

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
May 3, 2005

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Center Community College District was called to order by Vice President Isabel Barreras at 4:30 p.m., May 3, 2005, at the District Office Boardroom, 1525 E. Weldon Avenue, Fresno, CA.



## Chancellor's Report

Dr. Crow stated that it's hard to believe that the end of the academic year is upon us. Tonight, the campuses and centers will report on the many activities that will be taking place throughout the District. Graduation ceremonies will take place on May 20. He encouraged all to attend as it is a wonderful time of celebration for students and their families, and it serves as a reminder as to why we are here.

This past weekend he and several members of the Board of Trustees had the opportunity to attend the League's Annual Trustees Conference. Trustee Dottie Smith and he participated on a panel designed to stimulate discussion on a very important issue – diversity. The session was well attended and served to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas on how to foster a diverse environment in community college districts. Also at the conference, trustees that have served 20 years or more were honored at a special luncheon. Trustees Pat Patterson, Les Thonesen, Dottie Smith, and Willie Smith were recognized at the event.

The employee recognition events at Reedley College this Wednesday and next Tuesday at Fresno City College are a special time when we honor our employees and recognize those that have achieved milestones of service. The winner of the Bill F. Stewart Award of Excellence will also be announced and Dr. Stewart will be on hand to present the award to this year's deserving individual.

Finally, as you are aware, many faculty, staff, and administrators have been working diligently to ensure that our laboratory classes throughout the District are conducted in a safe environment. This review and improvement plan includes physical facilities, training, monitoring, and supplies. Written updates and copies of the Cal/OSHA citations have been provided to the Board. A full report will be presented to the Board, in closed session, at the June 7, 2005, Board meeting.

## Campus Reports

Dr. Doffoney introduced Athletic Director Susan Yates. She noted that FCC is currently number one for the Pepsi Cup competition with a spread of twenty points. Ms. Yates recognized the women's track team for placing second in the conference and earning a team GPA of 3.2. The men's basketball team went 34-0 this year, a school record, and won the State Championship.

Dr. Doffoney announced the following awards: Shelby Bue was named to the 2005 Phi Theta Kappa All-California Academic Second Team, Shreya Shah was selected as a member of USA

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Today's All-USA Academic Team, and Kathy Bonilla, FCC's Public Information Officer, recently received the All Pro Award at the Community College Public Relations Organization Conference for her outstanding personal achievement in community college public relations.

He also noted the Child Development Center's recent accreditation and recognized Peg Mericle and the staff of the Center.

Dr. Doffoney reported on other campus activities as follows:

- English instructor Luis Contreras will receive the distinguished Association of Mexican American Educator's Professor of the Year Award at AMAE's Dia Del Maestro banquet to be held on May 12 at TorNino's.
- Educator Jaime Escalante helped kick off Cinco de Mayo festivities on Monday. He s

Campus Reports

Associated Students  
Report

Ms. Shreya Shah, Fresno City College Student Trustee, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the ASB activities for 2004-05.

Adaptive Horticulture  
Program, Fresno City  
College

Dr. Janice Emerzian gave a brief history of the Adaptive Ornamental Horticulture Program, and instructor Jerry Hentzler provided a PowerPoint presentation on the program's opportunities for students to successfully integrate into campus life, overcome barriers and achieve goals.

Consent Agenda  
Action

Ms. Barreras requested that Item No. 05-89, Consideration to Approve Director of Technology, Fresno City College, and Director of Technology, Reedley College Positions and Job Descriptions., be pulled for further discussion.

Ms. Barreras also noted that Item No. 05-86, Certificated Personnel Recommendations, has been amended and the changes are noted in bold type.

It was moved by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Thonesen that the Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda as amended, and with the exception of Item No. 05-89. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes	-	6
Noes	-	0
Absent	-	1

Employment, Transfer,  
Contract Extension,  
Change in Retirement  
Date, Leave of  
Absence, Change of  
Duty Days, and  
Reduced Load  
Contract, Certificated  
Personnel  
[05-86]  
Action

approve certificated personnel recommendations, Items A through H, as presented. (Lists A through H are herewith made a part of these minutes as Appendix I, 05-86).

