



Victor Valley Community College District
Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 16, 2018

1. CLOSED SESSION: 5:30-6:30pm

1.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

1.2 CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the Victor Valley Community College District met in open session on January 16, 2018 in the Board Room. Board President Tortorici called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

1.3 ROLL CALL

Board President Tortorici: Present

Board Vice President Henderson: Present by phone, he stated that he is taking the call from the Bullhead City Library.

Board Clerk Brady: Present

Trustee Pinkerton: Present

Trustee Wood: Present

Student Trustee David Perez: Absent

Superintendent/President Dr. Wagner: Present

1.4 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Catherine Abbott led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.5 ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

1.6 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (one (1) case)

1.7 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Board President Tortorici adjourned to closed session @ 5:38 p.m.

2. OPEN SESSION REGULAR MEETING

Board President Tortorici called the meeting to order @ 6:41 p.m.

2.2 CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Attorney Jeff Morris reported out of closed session that there is no reportable action, board direction has been provided to legal counsel.

2.3 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS DELETED OR CORRECTED FROM THE AGENDA: None

3. ADJOURNMENT:

It was MSC (Brady/Wood, 5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.



Joseph W. Brady, Clerk



Date Approved



Victor Valley Community College District
Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 10, 2018

1. PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

2. OPEN SESSION SPECIAL MEETING

2.01 CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the Victor Valley Community College District met in open session on January 10, 2018 in the Student Activities Center, Building 44, 2nd Floor, Rooms A-D. Board President Tortorici called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

2.02 ROLL CALL

Board President Tortorici: Present
Board Vice President Henderson: Absent
Board Clerk Brady: Present
Trustee Pinkerton: Present
Trustee Wood: Present
Student Trustee David Perez: Present
Superintendent/President Dr. Wagner: Present

2.03 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Robert Sewell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board President Tortorici thanked the audience for attending the meeting and educated the members of the public as to the reasoning behind redistricting and provided the audience with a summary of what the board has done so far towards the process of redistricting. Trustee Tortorici thanked Dr. Wagner and Robert Sewell for advertising through a variety of different media resources. A list of media resources can be obtained through Robert Sewell

2.04 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS DELETED OR CORRECTED FROM THE AGENDA

None

3. ACTION AGENDA

Trustee Wood made a motion not to limit the number of speakers to the 15 minute total rule so everyone is permitted to speak despite the length of time it takes. Trustee Pinkerton seconded the motion. (4-0-0-1, with Trustee Henderson absent, student trustee advisory vote, Yay).

Trustee Tortorici announced that public comments are limited to 3 minutes per individual, not limiting the number of speakers to 15 minutes per topic.

3.01 PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATED TO ACTION AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Tortorici received an email and read it aloud from a Mr. Chuck Bell from Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association, also known as the LVEDA.

Dr. Wagner received an email and read it aloud from Ryan McEachron as he was hoping to be in attendance.

Dr. Wagner received another email and read it aloud from Art Bishop as he could not attend due to another obligation at MWA.

Peter Allan, 4.01; Thurston Smith, 4.01; Larry Bird, 4.01; Bill Holland, 4.01; Anthony Rhodes, 4.01; Carl Tate, 4.01; Eric Schmidt, 4.01; Margaret Kagy, 4.01; Nicole Fox, 4.01; Maria Soto, 4.01; Anthony Rhodes, 4.02; Margaret Kagy, 4.02.

Dr. Wagner expressed that during the December meeting the board asked that we prepare maps that would show 7 districts. Unfortunately because of the holidays and the noticing requirements that are different than regular board meetings we were unable to produce 7 maps, the district is under pressure to get this done. We are currently in the good graces of the agency who has come to us asking VVC complete the redistricting process. In 2020 we will have new demographics, the board at that time may decide on 7 districts. The process will have to be repeated after the census regardless if anything changes. Unfortunately, it was that time of year when the campus was closed, the demographers office was closed, and the notice of requirements took us beyond the ability to get the 7 maps done tonight.

4. BOARD OF TRUSTEES - ACTION AGENDA

4.01 Hold Public Hearing – Redistricting

Public Hearing for the Board of Trustees to adopt one of the draft maps, and implementation schedules.

- a) The Board president hereby declared the hearing open @ 5:17 p.m.
- b) The public may now comment on the adoption of the draft maps, and implementation schedules.
- c) The Board president hereby declared the hearing closed @ 5:44 p.m.

4.02 Resolution No. 18-01, Adopting Trustee Areas AND Implementation Schedule for Board of Trustees Elections and Requesting Approval from the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

Christina Cameron approached the podium and introduced herself as she is assisting the college in the redistricting process. Christina is a partner with Devaney, Pate, Morris, & Cameron law firm. Christina offered to go through the implementation time frame with the board. Her suggestion to the board was to discuss the plans first. The blanks on the resolution are the decision that the board needs to make during this meeting. Trustee Tortorici asked for board discussion on the 4 district plans.

Trustee Brady expressed his concerns regarding the redistricting process.

