



BOARD MEMBERS

John T. Nejedly, President (Ward IV) • David N. MacDiarmid, Vice President (Ward I) •
Jo Ann Cookman, Secretary (Ward V) • Tomi Van de Brooke (Ward II) • Sheila A. Grilli (Ward III) •
Valentin Lorient, Student Member

The Governing Board of the Contra Costa Community College District is comprised of five trustees elected from individual wards and one student member with an advisory vote selected on a rotating basis from our colleges. The Governing Board meets on the last Wednesday of the month in the George R. Gordon Education Center, 500 Court Street, Martinez. You can reach the Governing Board by calling (925) 229-1000. Minutes of the meetings are available online at www.4cd.net.

Governing Board Meeting of December 14, 2005

The Contra Costa Community College District Governing Board met in the George R. Gordon Education Center at 500 Court Street in Martinez on December 14, 2005. The meeting began with a closed session at 6 p.m. and was followed with an open session at 7 p.m. Here are highlights of the meeting:

Upon approval at the next regular meeting, complete Governing Board minutes for this meeting will be posted at http://www.4cd.net/governing_board/agenda.asp.

New Governing Board Officers Seated



The new officers of the Governing Board were sworn in. They are: John Nejedly, President, David N. MacDiarmid, Vice President, and Jo Ann Cookman, Secretary.

Pictured at left: John Nejedly, new Governing Board President, presents Sheila Grilli, outgoing President, with a thank you gift for her leadership.

Photo by George Medovoy

The California Community College Ballot Initiative

Scott Lay, Vice President of the Community College League of California, gave a presentation about the initiative, which would provide local community colleges with a secure and stable source of funds to enable greater flexibility in building enrollment growth at the colleges. In addition, the initiative would stop the annual competition between K-12 schools and community colleges for Proposition 98 funding. The initiative will be on the November 2006 general election ballot, and the Governing Board unanimously supported the initiative in Board Report No. 47-B.

Future Bond Discussion

In addition to the presentation by Scott Lay, there was also a presentation by Michael Bush, Vice President of Kelling, Northcross & Nobriga and Dr. Brad Senden of The Center for Community Opinion. They shared information on the prospects of a future bond for the District. Proposition 39 bond election opportunities which require 55% approval are available in June and November of 2006 and again in March, June and November of 2008. The Board will further discuss this item at its January 11, 2006, retreat.

Measure A Bond Oversight Committee Member Replacements

New members of the Measure A Bond Oversight Committee were appointed. They are Leonard McNeil (Contra Costa College) San Pablo city councilman replacing Brock Arner; John DuBois (Diablo Valley College) business representative replacing Miriam Roiz; Diane Gibson-Gray (Los Medanos College) small business owner replacing Don Freitas; and Steven Solana (Los Medanos College) student association representative replacing Jason Aguilar.

Governing Board Retreat

The Governing Board discussed an agenda for its retreat, which will be held on January 11, 2006, at Diablo Valley College BFL Community Center. The retreat begins at 4 p.m. The Board members will discuss their self-evaluation process, develop action plans for their goals and objectives, review the accounting advisory from the State Chancellor's Office, and discuss the possibility of a future bond election for the District.

Educational Planning Report

The presidents of the colleges made oral presentations on the information in the report. They reviewed new, modified, at risk and discontinued programs at their respective colleges.

Bookstore Operation Management Services Report

The Governing Board discussed the report, which recommended keeping the bookstore operation in house. They supported the recommendation.

Energy Conservation and Infrastructure Plan

A high-level Feasibility Energy Analysis (FEA) was conducted in a continuing effort to reduce the consumption and cost of energy and utilities in the District. The report will provide information needed for the Facilities Department to engage in a more comprehensive plan.

Facilities Update – Operations and Maintenance

A review of the current operations and maintenance responsibilities, along with the effects of the modernization program plans, was presented to the Board as a preliminary five-year forecast of needs/costs when the new and renovated facilities are commissioned.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2006.**