



MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

NORMA L. HERNANDEZ, GOVERNING BOARD PRESIDENT
 HUMBERTO PERAZA, JR., GOVERNING BOARD VICE PRESIDENT
 TIM NADER, GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
 JEAN ROESCH, ED.D., GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
 TERRI VALLADOLID, GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
 CLAUDIA DURAN, STUDENT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
 MELINDA NISH, ED.D., SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNING BOARD AND
 SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT

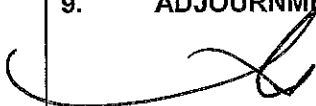
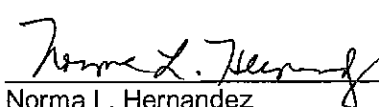
Written notice is hereby given in accordance with Government Code Section 54956 that a special meeting of the Governing Board of the Southwestern Community College District will be held as noted below:

DATE: Wednesday, March 7, 2012
 TIME: 6:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Southwestern College
 Building 210, Room 214
 900 Otay Lakes Road
 Chula Vista, CA 91910

Compliance with Americans With Disabilities Act

Southwestern Community College District, in compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA), requests individuals who may need special accommodation to access, attend, and/or participate in Board meetings to contact Mary Ganio at (619) 482-6301 in advance of the meeting for information on such accommodation.

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Call to Order	<p>1. CALL TO ORDER (Hernandez) 6:30 p.m., Building 210, Room 214</p> <p>Attendance at this special meeting (Board members arriving after meeting commences will be noted as "present" at point in this suggested order of business at which they arrive).</p> <p>Present: Hernandez, Peraza, Nader, Roesch, Valladolid, Duran (Student Board Member)</p>
Pledge of Allegiance	<p>2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Hernandez)</p>
Oral Communication	<p>3. ORAL COMMUNICATION (Hernandez)</p> <p>Persons wishing to address the Governing Board under this item should fill out a yellow request card (available at the reception table) and indicate on the card if they wish to be called under Oral Communication, or when a specific agenda item is considered. Pursuant to the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54954.3) members of the public shall be afforded the opportunity to directly address the Governing Board concerning any agenda item that has been described in the notice for the special meeting.</p> <p>An oral presentation to the Board does <i>not</i> constitute an open discussion on the presentation topic, unless that topic is on the posted agenda. Pursuant to the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54954.2(a)): "No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may <i>briefly</i> respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3."</p> <p><i>Carla Kirkwood, faculty member, gave thanks for notes of sympathy she received, and conveyed how critical it was to hire a VP for Human Resources and make decisions based on fair and objective data.</i></p>

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<p>Action <i>(Carried)</i></p>	<p><i>Alfredo Alvarez, student, spoke in opposition of the contract for public relations consultant and expressed concerns about cuts in tutors and proctors.</i></p> <p>4. RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH RELIANCE PUBLIC RELATIONS, INC. (ENCLOSURE) (Nish)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="318 352 1547 441"> <tr> <td>Hernandez</td> <td>Nader</td> <td>Peraza</td> <td>M</td> <td>Roesch</td> <td>S</td> <td>Valladolid</td> <td>Duran <small>Student Advisory Vote</small></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aye</td> <td>Aye</td> <td>Aye</td> <td></td> <td>Aye</td> <td></td> <td>Aye</td> <td>Aye</td> </tr> </table>	Hernandez	Nader	Peraza	M	Roesch	S	Valladolid	Duran <small>Student Advisory Vote</small>	Aye	Aye	Aye		Aye		Aye	Aye
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<p>Announcement of Closed Session Agenda</p>	<p>Ratify Agreement No. A3464.12 with Reliance Public Relations, Inc., for services in the area of community and public communications, for the period February 25 to March 31, 2012, inclusive, in an amount not to exceed \$14,400 to be billed at an hourly rate of \$150 for services and mileage to be paid at the approved government rate, not to exceed \$1,200.</p> <p><i>In response to Board Member's questions, Superintendent/President Nish clarified that continued services of the PR consultant were necessary until a Public Information Officer (PIO) could be hired, anticipated for Board approval on March 14. She also clarified that the contract included an amount not to be exceeded which could be less depending on when the new PIO was able to begin. It was also stated that the monies were not coming from instructional funds, but rather from salary savings during the vacancy of the PIO position.</i></p> <p>5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA (Hernandez)</p> <p>5A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: 4 potential cases</p> <p>Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9: 1 potential case</p> <p>5B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE Government Code Section 54957</p>																
<p>Adjourn to Closed Session</p>	<p>6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (Hernandez) 6:52 p.m., Building 100, Conference Room A</p>																
<p>Reconvene in Open Session</p>	<p>7. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION (Hernandez) 10:50 p.m., Building 210, Room 214</p> <p>Present: Hernandez, Peraza, Nader, Roesch, Valladolid</p>																
<p>Closed Session/ Report of Action(s)</p>	<p>8. CLOSED SESSION / REPORT OF ACTION(S) (If Applicable) (Hernandez) <i>No reportable action.</i></p>																
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>9. ADJOURNMENT 10:50 p.m.</p>																
	<p> Melinda Nish, Ed.D. Governing Board Secretary</p> <p> Norma L. Hernandez Governing Board President</p>																