Employment,  
Promotion, Change of  
Status, Lateral Transfer,  
Resignation and  
Retirement, Classified  
Personnel  
[05-87]  
Action

approve classified personnel recommendations, Items A through K, as presented. (Lists A through K are herewith made a part of these minutes as Appendix II, 05-87).

Consideration to  
Approve New  
Classification  
Specification for Copy  
Center Specialist,  
Fresno City College  
[05-88]  
Action

approve the new classification specification for Copy Center Specialist, as presented.

Consideration to  
Approve Out-of-State  
Travel, Engineering  
Design Competition  
Club, Reedley College  
[05-90]  
Action

approve out-of-state travel for eight Reedley College students to attend and compete in the 2005 ASEE Model Design Competition held at the American Society of Engineering Education Conference in Portland, Oregon from June 11-14, 2005, with the understanding that the trip will be financed without requiring expenditures of District funds.

Consideration to  
Approve Out-of-State  
Travel, Upward Bound  
Students, Reedley  
College  
[05-91]  
Action

approve out-of-state travel for two Upward Bound students to travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in the COE National Student Leadership Congress, to be held June 11-16, 2005, with the understanding that the trip will be financed without requiring expenditures of District funds.

Consideration to  
Approve Out-of-State  
Travel, Students in Free  
Enterprise, Reedley  
College  
[05-92]  
Action

approve out-of-state travel for five students to travel to Kansas City, Missouri to attend the SIFE National Competition to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, on May 22-24, 2005, with the understanding that the trip will be financed without requiring expenditures of District funds.

Consideration to  
Approve Study Abroad  
Program, the London  
Program, Summer 2006  
[05-93]  
Action

approve the offering of the Summer 2006 program in London, England, and approve Marianne Dunklin and Gerry Bill as instructors for the 2006 program.

Review of District  
Warrants and Checks  
[05-94]  
Action

review and sign the warrants register for the period March 28, 2005, to April 29, 2005, in the amount of \$9,864,467.09; and

review and sign the check registers for the Fresno City College and Reedley College Co-Curricular Accounts and the Fresno City College and Reedley College Bookstore Accounts for the period March 15, 2005, to April 22, 2005, in the amount of \$383,690.69.

Financial Analysis of  
Enterprise and Special  
Revenue Operations  
[05-95]

Action

Provided as information only.

Budget Transfers and  
Expenditures Report  
[05-96]

Action

Provided as information only.

Consideration to Adopt  
Resolution Authorizing  
Inter-fund Transfer  
[05-97]

Action

approve Resolution No. 05-97 authorizing an inter-fund transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$537,005.00 for Maintenance and Repair Projects.

Consideration to  
Approve Sale of  
Surplus Property  
[05-98]

Action

authorize disposal of District surplus property by auction.

Consideration of  
Resolution of Intention  
to Dedicate Enterprise  
Canal Pipeline and  
Maupin Ditch Pipeline  
Easements, Willow/  
International Site  
[05-99]

Action

- a) approve Resolution No. 05-99 signifying the District's intention to dedicate to the Fresno Irrigation District the necessary pipeline easements to allow the District to relocate the Enterprise Canal and the Maupin Ditch Pipeline, as required for the Willow/International project.
- b) schedule a public hearing for this matter at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2005.

Consideration to  
Authorize Agreement  
for Construction  
Testing Services,  
Railroad  
Underpass/Grade  
Separation Project,  
Fresno City College  
[05-100]

Action

authorize an Agreement with BSK Associates for construction testing services for the Railroad Underpass/Grade Separation Project at Fresno City College and authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor-Finance and Administration to sign an Agreement on behalf of the District.



