

**Southern California Regional Occupational Center  
2300 Crenshaw Boulevard  
Torrance, CA 90501**

**Minutes of the Joint Powers Board Meeting  
Thursday, October 16, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED - 6:03 PM**

Prior to the start of the Board Meeting; City of Inglewood Mayor, James Butts, administered the Oath of Office to new Board Member, Carol Raines-Brown, from Inglewood Unified School District.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**Present:** Bill Fournell, Barbara Lucky, Alice Grigsby; Terry Ragins (present via teleconference); Carol Raines-Brown; Ida VanderPoorte: Brad Waller; William Watkins

**ADMINISTRATORS**

**Present:** Christine Hoffman, Ed.D, Laurie St. Gean, Ed.D. and Atlas Helaire, Ed.D,

**STAFF PRESENT**

Aysha Roberts, Terry Castillo, Teresa Farquhar, Miguel Figueroa, Raphael Guzman, Marcia Haber, Jenice Herrera, Zoila Herrera, Deloris Johnson, Linda Larson, Anna Levin, Sara Leon, Pat Morrow, Steve Rabas and Lenora Thompkins

**Guests Present:** James Butts, Inglewood Mayor, Heidi Ashcraft, City of Torrance Councilmember, Don Austin, PVPUSD Superintendent, Eric Bathen, Legal Counsel, Jim Garza, IUSD Executive Director of Secondary Education, Mr. & Mrs. Owen Griffith, Melissa Moore, ESUSD Superintendent, Susan Fuentes, Mayor of El Segundo and Jan Vogel

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. President Watkins asked Member Grigsby to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Member Lucky to approve the October 16, 2014 agenda. Member VanderPoorte seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Fournell - Yes; Grigsby - Yes; Lucky - Yes; Ragins - Yes; Carol Raines-Brown – Yes; VanderPoorte - Yes; Waller - Yes; Watkins - Yes

**Result:** Motion carried **8** - Yes; 0 - No; 0 – Abstain

## **ASSEMBLY MEMBER AL MURATSUCHI**

President Watkins introduced Assembly member Al Muratsuchi. Assembly Member provided the Board with an update in Sacramento and the future of SoCal ROC's funding.

Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi stated that as a former Board Member of SoCal ROC this institution remains very near and dear to his heart and he continues to fight for state funding. Just this year, Assemblymember Muratsuchi assumed the role of Chairman of Assembly Budget Sub Committee on Education Funding and fought to restore the 384 million line item for the dedication funding for ROC/P's but was eliminated from the Governors final budget. In 2013, Assemblymember Muratsuchi introduced two Assembly bills to try and ensure the annual appropriation for the JPA ROC/P's but neither one passed the committee level. In addition, Assemblymember Muratsuchi partnered with Senator Ted Lieu to ensure funding for two additional years through the maintenance of effort. The MOE will expire June 30, 2015

Although most resources have been exhausted, Assembly member Al Muratsuchi urges SoCal ROC, Board of Education and JPA superintendents to work together and come up with a workable solution that will allow SoCal ROC to continue to provide CTE. Assemblymember Muratsuchi concluded by saying that he will continue to be a strong advocate for SoCal ROC.

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT**

NONE

## **COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITION**

Superintendent Hoffman introduced Raphael Guzman, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator. Superintendent Hoffman commented that Mr. Guzman joined SoCal ROC in 2009 as Payroll/Benefits Coordinator. During his five years at SoCal ROC, Mr. Guzman received his Bachelors of Science in Business Management from Pepperdine University and most recently received his Master's Degree. This summer, Mr. Guzman enrolled in the USC CBO school business management certificate program. Mr. Guzman is an example of an exemplary employee. Superintendent Hoffman shared that Mr. Guzman recently accepted an accounting position with the Whittier School District.

