BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 7, 2018 @ 11:00 a.m. LCC Student Success Center Board Room

Call Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum

Roll Call

Present: Chairman Daniel J. Romero, Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina, Secretary Ernie Chavez, Trustee Michael Adams, Trustee David Gutierrez and Trustee Abelino Montoya, Jr.

Also present: Interim President Ricky Serna, Executive Office Manager SherylAnn Yara, Orlando LeFebre, Information Specialist, Dr. Anita Roybal, Director of Humanities, Michael Montoya, Financial/Student Success Center Director, Joseph Montoya, Building/Trades, Ricky Baca, Director of Vocational Trades, Amanda Lucero, Humanities, Georgia Baca, Fiscal and Francina Martinez, Fiscal.

Absent: Trustee Severiano "Sev" Sisneros.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Abelino Montoya, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina moved for approval of the Agenda. Trustee Montoya seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion did carry.

Presidential Update to the Board (Information only): Ricky Serna

Interim President Ricky Serna addressed the Board with the following information:

- Tomorrow is Las Vegas Night at the New Mexico Legislature, LCC will be hosting a coffee bar in the morning. Senator Pete Campos will read a Resolution declaring Las Vegas Night at the Legislature.
- 2. We have ordered 400 (#LCC matters) buttons which will be distributed during the dinner events.
- We have submitted the report/request to HLC (Higher Learning Commission) regarding the Show Cause Order and will be preparing our campus for the March HLC visit.
- 4. A brown bag luncheon was held on February 6, 2018 where feedback was requested from faculty and staff as to how we can better market the institution. .
- 5. We are working on a regional tour of the high schools.
- 6. We are creating message boards where staff can help shape that message.

- 7. We've seen a significant increase in media coverage in the Optic as we are required to solicit feedback from the community. Copies of different articles which have run in the local newspapers were passed around.
- 8. We will be hosting a Community Forum in Mora on February 15th, one in Springer and Santa Rosa and are still working on one for the Las Vegas community.
- 9. We have held campus wide meetings, one being last Friday in which SB252 was discussed.
- 10. Handed out a FAQ form which was submitted about six weeks ago.

Discussion on Legislation impacting Luna Community College

Interim President Serna advised the Board that there are talks at the Legislature of having another college take over Luna Community College. Bill 252 has been introduced by Senator Arthur Smith.

After a brief discussion, Interim President asked if the Board 1. Would like to submit a formal message to Senator Smith as a Board, 2. Would the Board prefer to meet with Senator Smith individually or 3. Ask our Legislators to be present at Tuesday's meeting and have the Board present directly with the questions we have.

It was agreed upon by the Board that Interim President Serna would write something up for the Board's endorsement or non-endorsement and have it ready for the February 13, 2018 Regular Board meeting.

The Board advised that the document should include the following:

- Degree to which New Mexico Highlands University would be able to accept our student's credits and offer the degrees, specifically in the area of vocational trades;
- 2. The impact imposing this legislation would have on the districts which we represent as it relates to tax and mill levy;
- 3. The affordability for our students once they would become New Mexico Highlands University students;
- 5. Determination as to whether the institution would become a branch campus or an auxiliary site of New Mexico Highlands University.

Trustee Abelino Montoya, Jr. advised that how the branches/satellites will be addressed should also be included.

Trustee Michael Adams also would like to how this would affect LCC employees.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Presidential Search Firm – To approve and secure Zilo International to proceed with the Presidential Search.

Interim President Serna then recommended the approval of securing Zilo International to proceed with the Presidential Search process.

Trustee Montoya the moved for approval of accepting Zilo International to proceed with the Presidential Search upon the President's recommendation. Trustee David Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Adams advised that he knows that the Company has their beliefs that they want to get this right, although so do we as a Board because the President who comes on board is very important to us because of all we have been through lately, and with this he will be voting no.

Chairman Romero called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote was taken and reflected the following:

Chairman Daniel J. Romero	Yes	Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina	Yes
Secretary Ernie Chavez	Yes	Trustee Michael Adams	Nay
Trustee David Gutierrez	Yes	Trustee Abelino Montoya, Jr.	Yes

The motion did carry.

Interim President Serna advised that Dr. Hugh Prather who presented to the Board at their December 19, 2017 Workshop, will be available for a follow up on February 13, 2018, the next regular Board Meeting at 3:30 p.m., right before the regular meeting begins.

Adjourn

Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina moved for adjournment. Trustee Adams seconded the motion.

Chairman Daniel J. Romero	Yes	Vice Chairman Kenneth Medina	Yes
Secretary Ernie Chavez	Yes	Trustee Michael Adams	Yes
Trustee David Gutierrez	Yes	Trustee Abelino Montoya, Jr.	Yes

The motion did carry.

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