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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, January 4, 2012

TIME:

6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Southwestern College

Building 210, Room 214 900 Otay Lakes Road Chula Vista, CA 91910

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	ITEM
Call to Order	1. CALL TO ORDER
	(Hernandez)
	6:36 p.m., Building 210, Room 214
	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).
	Present: Hernandez, Peraza, Roesch, Valladolid Absent: Nader, Duran (Student Board Member)
Pledge of Allegiance	2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Hernandez)

Oral Communication

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION

(Hernandez)

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.

An oral presentation to the Board does *not* 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 *briefly* respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3."

Board Member Nader and Student Board Member Duran arrived.

ITEM

Derrick Roach addressed the Board regarding the recent San Diego District Attorney's investigation and Arlie Ricasa and called on the Board to take action.

Andrew MacNeill, SCEA President, commended the Board and administration for conducting its investigation.

Angelina Stuart, Academic Senate President, commended Trustee Hernandez for her recent oped piece and indicated that she looked forward to continue working together.

Announcement Closed Session Agenda

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

(Hernandez)

Members of the public may be present to hear the closed session announcements and will be given an opportunity to speak on any closed session items at this time. Persons wishing to address the Governing Board under this item should fill out a yellow request card (available at the reception table).

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(b)

Number of potential cases (1) related to San Diego County District Attorney pending investigation of College construction contracts

Closed Session

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

(Hernandez)

6:44 p.m., Building 100, Conference Room A

Reconvene in Open Session

6. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

(Hernandez)

9:45 p.m., Building 210, Room 214

Closed Session Report

7. CLOSED SESSION REPORT OF ACTION(S) (If Applicable)

(Hernandez)

Building 210, Room 214

Board President Hernandez reported the following:

The Board continues to cooperate and share information with the District Attorney and tonight took action to direct that draft findings of our internal review be given to the District Attorney to assist with their investigation. Our own internal review is ongoing and to protect the integrity of the process, the findings will be shared with the public only upon completion.

Members of the Southwestern College Governing Board acknowledge that today's events at the office of the San Diego District Attorney have had a profound impact on our community and raised many questions about construction contracts at our institution. These questions will be answered in the days and weeks ahead as more information becomes available and the board can make legally-sound decisions based on accurate evidence.

The board and administration of Southwestern College appreciate the tremendous outpouring of support we have received from the community, students, college staff and faculty. We acknowledge that the events of the past two weeks have been unsettling and distracting. We appreciate the patience of our community and the professionalism of our faculty and staff. On Monday we will resume our important mission to educate and elevate our community with all the talent, energy and commitment Southwestern College has been known for since 1961.

Adjournment

8. ADJOURNMENT 9:47 p.m.

(Hernandez)

Melinda Nish, Ed.D

Governing Board Secretary

Norma L. Hernandez Governing Board President