Mr. Guzman thanked the Board for the recognition and commented that it has been a pleasure to be part of SoCal ROC's team. Mr. Guzman stressed his support for Career Technical Education and the quest for ongoing state funding.

President Watkins presented Raphael Guzman with a *Board Certificate of Excellence*

## **STUDENT VOICES**

NONE

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*All comments will be heard during the Board study session and open forum.*

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD**

Superintendent Hoffman reported that she received communication from LACOE concurring with SoCal ROC's unaudited actuals for SoCal ROC fiscal year 2013-2014. LACOE staff concurred with the report and sent the information on to the Department of Education

## **EMPLOYEE GROUP REPRESENTATIVES**

NONE

## **GENERAL**

### **1. Board study session and open forum to discuss SoCal ROC's future funding**

President Watkins stated that it is clear that the funding from the state is ending this year, SoCal ROC needs to look to the future. One avenue would be to form a committee, provide recommendations to the participating SoCal ROC Board regarding funding options. President Watkins stated that it is possible for SoCal ROC to remain open if everyone collaborates and works together.

Superintendent Hoffman presented the Board with a PowerPoint presentation on the status of SoCal ROC's funding. "What is known as of today, October 16, 2014"; **1)** SoCal ROC's budgets for 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 is part of a MOE (maintenance of effort) signed by the governor as part of the State budget in 2013. The 2014/2015 school year is the second and last year of the MOE and will expire June 30, 2015 **2)** there is no current legislation that would extend the life of ROC/P's beyond June 30, 2015 **3)** the Governor has signed trailer bill language that allows JPA ROC/Ps to apply for the second year of Career Pathways Grant funds as an LEA **4)** there is a possibility that the Governor's educational advisor, Cathy McBride, may visit the Center in November but there is no confirmation on a date and **5)** there needs to be a plan for what happens after June 30, 2015 for SoCal ROC's funding.

*After the presentation President Watkins opened the discussion to Board Members:*

Member Fournell commented that this institution is important to his family. His own brother, who was not college bound, is a SoCal ROC graduate with a career in the aerospace industry. Member Fournell stated that there is a great deal of support for SoCal ROC throughout the South Bay. Member Fournell stressed that it would be a disappointment if the Center closed during his term as a board member.

Member Lucky stated that for over forty years, SoCal ROC has provided vocational education/CTE education to the participating JPA districts. Member Lucky suggested that every superintendent from the participating JPA meet with Superintendent Hoffman and Deputy Superintendent St. Gean in order to get a better understanding of SoCal ROC's funding and the proposed scenarios.

Member VanderPoorte stated that she believes the most equitable solution would be that each district pays for desired CTE services.

Member Grigsby suggested that planned conversations should take place with each superintendent whether individually or in a group setting. Most are in agreement that funding and curriculum are top priority. Member Grigsby remarked that all ideas are open for review.

Member Waller stated that SoCal ROC has the optimal model but believes that due to the financial problems some district may not be able to pay for those services. Even with budget reductions, the main focus is to provide the best for all students.

Member Ragins commented that CTE is essential for all students. Everyone must work collaboratively to ensure that CTE continues. Member Ragins stressed her support for a committee that will inform all superintendents and staff.

President Watkins shared that ESUSD's superintendent and CBO met with Superintendent Hoffman. ESUSD believes that SoCal ROC should remain in operation as it is currently.

The Board of Education heard comments from the public from the following individuals;

Heidi Ashcraft, Councilmember  
Michael Briney, former SoCal ROC Board Member  
Susan Fuentes, Mayor of El Segundo  
Jim Garza, IUSD Executive Director of Secondary Education  
Jim Goodhart, Chair of South Bay Cities Council of Government (SBCCOG)  
Chris Gal, South Bay Workforce Investment Board  
Melissa Moore, El Segundo Superintendent  
Lizet Magallanes, former student  
Christopher Paludi, Redondo Beach USD Student  
Lenora Thompkins, SoCal ROC Consultant  
Jan Vogel, South Bay Workforce Investment Board

All of the above speakers spoke on the importance of funding for SoCal ROC and the Center's continued existence.

