

**VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**Citizens Oversight Committee**  
**September 20, 2004**

**MINUTES**

Michael Wesner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken; however, a quorum was not established.

**Committee Members Present:** Hank Lacayo, Sandra Rosales, Connie Tushla, Jane Rozanski, Michael Wesner

**VCCCD Administration Present:** Jim Meznik, Mary Anne McNeil

**Others Present:** Handel Evans, Les Dickey, Diane Stephens

**II. Chairman's Comments**

**A. Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2004**

The approval of the minutes of June 21, 2004, was deferred for lack of quorum.

**B. Constituency of Committee**

At its July 13, 2004, meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a reduction in the membership of the Citizens Oversight Committee to seven members. The Board also approved reappointing six committee members to a second term: Don Facciano, Hank Lacayo, Sandra Rosales, Connie Tushla, Michael Wesner, and Kay Wilson-Bolton.

Mr. Wesner conducted a lottery drawing to determine the terms for the seven remaining committee positions, beginning in October 2004. The results were as follows:

**Position A**, designated as a two-year position, is someone active in a business organization representing the business community located within the District (Kay Wilson-Bolton).

**Position B**, designated as a one-year position, is someone active in a senior citizens' organization (Hank Lacayo).

**Position C**, designated as a two-year position, is someone active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization (Don Facciano).

**Position D**, designated as a one-year position, is a currently-enrolled District student who is involved in student government and who may serve up to six months after graduation. (Unfilled at this time. The Board will make this appointment.)

**Position E**, designated as a two-year position, is a member of a Foundation affiliated with the District (Michael Wesner).

**Position F**, designated as a one-year position, has no restrictions (Sandra Rosales).

**Position G**, designated as a one-year position, has no restrictions (Connie Tushla).

**C. Introduction of Chancellor James Meznik**

Mr. Wesner introduced the new VCCCD Chancellor, Dr. James Meznik.

**III. Chancellor's Comments**

Dr. Meznik addressed the committee and thanked them for their dedication and willingness to serve for the past two years.

**IV. VCCCD Board Member(s) Comments**

None

**V. Old Business**

**A. Report of expenditures to date (Mary Anne McNeil)**

Mary Anne McNeil reviewed the most current VCCCD Use of Bond Proceeds Summary of Project Costs as of September 9, 2004, indicating funds spent or committed thus far. The format of this report will be changed in the future, showing one project per page. The required financial and performance audits of the bond expenditures are currently underway and progressing nicely.

**B. Updates**

**1. Santa Paula Center**

Mr. Evans reported on the potential acquisition of the Limoneira property for the East Campus Center (Santa Paula Center). There is strong local support for the Center to be located on this property, which will have to be annexed to the City of Santa Paula. Consultants have been hired to organize community input and community meetings will be held before this annexation is put to a vote.

**2. Conejo Center**

The final stages of the environmental study are being completed. Communications will be underway soon to develop an agreement for the project.

**VI. New Business**

**A. General overview of bond program and report on current projects**

1. Mr. Evans briefed the committee on the County lawsuit, filed in relation to the EIRs published for Ventura and Oxnard College and the associated traffic mitigation issues. While the Cities of Oxnard and Ventura feel that the District has met their coefficients, the County does not.
2. Trustee Art Hernandez has resigned from the Board Construction Subcommittee, and Trustee Bob Gonzales will be filling in for the rest of the year.

**B. Discussion of JCM progress report**

1. Mr. Dickey discussed the status of the Measure S projects at each college, noting that the Project Definition Report for the Oxnard College Performing Arts Classroom and Auditorium will be going to the October Board for approval. Mr. Evans commented the budget figures shown are estimates and the cost of construction is constantly rising. The trustees have asked that all projects be taken to the schematic level so that they may be ranked and decisions made as to which are the most important, if there are fluctuations in the costs. It was suggested that the members of the Citizens Oversight Committee might like to attend the Board Construction Subcommittee meetings. Dates are posted on the District's website.

**C. Actions taken by the Board involving bond funds (since last meeting)**

**D. Next Meeting Date**

Monday, January 10, 3 p.m., District Service Center conference room

**VII. Public Speakers**

**VIII. Adjournment**