Student Trustee Perez spoke on behalf of student concerns.

Trustee Brady thanked Robert Sewell, Dr. Wagner, and staff for the media exposure and thanked student trustee Perez for his reinforcement.

Student Trustee Perez is an advocate of students to attend all meetings, he is for the students. Advisor Sewell supports students.

Dr. Wagner reported that it is important that everyone know that we started the process on our own before anyone told the district that it had to be done. VVC was moving at a California pace until the district received notification from an agency which made VVC increase our pace.

Trustee Brady does not like the maps, he voiced his concerns about having to get this done, and he is cognizant of people's time. Trustee Brady made a motion to go with map #3, seconded by Trustee Pinkerton.

Trustee Wood feels that the public were anticipating to speak on agenda item 4.02. He wants to make sure that everyone attending this meeting has the opportunity to speak.

Board President Tortorici announced to the audience that if they would like to speak on agenda item 4.02 they have the opportunity to fill out a public comment card at this time.

Public Comments related to agenda item 4.02
Margaret Kagy, 4.02; Anthony Rhodes, 4.02.

Trustee Tortorici advised the board that they can get up and look at the maps

Trustee wood left his seat at 6:03 as he was looking at the maps on the wall.
Trustee Wood returned to his seat at 6:05pm.

Trustee Wood asked if the maps on the wall are an identical representation as what was presented in the board room. Dr. Wagner replied that the online versions, the versions on the wall, and the versions on the web are all identical just represented more clearly. One of the maps on the board wall either in November or December had a line left off which made one look bigger than the other, but that never changed what has been online. The maps are a true representation as they went straight from the demographer to GIS in San Bernardino.

Student Trustee Perez asked how long it would take to produce 7 District maps. Dr. Wagner replied it would depend on the demographers work load and could take weeks.

Dr. Wagner asked Christina if we were to bring new maps would we have to have 4 more public hearings.

Christina stated that we do not have to have 4 more public hearings, however the maps would have to be posted 7 days before another meeting at which they might be voted on. If changes are made during another meeting the maps have to be posted 7 days prior to the upcoming meeting.

Trustee Wood requested a 5 minute break to look at the maps

Break at 6:11 p.m.
Reconvened at 6:19 p.m.

Trustee Tortorici asked the board if they have any other comments regarding Trustee Brady's motion on plan 3.

Trustee Wood agrees with what Trustee Brady stated earlier about being forced to do this. He has studied the maps, they all have positives and negatives, and expressed his concerns regarding each map. He doesn't want to choose any of the maps however map #3 makes the most sense.

Trustee Pinkerton supports a 7 member board but on a philosophical level he agrees with map #3. He wants to move the interest of the college forward aside from his personal feelings, having 5 Districts is a compromise, he respects the public comments. He is urging that the board make a decision so that the board can move forward with college business.

Student Trustee Perez feels that going to 5 districts doesn't represent all the cities, having 7 districts will allow for better representation. The students would like to see 7 district maps. He is here for the students voicing their concerns. He doesn't want to drag this out but the students would like to see options.

Trustee Brady asked Dr. Wagner why Trustee Henderson is absent. Dr. Wagner replied that Trustee Henderson is down the hill making funeral arrangements for his mother in law.

Trustee Brady appreciates clarity, and the passion in the room. He stated that the board can look at a 7 district board in 2020. He is here for one reason and one reason only, for the students and the college.

Trustee Wood addressed student trustee Perez and his concerns. Trustee Wood will still view his roll to represent the High Desert and VVC students, he is not going to grand stand for his district, he represents the entire High Desert. He will continue to work for the benefit of all students regardless of what district they live in. He supports the idea of 7 districts, need to prepare ahead of time for 2021. He is making a compromise on 5 districts.

It was MSC (Brady/Pinkerton, 4-0-0-1, with Trustee Henderson absent, student trustee advisory vote, Nay) to approve District map #3. Motion passes.

Trustee Brady made a motion to adopt resolution #18-01 and asked legal counsel to fill in the blanks. No second on the motion.

The board questioned the elections, the districts, and which districts would be impacted.

Christina Cameron elaborated on which districts would be up for election, and impacted.

Trustee Brady left his seat at 6:48 p.m.

The board took a 5 minute break to speak to the demographer by phone at 6.50 p.m.

Trustee Brady returned at 6:50pm during break.

Reconvened @ 7:01p.m.

Trustee Tortorici announced to the audience that they had been in contact with the demographer.

Christina Cameron summarized what the demographer had stated. The implementation can be changed, the revised implementation schedule would need to be publicized, and put on the February agenda.

It was MSC (Wood/Pinkerton, 4-0-0-1, with Trustee Henderson absent, Student Trustee Advisory vote, Yay) to adopt the resolution deferring item numbers 3-6 on the 2nd page of the resolution until the February 13, 2018 meeting for a vote. Motion passes.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

It was MSC (Perez/Pinkerton, 4-0-0-1, with Trustee Henderson absent) to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.



Joseph W. Brady, Clerk

2/13/18
Date Approved