**2.** Recommendation of committee members for approval to serve on committee to address SoCal ROC future funding and management topics

**Motion:** A motion was made by Member Waller to approve the recommended committee members as follows: **SoCal ROC Board and Administration;** Barbara Lucky, Ida VanderPoorte, Brad Waller, Dr. St. Gean and Dr. Hoffman. **JPA Superintendents;** Dr. Austin, PVPUSD, Dr. Keller, RBUSD and Dr. Matthews, MBUSD. **CBO's;** Susan Aceves, ESUSD, Judy Chai, TUSD, **Community Representative;** Jim Goodhart from SBCCOG and one representative from IUSD to be appointed by Dr. Brann. Member VanderPoorte seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Fournell - Yes; Grigsby - Yes; Lucky - Yes; Ragins - Yes; Carol Raines-Brown – Yes; VanderPoorte - Yes; Waller - Yes; Watkins - Yes

**Result:** Motion carried **8** - Yes; 0 - No; 0 – Abstain

3. Approve a Board committee to address SoCal ROC future funding and management topics.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Member Fournell to approve a Board committee to address SoCal ROC future funding and management topics. Member VanderPoorte seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Fournell - Yes; Grigsby - Yes; Lucky - Yes; Ragins - Yes; Carol Raines-Brown – Yes; VanderPoorte - Yes; Waller - Yes; Watkins - Yes

**Result:** Motion carried **8** - Yes; 0 - No; 0 – Abstain

*Member Ragins left the meeting at 8:41 p.m.*

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ITEM NO.**

- 1 APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2014
- 2 APPROVE PAYROLL A WARRANT REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2014
- 3 APPROVE B-WARRANT REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2014
- 4 APPROVE B-WARRANTS ISSUED WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014
- 5 APPROVE PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDERS
- 6 APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2014
- 7 APPROVE REVOLVING CASH FUND – SEPTEMBER 2014
- 8 APPROVE SOCAL ROC RECOGNITION ACCOUNT – SEPTEMBER 2014
- 9 APPROVE AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS

| <b>AFFILIATE</b>  | <b>STATUS</b> | <b>PROGRAM</b>   |
|---|---------------|--|
| Muttalib & Associates   | New           | Administrative Office Assistant                                |
| YWCA Gardena Valley   | New           | Administrative Office Assistant                                |
| United Industrial Forklifts   | New           | Automotive Modules I-IV/Engine Performance                     |
| A.L.L. After School Program   | New           | Developmental Psychology of Children/Early Childhood Education |
| Center Street Elementary  | New           | Developmental Psychology of Children/Early Childhood Education |
| Kids' Castle Child Care Center  | New           | Developmental Psychology of Children/Early Childhood Education |
| Peninsula Montessori<br>(1) 907 Knob Hill Avenue<br>Redondo Beach, CA 90277<br>(2) 31100 Hawthorne Boulevard<br>Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 | New           | Developmental Psychology of Children/Early Childhood Education |
| West End Racquet & Health Club  | New           | Developmental Psychology of Children/Early Childhood Education |

| AFFILIATE   | STATUS  | PROGRAM                   |
|---|---------|---------------------------|
| Lily Pad Floral Design                                  | New     | Floral Design I/II        |
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| Rolling Hills Flower Mart                               | New     | Floral Design I/II        |
| South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Gift Shop         | New     | Floral Design I/II        |
| Azalie Medical Billing, Inc.                            | New     | Medical Insurance Billing |
| Riviera Fitness Club                                    | New     | Personal Fitness Trainer  |
| South Bay YMCA – Torrance                               | New     | Personal Fitness Trainer  |
| UFC Gym   | New     | Personal Fitness Trainer  |
| Beautiful Flowers aka Flowers for all Occasions Florist | Renewal | Floral Design I/II        |

