

LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 @ 2:00 pm
LCC Student Success Center Board Room

Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum

Roll Call

Present: Madam Chair Dr. Phyllis Martinez, Madam Vice Chair Dianna Medrano, Madam Secretary Louise L. Portillos, Trustee Mark Dominguez and Trustee Kenneth Medina.

Also Present: Interim President Dr. Kenneth Patterson, Executive Office Manager, SherylAnn Yara, Information Specialist Ray Baca and Larry Fields, SS/Security.

Absent: Trustee Maximiliano G. Tenorio, Jr.

Madam Chair Dr. Phyllis Martinez advised, for the record that Trustee Maximiliano G. Tenorio, Jr. called and advised that he had been exposed to someone with COVID virus and is currently quarantining.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Madam Secretary Louise L. Portillos

Approval of the Agenda

Madam Vice Chair Dianna Medrano moved for approval of the Agenda with no changes. Madam Secretary Louise L. Portillos seconded the motion,

Madam Chair Dr. Phyllis Martinez called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote was taken and reflected the following:

Chair Dr. Phyllis Martinez	Yes	Vice Chair Dianna Medrano	Yes
Secretary Louise L. Portillos	Yes	Trustee Mark Dominguez	Yes
Trustee Kenneth Medina	Yes	Trustee Max G. Tenorio, Jr.	Yes

The vote for approval of the Agenda with no changes was unanimous.

Informational Items

1. Interview of applicants for the District 7 LCC Board of Trustees vacancy.

Madam Chair Dr. Phyllis Martinez advised, for the record according to LCC policy, this District 7 Board of Trustees vacancy will be filled until the next election which is scheduled for November of 2021 at which time that person will be required to declare his/her candidacy for the position which will be filled for four years. Madam Chair Dr. Phyllis Martinez further advised that she is requesting that respect is shown to each candidate

who will be allowed three minutes for a short bio of themselves and will then be asked a series of questions by the Board of Trustees. Madam Chair Dr. Phyllis Martinez then advised that the applicants will be interviewed in alphabetical order.

2:14 pm – At this time Mr. Chris Baca was brought in before the Board of Trustees. Trustee Mark Dominguez who was serving as the narrator then read the LCC Anti-Nepotism policy to Mr. Baca and asked if elected, will he abide by the policy, to which Mr. Baca answered yes.

Mr. Chris Baca then addressed the Board and gave a bio on himself and explained why he felt that he would be the best candidate to fill the District 7 Board of Trustees vacancy.

Mr. Baca was then asked a series of questions by members of the Board.

2:30 pm – At this time Ms. Maria Martinez was brought in before the Board of Trustees. Trustee Mark Dominguez who was serving as the narrator then read the LCC Anti-Nepotism policy to Ms. Martinez and asked if elected, will she abide by the policy, to which Ms. Martinez answered yes.

Ms. Martinez then addressed the Board and gave a bio on herself and explained why she felt that she would be the best candidate to fill the District 7 Board of Trustees vacancy.

Ms. Martinez was then asked a series of questions by members of the Board.

2:50 pm – At this time Mr. Daniel Romero was brought in before the Board of Trustees. Trustee Mark Dominguez who was serving as the narrator then read the LCC Anti-Nepotism policy to Mr. Romero and asked if elected, will he abide by the policy, to which Mr. Romero answered yes.

Mr. Romero then addressed the Board and gave a bio on himself and explained why he felt that he would be the best candidate to fill the District 7 Board of Trustees vacancy.

Mr. Romero was then asked a series of questions by members of the Board.

3:09 pm – At this time Mr. Gilbert Sena was brought in before the Board of Trustees. Trustee Mark Dominguez who was serving as the narrator then read the LCC Anti-Nepotism policy to Mr. Sena and asked if elected, will he abide by the policy, to which Mr. Sena answered yes.

Mr. Sena was then asked a series of questions by members of the Board.

