Date: June 20, 2012

Place: Victor Valley Community College, Staff Lounge
18422 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, CA 92395

1.0 WELCOME, ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER
The Victor Valley Community College District Measure JJ Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee met on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, in the Staff Lounge of Victor Valley Community College. Diana J. O’Malley, chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Diana O’Malley (CBOC), Michael Brewer (CBOC), Richard Greenwood (CBOC); Edward Rodarte (CBOC), Diane Uli (CBOC),

Absent: Jeremiah Brosowske (CBOC); Rudy Cabriales (CBOC); Tosca Lars (CBOC).

Present: Joe Range (VVC President, Board of Trustees), Trey Keyes, (guest), Christopher O’Hearn, (VVC Superintendent/President), G.H. Javaheripour, (VVC Vice President, Administrative Services); Steve Garcia (VVC Director, Facilities/Construction); and Shirley Snell-Gonzalez (VVC Administrative Assistant).

Five (5) committee members were present. Quorum established.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mr. Edward Rodarte led the assemblage in a pledge to the flag.

3.0 INTRODUCTIONS
Diana O’Malley asked that those present introduce themselves. Two guests were present, Joe Range, President of VVC’s Board of Trustees and Trey Keyes, member of the public.

4.0 AGENDA REVIEW
Ms. O’Malley called for changes, corrections, and/or amendments to the Agenda. None were required. The agenda was accepted as presented.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comments were expressed.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS
6.1 Approval of meeting minutes, March 21, 2012. The minutes were reviewed for approval.

ACTION: Motioned by Mr. Greenwood, seconded by Mr. Rodarte to approve the March 21, 2012 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Appointment of New Member. There are no new appointments to be made.
There was brief discussion as to whether or not Mr. Rodarte should be sworn in. Recommendation of membership is made by this body to the Superintendent/President who in turn makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees for approval; therefore no swearing in of members is required.

7.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSION

7.1 Special Reports – no reports were discussed.

7.2 Discussion of Potential Applicants – In follow-up of a concern expressed at the last meeting with regard to confidentiality of applicants, clarity was sought as to direction for the future. As to the committee going into “special session”, the Bylaws do not address this thought specifically. Ms. O’Malley offered that a policy could be enacted, if needed. It was a felt that if members have concerns about future applicants, they could contact Dr. O’Hearn with those concerns.

7.3 Bond Project Updates and Expenditures – Mr. Javaheripour stated that the opening of the Regional Public Safety Training Center was very successful. The project was brought in below budget and on time and is being used to its fullest. The center has been receiving attention from other facilities across the country, holding training sessions. Dr. O’Hearn pointed out that the architectural firm, gkk, recently received an award for design of the complex in Los Angeles from a peer group of approximately 500. There are specific activities/classes that will generate tax revenue and economic benefits to the town and District. Revenue generated through those avenues, overseen by the VVC Foundation as to Contract Education and Community classes, will be returned to the General Fund.

Mr. Garcia stated that he would be presenting a Facilities Bond report to the Board of Trustees at a workshop on June 21, 2012 which he then presented to the members. Included in the presentation was the Measure JJ Bond program Budget Summary Report displaying budget revenues and expenditures reconciled through March of 2012.

The update included consideration of the current Facilities Master Plan and Status Report; an Instructional Lab Space Inventory; a listing of Board approved projects, a JCAF 31 report (construction costs); Capitol Improvement 5 Year Plan; Utilities Incentives and projections for future cost savings ideas.

Based on the space inventory and required need for student lab space, targeted areas that top the list for the remaining bond funds are the Music Building, Health Science and Vocational Complex expansions/renovations. The three projects total $24,700,000 leaving less than $5 million of the initial $136 million for remaining projects. As new bonds cannot be sold if the tax rate is above $25.00 (per $100,000 of Assessed Valuation), any new bonds cannot be sold until the current tax rate valuation of $25.53 decreases.

Energy Savings Projects include the main campus solar project (saving the District approximately $1 million in avoided costs and energy incentive); and the Regional Public Safety Training Center Solar (approximately $65,000 savings in the first four months of operation). Utility incentives for the main
campus and the Regional Public Safety Training Center are projected to save up to $9 million for the General Fund over the next few years.

Benefits of solar-covered parking structures were estimated to provide approximately $8 million over the next 25-year life cycle for an investment by VVC of $3 million. Several areas on campus are targeted for the student parking structures, lots 10 and 11, 12 and 16.

Mr. Javaheripour invited the members to the Board Workshop Thursday evening for the presentation to the members of the Board of Trustees. The workshop will be held in the Staff Lounge. Dr. O’Hearn stated that the meeting is informational and will include budget information.

8.0 COMMITTEE MEMBERS’ COMMENTS – Ms. Uli commented on a recent article in the Daily Press referencing enforcement of the Oversight Committees in the local area. VVC was mentioned in a positive light.

9.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Standard & Poor’s Rating Report – Mr. Javaheripour stated that in the spring of 2009, Moody Investment issued a rating of AA- for VVC. Standard and Poor’s Rating Services reviewed VVC’s general obligation bonds this year with more detailed data and affirmed its AA- rating, with a stable outlook. The rating is based on the District’s strong financial state. Mr. Javaheripour congratulated the committee on keeping VVC on the right road. The current unemployment and VVC’s demographics contribute to the ratings as well.

Joe Range, Board of Trustees President thanked the members for their involvement with CBOC.

Mr. Rodarte and Mr. Keyes commented in an affirmative manner on today’s meeting.

Since the last meeting, Steve Garcia toured the Regional Public Safety Training Center with Mr. Rodarte and Mr. Brewer who expressed appreciation with the new facility.

10.0 NEXT CITIZENS’ OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 19, 2012 in the VVC Board Room at 1:30 p.m.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Documents referenced in these minutes are available on Victor Valley College Bond Measure JJ Citizens’ Oversight Committee website: www.vvc.edu.