10 NOTIFICATION OF SURPLUS INVENTORY DISPOSAL

11 APPROVE THE 2014-2015 CARL D. PERKINS VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

President Watkins asked if any Members of the Board had any Items to be pulled from the Consent portion of the Agenda. President Watkins pulled Item 1.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Member Lucky to approve Items 2-11. Member Raines-Brown seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Fournell - Yes; Grigsby - Yes; Lucky - Yes; Carol Raines-Brown – Yes; VanderPoorte - Yes; Waller - Yes; Watkins - Yes

**Result:** Motion carried 7 - Yes; 0 - No; 0 – Abstain

**Motion:** A motion was made by Member Watkins to approve **Item 1 – Approve Board minutes of September 15, 2014.** Member VanderPoorte seconded the motion.

President Watkins stated that he was not present at the September meeting so he would be abstaining on Item #1, the minutes of September 15, 2014.

**Vote:** Fournell - Yes; Grigsby - Yes; Lucky - Yes; Carol Raines-Brown – Yes; VanderPoorte - Yes; Waller - Yes; Watkins - Abatain

**Result:** Motion carried 6 - Yes; 0 - No; 1 – Abstain

## PERSONNEL

NONE

## BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approve resolution 10-2014-01 to transfer funds to the General fund.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Member VanderPoorte to approve Item #1 (Resolution 10-2014-01), Item #2 (Budget adjustment BA001) and Item #3 (Budget adjustment BA002). Member Waller seconded the motion.

Deputy Superintendent St. Gean commented that the transfer of funds from Fund 20 to Fund 1 will allow payment for the retiree health benefits and indicated that all payments must be made from Fund 1.

**Vote:** Fournell - Yes; Grigsby - Yes; Lucky - Yes; Carol Raines-Brown – Yes; VanderPoorte - Yes; Waller - Yes; Watkins - Yes

**Result:** Motion carried 7 - Yes; 0 - No; 0 – Abstain

## 2. Approve Budget adjustment BA001

**Vote:** Fournell - Yes; Grigsby - Yes; Lucky - Yes; Carol Raines-Brown – Yes; VanderPoorte - Yes; Waller - Yes; Watkins - Yes

**Result:** Motion carried 7 - Yes; 0 - No; 0 – Abstain

## 3. Approve Budget adjustment BA002

**Vote:** Fournell - Yes; Grigsby - Yes; Lucky - Yes; Carol Raines-Brown – Yes; VanderPoorte - Yes; Waller - Yes; Watkins - Yes

**Result:** Motion carried 7 - Yes; 0 - No; 0 – Abstain

## **BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Member Lucky is happy to announce that PVPUSD reached a contract agreement with their certificated bargaining unit within one day.

Member Grigsby had no comments.

Member Waller commented that the solar panel project at RBUSD is now complete Chromebooks are now being distributed at the elementary level with plans for the middle and high schools to have them by mid-November.

Member Fournell commented that MBUSD is in the mist of teacher negotiations. MBUSD held a budget workshop where SoCal ROC was a significant topic and discussed how to move forward with the LCFF.

Member Raines-Brown stated that it is an honor to represent IUSD on the SoCal ROC Board and is looking forward to serving on the Board. Member Raines-Brown thanked everyone in attendance for their support.

President Watkins remarked that at the last ESUSD Board meeting the future of SoCal ROC was discussed with plans to have the Center run as it is today. ESUSD Board would like to continue to pass 100% of the CTE that ESUSD currently receives.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS**

Superintendent Hoffman had no comments.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Member Lucky to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Member Raines-Brown seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Fournell - Yes; Grigsby - Yes; Lucky - Yes; Carol Raines-Brown – Yes; VanderPoorte - Yes; Waller - Yes; Watkins - Yes

**Result:** Motion carried 7 - Yes; 0 - No; 0 – Abstain

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President

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