

**LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES/HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING/DINER**

Monday, March 25, 2019 – 5:30 pm
LCC Student Success Center Board Room

Call Meeting to Order an Establish a Quorum

Roll Call

Present: Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina, Trustee Mark Dominguez and Trustee Eugenio Perez IV.

HLC (Higher Learning Commission Peer Review Team: Dr. Julie Furst-Bowe, HLC Peer Review Chair, Dr. Kristina S. Binard, Ms. Martha J. Davey, Dr. Jacalyn Askin and Dr. Daniel P. Corr.

Also Present: Dr. Rolando M. Rael, President, SherylAnn Yara, Executive Office Manager, Ray Baca, Information Representative, Jessica McGee, Vocations Director, Lita Bernal, School of Business Director, Rebekka Montgomery, Student, Austin Jensen, Student, Dominic Graston, Student, Maria Aragon, Student, Miranda Gonzales, Student, Luis Reyna, Student, Jake Taylor, Student Senate Vice President, Jason Killian, Humanities, Laura Salazar, Admissions, Martin Garcia Admissions, Sara Vigil, Humanities, Geno Castillo STEM, Joseph Salas, Satellites, Amanda Lucero, Humanities, Dr. Sharon Lalla, Vice President of Academics, Kenneth Bachicha, Humanities/MA&FT, Matthew Bowie, IT Director and Eugene Sandoval, Trades.

Absent: Chairman Daniel J. Romero and Secretary Ernie Chavez.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Eugenio Perez IV led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Agenda

Trustee Eugenio Perez IV moved for approval of the Agenda. Trustee Mark Dominguez seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina	Yes	Trustee Mark Dominguez	Yes
Trustee Eugenio Perez IV	Yes		

The vote for approval of the Agenda was unanimous.

Informational Items

1. Meeting with (HLC) Higher Learning Commission Peer Review Team

Dr. Julie Furst-Bowe, HLC Chair introduced herself and advised that they are here as Peer Reviewers. Dr. Furst-Bowe advised that the Luna Community College was put on probation at some point and a team of Peer Reviewers came in and found that the college was meeting some of the criteria although there were six which were met with concerns, therefore, this team of Peer Reviewers are here to take a look at all of the components which were met with concerns.

Each board member and HLC peer reviewers introduced themselves to the audience.

Questions for board:

Criterion 5B –What does the board see as its role as oversight to the college

Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina advised that the Board has one employee and that is the President and anything must go through him. Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina advised the Team that he is not here to micromanage. Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina further advised that the President is new and the Board must meet with him in order to let him know their expectations.

Trustee Eugenio Perez IV advised that the Board held a Retreat and had someone come in from ACCT, (Association of Community College Trustees) to train the Board on what they can and cannot do. Trustee Eugenio Perez IV advised that he also attended the ACCT Training for New Trustees in New York and stressed that it is a lot, even more than he ever expected and feels that the Board does require more training.

The Board was asked about the Strategic Plan and where the Board is with it.

Trustee Eugenio Perez IV advised that with the help of staff and faculty, we have established a great Strategic Plan, although it is still a work in progress.

Davies asked what the Board's level is with the Shared Governance.

Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina advised that he feels that the Board hear from LCC's Shared Governance and keep the lines of communication open so that all are informed and not in the dark. Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina further advised that since the Board started there has been a lot of progress.

The Board was then asked who sits on LCC's Finance Committee.

Trustee Eugenio Perez IV advised that he and ex-Trustee Abelino Montoya, Jr. sat on Finance Committee, although currently he is the only Trustee who sits on the Finance

Committee. Trustee Eugenio Perez IV advised that he has been here since May and they have held two meetings.

The Board asked if there is any progress on the Foundation.

Trustee Eugenio Perez IV advised that currently there is an on-going investigation in to the Foundation and at one point, LCC did not have access to any of the financial records.

The Board was then asked about the Presidential Search and asked if the Board feels that the process was done correctly.

Trustee Eugenio Perez IV advised that he did not feel that it was a successful search, although he definitely would like that we give someone from New Mexico and opportunity.

Trustee Mark Dominguez then advised that in his opinion, the Presidential Search was a very successful search. Trustee Mark Dominguez then provided the Team with a copy of a schedule of events which took place throughout the period of the Presidential Search, such as the time line, etc.

After a brief interaction between the Board of Trustees and the HLC (Higher Learning Commission) Peer Review Team. Dr. Julie Furst-Bowe asked if the Board had any questions of the Team.

With no further questions, Trustee Eugenio Perez IV moved for adjournment. Trustee Mark Dominguez seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina	Yes	Trustee Mark Dominguez	Yes
Trustee Eugenio Perez IV	Yes		

The vote for adjournment was unanimous.

Kenneth Medina, Board Vice Chairman

SherylAnn Yara, Recorder

