

Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom Videoconference

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Time: 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Board Members Present:

President Adam Sanchez, Vice President Joseph Simmons, Secretary Tasion Kwamilele, Treasurer Luther Aaberge, Robyn Fisher, Chris Kovach, Seth Steward, Sally Swanson, William Wilson, Merritt President David Johnson, BCC President Angelica Garcia, Laney College Rudy Besikof, COA President Nathaniel Jones, Tamika Greenwood, Dyana Delfin Polk, Mahiri Wise, Eric Wright

Staff: LaNiece Jones, Mashariki White, Margie Platero

Proceedings: Meeting called to order by Dr. Joseph Simmons. Last month's minutes were accepted and approved.

Meeting Agenda Highlights

Officers Reports

In preparation for our strategic planning session, Foundation **President Adam Sanchez** referenced the College Presidents survey highlighting their program and capital priorities which would be considered in the upcoming budget.

Treasurer Luther Aaberge provided monthly financial meetings and clean audit update. He noted the March 2021 YTD revenue figures were close to 30% over budget, due to foundation grants. Although these figures did not include March Madness event figures which would show in April's budget report. Expenses are 23.08% over budget with personnel contractors and professional fees primary factors, although office expenses and cost of fundraising are under budget. Net Income is near budget 2000k surplus. FY2021/2022 budget draft was presented to finance committee and will present to the board at next full board meeting for approval. Luther extended invite to finance committee meeting Tuesday June 8, 2-3pm

Secretary Tasion Kwamilele reported, recommended and introduced two potential board members: **Seth Hubbard**, Executive Director of Tech Exchange who was very instrumental in working with OUSD during the pandemic supporting their need for internet access. She noted he loves finance, government and scholarships. Second candidate - **Sarah Chavez Yoel**, new PGE public affairs representative. Tasion has worked with Sarah in the near past and knows she's eager to offer her support to the board and students.

- **VP Joseph Simmons** moved to approved and **President Rudy Besikof** seconded the motion. Board members motioned and approved.

Tasion Kwamilele reminded everyone to complete conflict of interest forms as soon as possible.

Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee leaders: Seth Steward and Dr. Robyn Fisher led a Strategy workshop session with board members. This was a part 2 from the previous Board Retreat. Workshop worked to identify goals and objectives to meet the board priorities. Top two of three College President priorities revealed - Scholarships and Student Aide as the top priority and Program Support as second priority.

The goal is to raise money with first priority to increase capacity of fundraising. LaNiece Jones stated it is important the board has smart goals to present to Board of Trustees for their recommitment for support of PCF. The board decided it could use the help of a task force and consultant to help with road mapping these goals. LaNiece Jones recommended Robyn Fisher to lead the taskforce.

- **VP Joseph Simmons** motioned to proceed further with the task force that includes Robyn Fisher as lead and team members including Seth Steward, Laney President Rudy Besikof, Tameka Green, VP Josph Simmons, Luther Aaberge and others. The team members are to take next steps and compile a presentation before June 22nd 2021. Chris Kovach motioned to approve and **Treasurer Luther Aaberge** seconded the motion.

College President's Remarks.

Laney President Rudy Besikof spoke at Board of Trustees and gave his appreciation of new board member Mr. **Eric Wright**. He welcomed Eric Wright, Account Executive with Channel Lumber to Laney College and they toured the carpentry and fabrication department.

COA President Dr. Nathaniel Jones stated he has been engaged with Secretary Tasion Kwamilele about opportunities to collaborate and drafting a MOU to Schnitzer Steel provide support for college and students.

General Announcements:

- **LaNiece Jones** reminded May 20th is the **2nd Annual Thank You Toast** inviting all to attend with special recognition of the scholarship applications readers. Hosted by Scholarship Committee Chair Seth Steward. LaNiece invited with board and district with hopes everyone will RSVP.
- Next board meeting - July 8, 5:30pm

Meeting Adjourned: Adam Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm