

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
March 1, 2014

Call to Order           A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Center Community College District was called to order by President Pat Patterson at 8:15 a.m. in Room 301 at District Office North, 390 W. Fir, Clovis, California.

Trustees Present       Pat Patterson, President  
Ronald H. Nishinaka, Vice President  
Dorothy Smith, Secretary  
Isabel Barreras  
Richard Caglia  
John Leal  
Eric Payne

Also present during open session:  
Nina Acosta, Executive Secretary to the Chancellor, SCCC

Delegations,           The following persons, among others, addressed the board in support of  
Petitions, and        Chancellor Blue:  
Communications

**Oliver Baines**, Fresno City Councilmember, addressed the board in support of Chancellor Deborah G. Blue, and spoke of how termination of the chancellor would be perceived by the board's constituents. He presented the board with two letters in support of Dr. Blue, one from Mayor Swearingin and another from Michael Hansen.

**Dezie Woods-Jones**, statewide president for Black Woman Organized for Political Action, former vice mayor of the City of Oakland and retired community college administrator addressed the board in support of Chancellor Blue and spoke of Dr. Blue's outstanding career.

**Tate Hill**, president of the Fresno Metro Chamber of Commerce, presented two letters, one from the Black Chamber and one from the Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation in support of Chancellor Blue. He said, as a former student of FCC, he is concerned about this process and hopes the board will continue to act with integrity.

**Lori Natal**, vice president of the Latino Faculty and Staff Association, addressed the board and stated she was just recently made aware of this situation and is not clear what the issues are. She said she was present to provide representation and support on behalf of the Latino community and Latino education.

**Carolyn Drake**, former dean of health sciences at Fresno City College, addressed the board in support of Chancellor Blue and addressed rumors she has heard and how this will affect diversity.

**Carolyn Dickson** addressed the board in support of Chancellor Blue and

spoke about her goodness and leadership.

**Cal Johnson**, who has worked in the district for 31 years, addressed the board in support of Chancellor Blue. He said he believes she is a person of integrity and is concerned about students. She has been a leader in bringing diversity to the district. He asked the board to take its decisions very seriously and make those decisions based on facts, not a whispering campaign.

**Angelia Barfield**, community leader and a youth advocate in Fresno, addressed the board in support of Chancellor Blue. She said Dr. Blue inspires the youth she works with every day and has inspired her.

In addition, the following also spoke in support of Chancellor Deborah G. Blue: **Pearl Mangum, Dr. Gerri Santos, Larry Dickson, Ellie Honardoost, Laure Tidyman Jones.**

Closed Session      President Patterson stated that in closed session the board will discuss the following:

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

The board moved into closed session at 9:15 a.m.

Open Session      The board moved into open session at 1:29 p.m. President Patterson stated the board did not take any reportable action during closed session.

Adjournment      The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. by the unanimous consent of the board.

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

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