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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2004

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ventura County Community College District was held on Wednesday, October 6, 2004, in the District Service Center Conference Room.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Cheryl Heitmann, President Mary Anne Rooney, Vice-President Robert S. Gonzales Arturo D. Hernández Allan W. Jacobs Management Present: James Meznek, Chancellor William Studt, Vice Chancellor, Human Resources

Absent: Doreen Juarez, Student Trustee (Excused)

At 12:35 p.m. President Heitmann called the meeting to order. Trustees Hernández and Gonzales arrived at 12:40 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

President Heitmann led the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

Martha Torgow addressed the Board in support of the proposed settlement agreement.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 12:41 p.m. President Heitmann recessed the meeting to Closed Session in the District Service Center Conference Room.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -- EXISTING LITIGATION [*Gov't Code* § 54956.9(a)]

- Marian A. Carrasco vs. VCCCD, Board of Trustees, Philip Westin, Larry Calderón, Becky Hull, and Guadalupe Guillén (Ventura County Superior Court Case No. CIV217710)
- Laura Hilton vs. VCCCD (Ventura County Superior Court Case No. CIV219896)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

President Heitmann reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 1:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

President Heitmann read the following Closed Session Report:

In Closed Session, it was moved by Trustee Rooney, seconded by President Heitmann, and carried on a unanimous vote, to approve the settlement of the consolidated lawsuit brought by Laura Hilton as against the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) and various past and present employees of the VCCCD.

• With regard to the first part of the consolidated lawsuit, the Ventura County Community College District and the Statewide Association of Community Colleges Joint Powers Authority will, upon the latter's approval of this settlement, pay Laura Hilton and her attorneys \$102,500 to cover both her damages and her attorney's fees.

It was moved by Trustee Rooney, seconded by Trustee Gonzales, and carried on a unanimous vote, to approve the settlement of the consolidated lawsuit brought by Marion Carrasco as against the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) and various past and present employees of the VCCCD.

• With regard to the second portion of the consolidated lawsuit, the Ventura County Community College District and the Statewide Association of Community Colleges Joint Powers Authority will, upon the latter's approval of this settlement, pay Marian Carrasco and her attorneys \$342,500 to cover both her damages and her attorneys' fees.

All of the terms and conditions of these settlements will be available at the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources office for review by members of the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.