

**RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (RSCCD)**

**2323 North Broadway, #107**

**Santa Ana, CA 92706**

**Board of Trustees**

**(Special meeting)**

**Tuesday, June 28, 2016**

**MINUTES**

**1.0 PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Ms. Claudia Alvarez. Other members present were Ms. Arianna Barrios, Mr. John Hanna, Mr. Larry Labrado, Ms. Nelida Mendoza Yanez, Mr. Phillip Yarbrough, and Mr. Luis Mejia. Mr. Jose Solorio arrived at the time noted.

Administrators present during the regular meeting were Dr. Michael Collins, Mr. John Didion, Mr. Peter Hardash, and Dr. John Weispfenning. Ms. Anita Lucarelli was present as record keeper.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Elliott Jones, Academic Senate President, Santa Ana College (SAC).

1.3 Public Comment

There were no public comments

**2.0 GENERAL**

2.1 Approval of Preservation of Centennial Oak Tree at Santa Ana College

Ms. Alvarez explained the background involved in calling a special meeting to discuss the preservation of the Centennial Oak Tree at SAC which included reference to the SAC Cork Oak Arborist Report dated June 1, 2016 by Arborwell Professional Tree Management.

It was moved by Ms. Alvarez and seconded by Ms. Mendoza Yanez to approve the temporary preservation of the Centennial Oak Tree at SAC so the SAC stakeholders can convene and determine the preservation of the tree. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Solorio arrived at this time.

2.1 Approval of Preservation of Centennial Oak Tree at SAC (contd.)

Ms. Carri Matsumoto provided a presentation on the SAC Cork Oak Tree. Board members received clarification on data related to the presentation from Ms. Matsumoto; Mr. Curtis Horner, Project Director, McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.; Ms. Evin Lambert, Plant Health Care Account Manager, Arborwell Professional Tree Management; and Mr. Matt Schoeneman, Project Manager, Linik Corporation.

After discussion ensued regarding the presentation, Ms. Mendoza Yanez withdrew her second on the motion. Mr. Hanna offered to second the motion if needed.

The motion failed with the following vote: Aye - Ms. Alvarez and Mr. Yarbrough; Nay – Ms. Barrios, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Labrado, Ms. Mendoza Yanez, and Mr. Solorio. Student Trustee Mejia’s advisory vote was aye.

Discussion ensued regarding whether another motion to remove the tree should be taken. Board members clarified that the outcome of the failed motion meant that it is the discretion of the administration if the tree should be preserved or removed.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The board convened into closed session at 6:26 p.m. to consider the following item:

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)  
Agency Negotiator: Mr. John Didion, Executive Vice Chancellor of Human Resources & Educational Services  
Employee Organizations: Faculty Association of Rancho Santiago Community College District

**RECONVENE**

Mr. Hanna left the meeting at this time due to another commitment.

The board reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Closed Session Report

Ms. Mendoza Yanez reported the board discussed the abovementioned item and took no reportable action during closed session.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

**7.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, July 18, 2016.

There being no further business, Ms. Alvarez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Raúl Rodríguez, Ph.D.  
Chancellor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

Minutes approved: July 18, 2016