



Santa Monica Community College District  
**Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**  
MEETING - APRIL 16, 2008  
MINUTES

A meeting of the Santa Monica Community College District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 in the Athletic Department Skybox, Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica College.

**1. CALL TO ORDER - 8:07 a.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Sylvia Rose, Chair - Present  
Deborah Arvesen - Present  
Clarence Chapman - Present  
Ralph Erickson - Present  
Paul Leoni - Present  
Belinda Philips - Absent  
Lorraine Sanchez - Present

Others Present:

Chui L. Tsang, Superintendent/President  
Greg Brown, Director of Facilities and Planning  
Lisa Rose, Committee Coordinator  
Charlie Yen, Director, Events and Contracts

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 16, 2008**

Motion was made by Paul Leoni and seconded by Clarence Chapman to approve the minutes of January 16, 2008. *Unanimously approved.*

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**5. PRESENTATION ON THE STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING PROJECT**

Greg Brown provided an overview of the Student Services Building Project which is currently in the planning stages. In addition to the Student Services Building, the project includes underground parking, a transit plaza and improvements to Drescher Hall. There is discussion about moving the college bookstore and adding some concessions to the first floor of Drescher Hall. Construction of the project will complete the transition of the front of the college from Pearl Street to Pico Boulevard and present a main focal point for students. Concerns about parking and traffic flow were discussed. The cost of this project (not including improvements to Drescher Hall and the transit plaza) is currently estimated at \$94 million using Measures U and S, and State funds. Other funding will be needed for Drescher Hall improvements and the transit plaza.

Superintendent/President Chui Tsang reported on the expansion of the Santa Monica College and Big Blue Bus (BBB) Transportation Initiative. The Associated Students recently approved a recommendation to raise the A.S. fees in order to fund a contract with the BBB that would provide all current SMC students and staff with the ability to ride any BBB line, any time for no charge.

## **6. REPORTS and DISCUSSION**

### Measure U

- Project Schedule
- Budget
- Expenditures

### Measure S

- Project Schedule
- Budget
- Expenditures

### Bond Sales/Expenses Report

Note: Interest earned on bond funds will probably yield \$8 million which will be used for the Student Services Building Project

On the top of the list of future projects is the expansion of the science complex to provide a permanent home for math and consolidate other sciences that are currently scattered around the campus. This project could easily break \$100 million. Since Measure U and S funds will be depleted, other sources of funding will be sought, including the possibility of another bond.

It was noted that between 2005-06, construction costs increased 40 percent. Construction costs have not decreased, but the rate of increase has stabilized.

## **7. INFORMATION - Expiring terms of members of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**

The terms of the following members of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee are expiring effective July 1, 2008 and are eligible for reappointment for a second two-year term:

Ralph Erickson  
Belinda Phillips  
Sylvia Rose  
Lorraine Sanchez

The term of the following member is expiring effective July 1, 2008 and is not eligible for reappointment (*pursuant to Education Code Section 15282*).

Clarence Chapman

The Board of Trustees will follow a recruitment and application process to appoint members to fill the vacancies.

**8 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, 2008-2009**

Wednesdays at 8 a.m.

July 16, 2008  
October 15  
January 21, 2009  
April 15

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Clarence Chapman expressed his appreciation for serving on the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and specifically thanked Greg Brown and Charlie Yen for their fine work.
- Celebrate America will be held on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> on the John Adams Middle School field.
- The John Adams Middle School and Santa Monica College fields will be under renovation this summer

**10. ADJOURNMENT: 9:08 a.m.**

The next meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at 8 a.m. at the SMC Madison site.