*****For exact wording on bio's, questions of the Board and answers of the candidates, please review on the LCC Youtube page.***

2. Legislative Priorities

Interim President Dr. Kenneth Patterson addressed the Board and advised that all of our legislative activities go through NMICC, we go through HED from there and HED works with the legislature and we provided support to the legislature. Interim President Dr. Kenneth Patterson then went through some bullets listing some of the legislative priorities:

- Fully restore the federal funds swap to the I&G base.
- Maintain current Higher Education funding levels and run the funding formula with no redistribution.
- Fully fund Dual Credit outside the funding formula
- Increase funding for and expand capabilities of HED regarding transfer common course numbering, data analysis, and financial aid management.
- Increase funding for student financial aid, Lottery Scholarships Opportunity Scholarship for 2- and 4- year degree programs, and College Affordability grants.
- Fund engagement efforts directed to Adult Degree-Completers.
- Fund the Higher Ed Endowment to support research and workforce development initiatives.
- Support the High Skills fund to expand contract training for employers and enhance economic growth and diversification.

A conversation then ensued regarding who would be representing and lobbying on behalf of LCC.

Interim President Dr. Kenneth Patterson then advised the Board that the lobbying is done by the Higher Education Department (HED). Interim President Dr. Kenneth Patterson further advised that we are not allowed to attend the legislature this year due to the COVID pandemic, and further advised that it is still up in the air as to whether the legislature will be meeting via zoom, but we will not be allowed to go there to lobby.

Madam Vice Chair Dianna Medrano then asked how the Board and the Interim President would feel about contacting our Legislators and possibly get the proper staff together and hold a zoom meeting with them in order to give them our priorities.

After some questions, Interim President Dr. Kenneth Patterson then explained to the Board the difference between the RPSP requests and the Capital Outlay requests.

Interim President Dr. Kenneth Patterson then advised the Board that he would contact the Legislators to see what type of meeting we can set up with them, either together or individually.

Madam Chair Dr. Phyllis Martinez then advised that the Board will need to schedule another meeting prior to January 4, 2021 in order to approve the Profile for the Presidential Search.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the Special Meeting/Work Session will be scheduled for Monday, December 28, 2020 @ 10:00 am.

3. Discussion/Schedule – Work Session for Board Assessment and Board Priorities.

Madam Chair Dr. Phyllis Martinez advised that the Board will be developing a plan on how they will do their Board Assessment and also look at the template which was provided by Trustee Max G. Tenorio, Jr. and look at what we will be doing with our priorities, long term-goals and short-term goals.

Action Items

1. Requesting approval of appointment of LCC Board of Trustees District 7 vacancy.

Madam Chair Dr. Phyllis Martinez made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Gilbert Sena to the LCC Board of Trustees District 7 vacancy. Madam Secretary Louise L. Portillos seconded the motion.

Trustee Kenneth Medina agreed that there were some very good applicants, although he has another candidate in mind.

Trustee Mark Dominguez then advised that he also has another applicant in mind.

Madam Chair Dr. Phyllis Martinez then asked for a roll call vote. Roll call vote was taken and reflected the following:

Chair Dr. Phyllis Martinez	Yes	Vice Chair Dianna Medrano	Yes
Secretary Louise L. Portillos	Yes	Trustee Mark Dominguez	No
Trustee Kenneth Medina	No		

The vote for the approval of the appointment of Dr. Gilbert Sena to the LCC Board of Trustees District 7 vacancy did carry.

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

- Special Meeting/Work Session – Monday, December 28, 2020 @ 10:00 am – LCC Student Success Center Board Room.
- Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 12, 2021 @ 10:00 am – LCC Student Success Center Board Room.

Adjourn (Roll call is required)

Trustee Kenneth Medina moved for adjournment. Madam Secretary Louise L. Portillos seconded the motion.

Madam Chair Dr. Phyllis Martinez called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote was taken and reflected the following:

Chair Dr. Phyllis Martinez	Yes	Vice Chair Diana Medrano	Yes
Secretary Louise L. Portillos	Yes	Trustee Mark Dominguez	Yes
Trustee Kenneth Medina	Yes		

The vote for approval of adjournment was unanimous.

Dr. Phyllis Martinez, Board Chair

Louise L. Portillos, Board Secretary

SherylAnn Yara, Recorder