

**WEST KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

SPECIAL MEETING

May 18, 2017

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the West Kern Community College District was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by President Billy White. Secretary Dawn Cole and Trustees Emmanuel Campos, Michael Long and Dr. Kathy Orrin were present. Superintendent/President Dr. Debra Daniels and Executive Secretary Sarah Criss were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President White led the pledge of allegiance.

PROPOSED AMENDED AGENDA - By request of Employee Don Thornsberry, the Board will hold a portion of the closed session item "PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE" (Government Code Section 54957) in Open Session

On a motion by Trustee Cole, seconded by Trustee Campos and unanimously approved, the proposed amended agenda was approved.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE, Government Code Section 54957 - Delivery of Proposed Decision in the Case of Non-Reelection of Don Thornsberry

Dr. Debra Daniels stated that in the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Case No. 2017040555, Judge Julie Cabos-Owen ordered the accusations were sustained and recommended the non-reelection of Don Thornsberry. Dr. Daniels recommended the Board accept the recommendation of Judge Cabos-Owen.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON OPEN SESSION ITEM NON-REELECTION OF DON THORSNBERRY

Don Thornsberry and Diane Jones spoke in regards to OAH Case No. 2017040555.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No comments were made.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:15 a.m. it was moved by Trustee Long, seconded by Trustee Orrin and unanimously carried, that the Board convene in Closed Session to discuss the District's position regarding the following matters:

- A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment, Government Code Section 54957

RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION; ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

At 9:05 a.m., it was moved by Trustee Campos, seconded by Trustee Long and unanimously carried, to reconvene in Public Session. President White reported that no action was taken during Closed Session.

In the matter of the proposed decision issued in the non-reelection appeal hearing of employee Jon Carrithers, Trustee Long moved to adopt the proposed decision issued in the non-reelection appeal hearing of Jon Carrithers. Seconded by Secretary Cole and unanimously carried, the proposed decision in the non-reelection appeal hearing of Jon Carrithers was adopted. The vote, taken by roll call, is shown below:

Yes: Emmanuel Campos, Dawn Cole, Michael Long, Dr. Kathy Orrin, and Billy White
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

By taking this action, the Board found that the District has sufficient cause to non-reelect this employee, and affirms the disposition of non-reelection.

The Board's action includes a directive to the District administration to serve appropriate and timely notifications, and to take any further action needed, to effectuate the Board action.

In the matter of the proposed decision issued in the non-reelection appeal hearing of employee Don Thornsberry, Trustee Long moved to adopt the proposed decision issued in the non-reelection appeal hearing of Don Thornsberry. Seconded by Trustee Orrin and unanimously carried, the proposed decision in the non-reelection appeal hearing of Don Thornsberry was adopted. The vote, taken by roll call, is shown below:

Yes: Emmanuel Campos, Dawn Cole, Michael Long, Dr. Kathy Orrin, and Billy White
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

By taking this action, the Board found that the District has sufficient cause to non-reelect this employee, and affirms the disposition of non-reelection.

The Board's action includes a directive to the District administration to serve appropriate and timely notifications, and to take any further action needed, to effectuate the Board action.

NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:07 a.m., on a motion by Trustee Cole, seconded by Trustee Orrin and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dawn Cole, Secretary