Consideration to  
Authorize Agreement  
for Construction  
Inspection Services,  
Railroad Underpass/  
Grade Separation  
Project, Fresno City  
College  
[05-101]  
Action

authorize an Agreement for Stephen Hahn with the firm of TWB Inspections for construction inspection services for the Railroad Underpass/Grade Separation project at Fresno City College and

Consideration to  
Approve Director of  
Technology, Fresno  
City College, and  
Director of Technology,  
Reedley College/North  
Centers, Positions and

Consideration to  
Authorize Agreement  
for Construction  
Testing Services,  
Willow/International  
Project  
[05-105]  
Action

A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Thonesen that the Board of Trustees authorize an Agreement with Twining Laboratories, Inc., for construction testing services for the on-site construction for the Willow/International project and authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor-Finance and Administration to sign an Agreement on behalf of the District.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes	-	6
Noes	-	0
Absent	-	1

Consideration to  
Authorize Agreement  
for Construction  
Inspection Services,  
Willow/International  
Project  
[05-106]  
Action

Mr. Forhan questioned if the District could employ the same inspector as the one being used at the Clovis Unified project across the street.

A motion was made by Mr. Forhan and seconded by Mr. Feaver that the Board of Trustees authorize an Agreement for Tom Barton with the firm of TWB Inspections for construction inspection services for the Willow/International project and authorize the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor-Finance and Administration to sign an Agreement on behalf of the District.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes	-	6
Noes	-	0
Absent	-	1

Consideration of Bids,  
Roofing Project,  
Various Buildings,  
Fresno City College  
[05-107]  
Action

Ms. Smith asked regarding bidding and awarding of contracts, does the District see prior work of the successful bidder or obtain references before the Board's approval. She also asked in terms of the bids going over the estimate, how the District knows if it is getting the best bidder.

Ms. Barreras inquired where the proposed company is located.

A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Shah that the Board of Trustees award Bid #0405-19 in the amount of \$261,585.00 to Nations Roof West, the lowest responsible bidder for the Roofing Project, Various Buildings at Fresno City

Old Administration  
Building Project  
Presentation and  
Consideration to  
Authorize Contract  
Amendment with ELS,  
Fresno City College  
[05-108]

Mr. Forhan confirmed that the District is under contract now and questioned what this item is for and the amount of the current contract.

Mr. Kurt Schindler, lead architect with ELS, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the OAB renovation plans. It was noted that the presentation is the same as the one provided at the recent Board Retreat.

Ms. Barreras asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. Lee Little read a letter on behalf of Fresno City Councilmember Brian Calhoun stating that the building should be

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Consideration to  
Authorize Submittal of  
Initial Project Proposal,  
Old Administration  
Building, Fresno City  
College  
[05-109]  
Action

A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Feaver that the Board of Trustees authorize submittal of an Initial Project Proposal for the Old Administration Building to the State Chancellor's Office.

Mr. Forhan commented that if the Board chooses to go this route and looks at the out years that it really happens, the fact is that for the 85% of the community college bonds that have passed, there is a great availability of matching monies. He does not understand why this project would be a priority in the State Chancellor's Office. Mr. Forhan continued that he believes it is a real watershed and he has received numerous emails and phone calls from people that think the District needs to be more aggressive in restoring the OAB to the best of our ability. He hopes this is not a copout in view of the fact that the District is going for State funding. He does not think it is going to happen and a lot of people will be disappointed.

Dr. Crow explained that this is an attempt to find all sources of potential funding for this building and it is an aggressive approach. The funding would give us the opportunity to bring on two more wings and provide program improvements in some areas. We have to do this to maximize our dollars.

Ms. Smith added that she is in favor of rehabilitating the building; however, she believes that the public is confused. Many feel it is a smoke screen and that the District is not doing everything they said they would do. The public wants to have the OAB refurbished and voted for Measure E because of it. The District has other projects as well and the public needs to understand what is being done.

Dr. Crow advised that after Mr. Schindler's presentation to the campus OAB committee and Historical Society, it was agreed that Bruce Owdom and he would co-write an op ed piece for The Fresno Bee in an effort to keep the public up-to-date.

Ms. Barreras clarified that the IPP approval would place the District in line for future funding.

Mr. Thonesen stated that the Board has always told the public that \$25 million would be spent on the OAB and we would go as far as we could. At the time the bond was proposed no one had any hard numbers, but he believes the public has been told as accurately as possible. This item is free money if we can get it. We have been honest and are doing the best we can.

