

Minutes
Edison State College
District Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Lee Campus – Building AA, Room 177
April 6, 2011
4:00 p.m.

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1. Call to Order

The District Board of Trustees of Edison State College met in special session in Lee County, Florida, on April 6, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. with the meeting called to order by Chairman, Chris Vernon.

Board Members Present: Ann Berlam
Washington Baquero
JoAnn Helphenstine
Mahlan Houghton, Jr.
Mary Lee Mann
Julia Perry
Randall Parrish
Chris Vernon, Chairman
Kenneth P. Walker, President
Fran Brennan, Recorder

2. Introduction of Guests and Public Comment

The following individuals addressed the Board with their comments:

1. Dr. Steve Maxwell
2. Wilbur Smith
3. Dr. Wendy Chase
4. Mike Grodem
5. Dr. Russell Swanson
6. Ms. Keri Harty
7. Professor William Coughlan

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3. Chairman's Comments

The Board Chairman thanked the public for their comments. Due to nature of this Interim Board Meeting, Chairman Chris Vernon addressed the Board, faculty, staff and public of approximately 150 persons expressing thanks on behalf of the Board to everyone involved in this process. He reminded the group of the numerous positive accomplishments of a well respected and dedicated District President. The faculty concerns would be addressed for Edison State College improvements and continued strategic growth. Chairman Vernon requested everyone's patience with this process of gaining a factual, whole perspective to make informed decisions.

Agenda Item # 1. Presentation by the District President
(Presenter: Dr. Kenneth P. Walker)

District President, Dr. Kenneth Walker outlined a 6-Point Plan to provide leadership and resolution for all faculty issues. Dr. Walker also proposed a voluntary compensation reduction to be used for scholarships and needy students.

Agenda Item # 2. Presentation by the Faculty Senate Designated Representative
(Presenter: Dr. Jim Daniels, Faculty Senate President, Collier Campus)

Dr. Jim Daniels, Faculty Senate President, Collier Campus addressed the Board. Faculty Senate issues were presented.

Agenda Item # 3. Board Discussion Regarding Responsibilities & Duties of the Board of Trustees and President
(Presenters: Attorneys Mark Lupe and Robert Shearman)

Attorney Mark Lupe and Attorney Robert Shearman addressed the Board providing a broad overview of the Board of Trustees responsibilities and duties under Florida law and explained that it is Dr. Walker's responsibility to generate the agendas in consultation with the Board's Chairman.

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Board Discussion Regarding Agenda Items for the April 26, 2011
Board Meeting (Presenter: Christopher Vernon, Board Chairman)

Chairman Vernon outlined a list of proposed agenda items to be reviewed and prioritized for future Board meetings. The Board of Trustees agreed that they needed more time to digest all of the proposed agenda information and would individually provide agenda items to Dr. Walker prior to the April 26th Board meeting.


MOTION by Mahlan Houghton, seconded by Mary Lee Mann, to have District Board of Trustee members develop their individual agenda items to be prioritized for the April 26, 2011 Board meeting and future meetings, and to contact the District President of the College with their input. Approved unanimously.

Comments

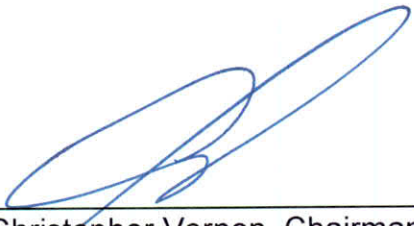
Board members provided comments on their perspectives regarding the issues, challenges, excellent leadership and accomplishments of the District President and to establish a roadmap to resolution that is positive, respectful, and follows the policies and procedures of the College for the best outcome for Edison State College and its students.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.



Kenneth P. Walker, Secretary
District Board of Trustees



Christopher Vernon, Chairman
District Board of Trustees

Materials have been placed in Board file