

# BOARDreport

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*The Governing Board of the Contra Costa Community College District is comprised of five trustees elected from the individual wards and one student member with an advisory vote selected on a rotating basis from our colleges. The Governing Board typically meets on the last Wednesday of the month in the George R. Gordon Education Center, 500 Court Street, Martinez. Regular meetings/study sessions are also held three times a year at the colleges and centers. You can reach the Governing Board by calling (925) 229-1000, ext. 1204. Minutes of the meetings are available online at [www.4cd.net/governing\\_board/minutes07\\_08.asp](http://www.4cd.net/governing_board/minutes07_08.asp)*

## Governing Board Regular Meeting/Study Session of November 19, 2007

The Contra Costa Community College District (CCCCD) Governing Board met in LA-100 at Contra Costa College on November 19, 2007. The regular meeting/study session began with a closed session at 4:00 p.m., followed by open session at 5:00 p.m. Highlights of the meeting follow:

### District Market Study Preliminary Report

Dr. Kathi Swanson, President, CLARUS Corporation, summarized the preliminary findings from the District market study. Overall, Dr. Swanson said the District is providing good resources for its students. She emphasized that “branding” of the colleges would be the next step in helping the District reach its targeted enrollment groups.

### Sabbatical Leave Reports

The Board approved sabbatical leave reports (**Board Report No. 35-E**) for seven Diablo Valley College faculty members.

### First Addendum to Chancellor Helen Benjamin’s Contract Ratified

In **Board Report No. 38-B**, the Board approved the first addendum to the chancellor’s contract. This contract modification eliminates the 5.25% base salary reduction in the chancellor’s salary, effective July 1, 2006, and restores it to the original 2005 level. The District negotiated salary restoration with all employee groups, eliminating the 5.25% reductions, effective July 1, 2006.

### Financial Aid and Scholarship Awards Report

Highlights of the Financial Aid and Scholarship Awards Report indicate that the majority of students receiving awards successfully completed their coursework. Most students were female, members of minority groups and 20 to 24 years of age. Both financial aid and scholarship programs experienced a decrease in disbursement of funds over the average of the last three years.

### Governing Board January 9, 2008, Retreat Agenda

The Board reviewed a draft of their retreat agenda. The retreat will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the Diablo Valley College library conference room and will focus on completion of their self-evaluation and development of their 2008 goals.

## **Board Meeting Adjournment**

The Governing Board adjourned the meeting in honor of Diablo Valley College instructor Thomas Loggins, who recently passed away.

Upon approval at the next regular meeting, complete Governing Board minutes for this meeting will be posted at: [http://www.4cd.net/governing\\_board/minutes07\\_08.asp](http://www.4cd.net/governing_board/minutes07_08.asp).

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2007, AT 6:00 P.M.  
IN THE GEORGE R. GORDON EDUCATION CENTER,  
500 COURT STREET, MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA**