

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
San Mateo County Community College District  
June 5, 2013, San Mateo, CA**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** President Karen Schwarz, Trustees Richard Holober, Dave Mandelkern and Patricia Miljanich, Student Trustee David Zay Latt

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Schwarz announced that four candidates who applied to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees will be interviewed at this meeting. She said that each candidate will be allowed to make an opening statement of five minutes or less, followed by questions from Board members and a closing statement of three minutes or less.

The candidates interviewed were:

1. Barbara Noriko (Nori) Jabba
2. Thomas C. Mohr
3. Genevieve V. Jopanda
4. Alvin Zachariah

Following Ms. Jopanda's interview, Josh Becker addressed the Board. Mr. Becker submitted an application and answered "no" to the question, "Please indicate if you are planning to run for the community college Board in November 2013." At the Board's special meeting on June 3, the Board unanimously decided that, because of the need for continuity beyond the interim period leading up to the November election and the substantial investment made in the training and orientation process for a new trustee, they would not grant interviews to the applicants who indicated either that they would not run or they were undecided about running for the full term in November. Mr. Becker said that, because of the way the question was worded, he interpreted a "yes" answer to mean that the candidate would definitely run for the office in November whether appointed or not appointed to fill the vacancy until that time. He said he hoped to clarify during an interview that he had planned to run for the office in November if he was appointed, but would not challenge another appointee. He said he was excited about the opportunity to serve on the Board and requested that the Board grant him an interview.

President Schwarz said the Board would discuss this matter after the final interview and Mr. Becker was welcome to be present for that discussion.

After Mr. Zachariah's interview, the Board discussed Mr. Becker's request. The Board unanimously decided not to reverse its decision to not interview candidates who indicated they would not run for the office in November. During discussion, Board members said that none of the other candidates interpreted the question the same way as Mr. Becker did. In fact, three of the candidates who indicated they would not run or were undecided added some explanatory remarks about their answer. Board members also agreed that, if the Board reversed the decision regarding Mr. Becker's application they believed that, in fairness to all, they would have to give others who indicated they would not run for office the opportunity for an interview.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned by consensus at 9:58 p.m.

Submitted by

Ron Galatolo, Secretary

Approved and entered into the proceedings of the June 17, 2013 meeting.