

**LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**
Thursday, May 24, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.
LCC Student Success Center Board Room

Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum

Roll Call

Present: Chairman Daniel J. Romero, Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina, Secretary Ernie Chavez, Trustee David Gutierrez, Trustee Abelino Montoya, Jr. and Trustee Eugenio Perez IV.

Also present: Interim President Ricky Serna, Executive Office Manager SherylAnn Yara, Information Specialist Orlando LeFebre, Michael Montoya, Financial Aid, Henrietta Maestas, Registrar, Matthew Cordova, Physical Plant Manager, Amanda Lucero, Humanities, Mark Dominguez, guest, Kenneth Bachicha, Humanities/MA&FT, Georgia Baca, Fiscal, Francina Martinez, Fiscal, Rick Baca, Vocational Trades Director and Dr. Sharon Lalla, Vice President of Instruction.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina.

Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Abelino Montoya, Jr. moved for approval of the Agenda. Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina seconded the motion. The vote for approval of the Agenda was a unanimous vote.

Informational Items

1. Update on HLC Committee Hearing.

Interim President Ricky Serna addressed the Board and advised that in the days leading up to the hearing, the team came together a couple times for about seven hours to discuss at length the show cause visit report, discuss some of the findings, prepare our response which was sent to them on March 16, 2018 and to anticipate some of the questions which would likely be asked of us during the hearing. The team arrived in Chicago on May 19, 2018 and met for about another five hours. At approximately 11:00 p.m. that evening Interim President Serna advised that he began to prepare the twenty (20) minute statement which he was going to be allowed to provide to the commission hearing on the very next day. Interim President Serna went on to advised that the next morning, the hearing began at approximately 8:00 a.m. with his statement (copy of statement provided to LCC Board), followed by a statement by Ms. Amanda Ortiz on behalf of the Staff Senate

and did an phenomenal job, and right after that, the Hearing Board went back and forth with them on questions which they had and as the questions were coming, the group were probably smiling inside due to the fact that they had anticipated many of the questions which were asked regarding assessment and our commitment to our mission, about the use of data, our plan for resolving issues related to the Foundation, etc. etc. Interim President Serna advised that all in all, it was a very confident experience for all seven and they did a very good job in representing the work which had been done representing the history of the institution, representing the importance and value of Luna and why it is unique and important to the community for economy. Interim President Serna further advised that there are some areas where we know we need to do better, such as assessment, the process by which we evaluate, how our students demonstrate mastery in the classroom, our overall use of data, although he feels that we had a good response as we cannot tell the future and do not know what is going to happen and we feel confident that we have put in place, systems that will ensure our success for the long haul. After about one hour and twenty minutes of questions and answer, we were allowed six to seven minutes for closing statements and at this time he turned it over to Donna Flores-Medina who had not been asked a single question the entire hearing, to go ahead start the closing statements and did a great job and then Trustee Montoya did a good job in conveying the work which the Board is working on and how they will continue to work with one another, and then finally, Interim President Serna had some closing remarks which essentially asked for their continued assistance in oversight to ensure that lot of the work we have done continues throughout this transition.

Interim President Serna advised that once the hearing was over, the team of seven gathered outside at which time the Chairman for the hearing walked up to them and told them that he believed that we should very proud of what we had just done in that room, which was the extra nudge to know that we had done everything we could.

Interim President Serna then asked Chairman Daniel J. Romero if Trustee Abelino Montoya, Jr. could speak a few words as to his experience.

Trustee Montoya thanked Chairman Daniel J. Romero and his fellow Trustees for allowing him his wishes to represent the college at this hearing, as it was an experience which he will never forget. Trustee Montoya further thanked the team who did a phenomenal job representing the accomplishments that the staff, faculty and students have achieved in a short amount of time. Trustee Montoya then reiterated the issues which were discussed. Trustee then advised that it became very apparent that the behavior of one Trustee has certainty at placing the institutions future at risk and for several minutes throughout the meeting, the HLC Committee probed about Trustee Chavez' unwillingness to sign the Board of Conflict Interest Statement and how he expressed his disagreement with the Presidential Search timeline during the Show Cause visit. Trustee Montoya went on to further state that the Committee went as far as to request the Trustees name and asked what, if anything we plan to do to address his ongoing descent. Trustee Montoya then advised that he believes that it is important and about time that actions and potential consequences be brought to everyone's attention. Trustee then asked on behalf of the Board, the college and certainly the team who defended against his behavior, that Trustee

Chavez either begin to conduct himself appropriately or that someone else represent his district. Trustee Montoya then stated that together, this College has accomplished so much and this was certainly evident during the last few weeks and we cannot allow the actions of one place the school in jeopardy any longer. Trustee Montoya then advised the President, the Board and all in the audience that he makes this statement because all of these questions were funneled down to him as the representative for the Board of Trustees. Trustee then gave accolades to Interim President Serna who did an outstanding job of presenting, getting everyone prepared, his comments on the onset of the hearing set the tone for how the meeting would go. Trustee Montoya further stated that questions asked of the other team members were answered very professionally, precisely and accurately at all levels and he was very proud to be sitting at that table. Trustee Montoya further stated that he wished that each Board member could have been there to understand how important it is for them to work together. Trustee Montoya then advised the Board that what the President, the staff and the students have done in the last few week is astronomical and is the biggest footprint we move forward to put the college on its right track.

Trustee Montoya went on to say that one of the questions posed to him was, how do you take care of an individual who does not want to work on the Board, and Trustee Montoya's answer was, "there's not much we can do", as the community college act does not have much teeth, there is nothing we can do.

Chairman Daniel J. Romero then asked what was asked about the Foundation during the hearing.

Interim President Serna advised that one of them was where are with the ongoing inquiries by the State Auditor, the Attorney General and the HED. Interim President Serna advised that they summarized and told them what we have done up to this point and in our response we had also included that information.

Action Items

1. Approval of STB (Severance Tax Bonds) Funding Requests.

Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina moved for approval of the STB (Severance Tax Bond) Funding Request. Trustee Abelino Montoya, Jr. seconded the motion.

Chairman Daniel J. Romero called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| Chairman Daniel J. Romero | Yes | Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina | Yes |
| Secretary Ernie Chavez | Yes | Trustee David Gutierrez | Yes |
| Trustee Abelino Montoya, Jr. | Yes | Trustee Eugenio Perez IV | Yes |

The motion did carry.

Announcement on date, time and location of next BOT meeting(s).

- Special Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 19, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. – LCC Student Success Center.

Adjourn

Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina moved for adjournment. Trustee David Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Chairman Daniel J. Romero called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote was taken and reflected the following:

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| Chairman Daniel J. Romero | Yes | Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina | Yes |
| Secretary Ernie Chavez | Yes | Trustee David Gutierrez | Yes |
| Trustee Abelino Montoya, Jr. | Yes | Trustee Eugenio Perez IV | Yes |

The motion did carry.

Daniel J. Romero, Board Chairman

Ernie Chavez, Board Secretary

SherylAnn Yara, Recorder