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Authorize Submittal of  
Initial Project Proposal,  
Old Administration  
Building, Fresno City  
College  
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Mr. Forhan stated that this District needs to have a form of prioritization for Measure E monies, there should be clear criteria, and it should show how it impacts the students. The reality is there is not enough money to complete the Measure E projects. I would hope that the administration at some point will decide to have some form of objective criteria to assess and evaluate different proposals that come before the Board and how the money is being spent.

Dr. Crow commented that the campuses have been asked to reprioritize their projects. The Board had a very extensive conversation regarding the A, B, C, and D lists of priorities for every Measure E project. We are currently updating the lists and will be bringing the recommendations back to the Board. There is a prioritization in place as a result of the Board Retreat from two years ago.

Mr. Forhan stated that he would also like to know the criteria being used to assess the projects.

Mr. Smith stated that the Board has discussed a number of these issues, and the OAB has been discussed since he first came on the Board. He assured everyone that could hear him speaking that the Board is acting in good faith and has every intention of using all of its resources to attempt to restore the Old Administration Building. There are naysayers that are critics of what is trying to be done, but there is no basis to believe the District or Board has any intention other than to do what we said we would do. Notwithstanding the fact there may be people who throw stones at us and claim there is a hidden agenda, there is no hidden agenda. We are trying to use the resources we have the best we can. We have indeed sat down and used various criteria to determine what the priorities are and have asked for input not just from Board members, but from the faculty and staff in order to come to the criteria that we have. Criteria have been established, we have looked at all of the various Measure E projects, and we have ranked them. This Board and every single member, including Mr. Forhan, have been there when this was discussed. I am shocked that we are getting criticized for not having set criteria or not having developed any set of criteria as to what our priorities are. We have done that. We need to move forward with the project and use the money we have. That is not to say that we are going to stay within budget, or that we are not going to have cost overruns. We will do the best we can, will look for supplemental funds, and the Old Administration Building is going to be restored. It will not be restored tomorrow or next year, but it is going to be restored. It is a priority of this Board. We will also address the other priorities of Measure E because, as

Consideration to  
Authorize Submittal of  
Initial Project Proposal,  
Old Administration  
Building, Fresno City  
College  
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you may recall, Measure E was something that is districtwide. We didn't just ask the people in Fresno City College's jurisdiction to come up with Measure E funds for the Old Administration Building. Our District is in Fresno County, Madera County, and Kings County, so we asked all those people to vote for us, and we had projects that spanned our entire district, not just the Old Administration Building. We had to come up with a strategy that permitted people to vote not just for the \$25 million for the Old Administration Building, but for all the Measure E projects. That's why Measure E passed, not because we said that we were going to restore the Old Administration Building alone. Everybody in this District was vested in the process and we can't sit here now and turn our back on all the other people and all the other areas and say the only project we have to go forward on is the Old Administration Building. That would be wrong.

Ms. Smith stated that she would like the record to show that all she wants is for the public to understand. We may be doing the right thing, but we need to let the public know on an on-going basis so there will not be any misunderstandings.

Mr. Forhan added that apparently he missed the criteria and

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Consideration to  
Authorize Submittal of  
Initial Project Proposal,  
Southeast Center  
[05-110]  
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Dr. Crow added that the IPP goes away if the District does not get the property; however, if we are successful in obtaining the property the District has an opportunity to move forward.

Mr. Forhan also questioned when we negotiate with the sellers if we locked in to that particular site.

Ms. Shah asked about transportation to the proposed site.

Dr. Crow stated that the District is trying to get into the Sphere of Influence so that bus transportation would be provided.

Mr. Forhan commented that this process seems premature.

Action

A motion was made by Mr. Thonesen and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Board of Trustees authorize submittal of the Initial Project Proposal for the Southeast Center to the State Chancellor’s Office. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes	-	5
Noes	-	1 (Mr. Forhan)
Absent	-	1

Consideration of  
Resolution Authorizing  
Submittal of Final  
Project Proposals for  
Child Development -

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Small and Local  
Business Outreach  
Program  
[05-113]  
No Action

(Mr. Smith returned at 6:57 p.m.)

