrett** noted the Board will be meeting April 5 to avoid conflicts with spring break.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** discussed her concerns about traffic issues at Cuyamaca. Interim Cuyamaca College President **Robert Garber** said a study is underway by a traffic engineer to look at traffic flow.

Board member **Greg Barr** asked whether there were plans to improve cell phone coverage on the Grossmont campus. Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** said an assessment is planned and she will report back to the Governing Board with recommendations.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** added her congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected Board members. "I have the best Board on earth. We, the District, are blessed."

Chancellor **Miles** noted the many events and celebrations allowing students and faculty to show off their successes and the work they have been doing this year. **Miles**, along with Trustee **Rosinski**, classified staff members, student government leaders, and mascots from both colleges, participated in the Mother Goose Parade. **Miles** commended Classified Staff and said, "It was your idea and you made it happen."

Vice Chancellor's Report

Sue Rearic, Vice Chancellor Business Services, said the state budget shortfall is now \$28.1 billion and mid-year cuts are anticipated. She said the District is working hard on developing plans and coming up with solutions. **Rearic** said results of the recent District Services survey will soon be placed on the employee intranet.

Presidents' Reports

Staff Notes

Grossmont College welcomes new employees **Christine Girsch**, Health Professions Specialist, and **Jaime Lopez**, Custodian. Cuyamaca College welcomes **John Tackett, Sr.**, General Maintenance Worker, Senior.

Congratulations to **Jerry Buckley** on his appointment as Senior Dean, Research, Planning & Institutional Effectiveness.



- ◆ Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke** reported on the annual Assistive Technology Show, which showcases student inventions created to assist an individual with a disability to increase independence. Inventions benefit East County residents.
- ◆ Culinary Arts students participated in the Robert Bland Culinary Salon 2010 competition in Arizona. Chef **Joe Orate** and six students took home two professional bronze medals, one professional gold medal, and the Best in Show Trophy Award.
- ◆ **Cooke** said Griffin Radio participated in its 13th consecutive San Diego Blood Bank's Chargers Blood Drive XXXII on November 30.



- ◆ Cuyamaca College Interim President **Robert Garber** welcomed **Scott Herrin**, new Associate Dean of Athletics. **Herrin** comes to Cuyamaca from MiraCosta College with strong experience in both leadership and fundraising roles.
- ◆ The CARE Program hosted its annual holiday workshop for single parent students. Students received toys from the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program and personal gifts and gift cards donated by ASGCC, administrators, faculty, and staff.
- ◆ **Garber** discussed the successful vocational programs at the Center for Innovation. Eighty-six students have completed green industry training courses supported by ARRA grant funds.

Staff Reports

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Chris Hill** and Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** welcomed new trustees **Hiel** and **Justeson**.

Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** thanked the students who were part of the Mother Goose Parade float and said plans are already underway for next year. Next year's Classified Appreciation Day will have a Las Vegas theme: "Betting on Classified."

CSEA President **Jan Recktenwald** said it is her last meeting as president after serving two terms. She thanked Board members, the Chancellor, and Vice Chancellor for the opportunity to represent the bargaining unit. She thanked **Debi Miller** for a wonderful working relationship and AFT's solidarity on so many issues. **Cheryl Houston** is the incoming president. Board President **Garrett** thanked **Recktenwald** for her service to the District and CSEA.

Administrators Association President **Michael Copenhaver** welcomed new Board members. The Association submitted a draft contract merging the supervisors and managers handbooks together, and is looking forward to fruitful negotiations. The Association is donating \$10,000 to Osher scholarships.

Upcoming Events

Grossmont College Spring 2011 Convocation will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, beginning with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in the Main Gym.

Cuyamaca College Spring 2011 Convocation will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2011, beginning with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in the Student Center.

Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, January 18, 2011, in the Cuyamaca College Student Center. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following a closed session scheduled for 5:20 p.m.

The schedule of regular Governing Board meetings for 2011 is posted online at: [2011 Governing Board Meeting Schedule](#).