Ms. Barreras stated that she had asked for this item to be discussed. The staff has done some research and Dr. Crow will comment on the proposal.

Dr. Crow explained that Los Rios Community College District was recently awarded an Industry Driven Regional Collaborative grant from the State Chancellor's Office. The purpose of the grant is to increase the capability of small businesses to provide goods and services to California's community colleges. Dr. Crow noted that Mr. Brinkley and he are scheduled to meet with representatives of the grant administrator later this week.

Ms. Barreras asked if a statement to encourage small and local businesses to apply could be added to our RFP's.

Mr. Forhan added that he attended a workshop at the recent CCCT conference regarding outreach to different parts of the community, including Hispanic and Black Chambers of Commerce, and providing pre-bid conferences on various issues, procedures, collaboration with other vendors, etc. By a minor effort of the District to reach some of these communities, the payoff is very high and we can keep a large portion of the Measure E monies in the local area.

Board Reports

Reedley College Student Trustee, Mayra Gonzalez, reported on:

- Tiger Awards to be held May 4 at 7:00 p.m.
- Cinco de Mayo activities on May 5
- ASB car wash on May 7 to help defray costs of the end of the year trip
- ASB installation dinner for new officers will be held on May 11
- Commencement rehearsal is May 19
- The class gift from the ASB is a scoring table for the gym.

Fresno City College Student Trustee, Shreya Shah, reported:

- ASG planted a strawberry marina tree in front of the library in honor of Earth Day.
- Guest speakers on campus this week included Morgan Spurlock, director of the "Super Size Me" documentary, and Jaime Escalante, an exceptional mathematics educator.
- Cinco de Mayo activities will include mariachis, horse riders and folkloric dancers.
- The Leadership Awards Banquet is scheduled for May 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

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- Ms. Shah also announced that she is the recipient of the Deans' Medallion for the Business Division.

Ms. Smith noted that Dr. Crow and she participated on a panel discussion regarding diversity at the recent CCCT conference. The student trustees mentioned dancing in connection with the Cinco de Mayo activities, and this was mentioned as one way to express diversity during the panel discussion.

The Board members expressed their appreciation to the two student trustees for their exemplary service during the last year.

Mr. Forhan reported that he attended Congressman Nunez's Summit on nursing. Mr. Forhan expressed his appreciation to Dr. Carolyn Drake for her continued contributions to the nursing program.

Mr. Feaver congratulated Les Thonesen, Dottie Smith, Willie Smith, and Pat Patterson for their recognition by the California Community College Trustees for over 20 years service.

Ms. Smith also expressed her thanks to Carolyn Drake for her commitment to the nursing program. Ms. Smith continued that she did not hear all of Jaime Escalante's speech, but she understands he spoke to all levels – faculty, staff, and students. She and some of her students also attended Fresno City College's Career Day.

Ms. Barreras reported that she attended the District's Business Economic Development Forum. It was well attended and is a great opportunity for the community to learn more about the District. She also attended the Madera Center's Spring Extravaganza and had an opportunity to talk with students and staff.

Old Business

Mr. Forhan stated that some time ago he had requested a report on Cal Grants and he has not received anything to date. Also, regarding the health issue on campus, he has been advised that the formaldehyde level in the labs is so high that by Cal/OSHA standards they should be wearing respirators. Dr. Crow again noted that a full report will be presented to the Board, in closed session, at the June 7, 2005, Board meeting.

Ms. Shah asked about the status of the Smoking Policy.

Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

Closed Session

Ms. Barreras stated that the Board, in closed session, will be discussing:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/ RELEASE,  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS,  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, Willow/  
International Property: Parcel Numbers 580 071 07, 580 071 08,  
and 556 010 18

Agency Negotiator: Douglas R. Brinkley, Vice Chancellor-  
Finance and Administration

Negotiating Parties: To be determined

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT,  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957; Title: Chief of  
Police, SCCC

